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I COME TO THEE.

Out of the tangle of the days—
The days of my wicked life;
The days of pain and weariness,
Of sorrow, sin and strife;
Just full of pride and evil thoughts,
So full of sin they be,
Yet, out of the tangle of THESE days,
O Christ, I come to Thee.

Out of the tangle of the days,—
Dear Lord, teach me to know
The pardon of thy precious blood
That washes white as snow.
Help me to know Thy Righteousness,
My sinfulness to see,
Then, out of the tangle of the days,
O Christ, I'll come to Thee.

ADA BARNES,
Littleton.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

LET US RETURN. No. 4.

By R. W. Parmele, Sec. S. W. U. C.

We have now come to the consideration of the last two of the methods of work to which attention has been directed in these articles: The "envelope plan," and "The circulating library." We will notice first,

THE ENVELOPE PLAN.

What is it, and how operated? If the church has been faithful in contributing to the support of the society, and the members have paid to the Librarian the prices they should for supplies, there will be money in the treasury of the society. With some of this

money, purchase a good supply of tracts. Place in envelopes of convenient size the tracts you wish to loan to your neighbors. About three tracts on different subjects in each envelope is generally sufficient. On the envelopes something like the following should be printed:

RELIGIOUS READING—THIS PACKAGE OF TRACTS IS LOANED YOU BY THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

In the hope that you may be benefited by reading the same. The package will be called for in about one week. If you desire to retain the tracts they will cost you . . . cts.

When the first package is called for, a second, supplied with tracts on other themes, is loaned; this is followed with the third, and so on until the work is developed. It may not be wise to continue this work too long, but it is certainly a good entering wedge.

Do not be discouraged if you do not see fruit at once. Remember Paul sows, Apollos waters, and God eventually gives the increase. Of course care should be exercised not to prejudice the people; but do not be so careful of this that you withhold from your readers the message for our time.

Not many years ago a gentleman was walking along a busy thoroughfare in one of our great cities, when suddenly there fell a tract on the walk just in front of him. It had been wafted high in air by a whirlwind, and as it came so quietly down in front of this gentleman, it seemed to him a Heavenly visitant. He picked it up and the Spirit of God used that one little tract to bring to that man the truth that we hold so dear.

Yes, it will pay, but I have already filled my allotted space, and must leave the "Circulating Library" to claim our attention in the next issue.

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DIVINE GOSPEL ORDER.

No. 3.

THE MINISTRY.—I. In the church established by Christ, the ministry was first of all *divinely "chosen,"* or "*called.*" Christ called unto Him, "whom he would." Mark 3:13.

When He ascended to heaven, He "gave gifts" to His church. These gifts were men set apart for various works. "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Eph. 4:11. "God hath set them in the church." I Cor. 12:1, 11, 18, 28. Study also Jer. 3:15; 23:4; 15:19.

The Master could not be denied the choice of the vessels which He uses. Paul was called "not of men but by Jesus Christ and God the Father." Gal. 1:1. "A chosen vessel unto me." Acts 9:15; Gal. 1:15. Such a man will feel in the depth of his being, "woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel." I Cor. 9:16.

Don't enter the ministry *if you can help it!* If you *can be content* to be a grocer, farmer, doctor, lawyer, senator or a president, leave the pulpit for the man who is so filled with God's message that he would utterly weary of any pursuit, should it interfere with his God-given mission. I say, if you can be content, devoting your life to other occupations, leave the ministry to the men whom the Lord has called, and who for all the wealth of the Rockies, would "not cease to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

2. Those who are truly called of God are *acknowledged by the church* and its ministry. Gal. 2:9, 10; Acts 9:10-30; 11:22-27.

3. And ordained-set part. John 15:16. "I have *chosen* you and *ordained* you." Rom. 1:1. Paul was not only "called to be an apostle," but was also "*separated* unto the Gospel." This ordaining, or separating unto the

Gospel is by "laying on of the hands of the Presbytery." I Tim. 4:14. The word "Presbytery" is in Greek, *Presbuterion*, literally meaning, "an assembly of elders." All authority was in Christ to organize His church. Therefore, He called to the Christian ministry those whom he chose, and after they had been instructed by Him, "kneeling in the midst of them and laying His hands upon their heads, He offered a prayer dedicating them to His sacred work." Thus they "were ordained to the Gospel ministry." "Desire of Ages," page 296. Thus Christ said, "I have chosen you and ordained you."

We have found the same to be true of Paul. The record of the ordination of Paul and Barnabas by the laying on of hands, is found in Acts 13:1-3. "Separate me Barnabas and Paul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Of this, "Spirit of Prophecy," vol. 3, pages 347-8, says: "Both Paul and Barnabas had been laboring as ministers of Christ, and God had abundantly blessed their efforts; but neither of them had previously been formally ordained to the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. They were now authorized by the church not only to teach the truth, but to baptize and to organize churches, being invested with full ecclesiastical authority."

Paul afterward assisted in the ordination of Timothy. II Tim. 1:6. I Tim. 4:14.

4. Commissioned to "preach the Word," and clothed with "all authority" in so doing. II Tim. 3:14-17; 4:1-5; Titus 2:15.

5. Such a ministry has "care of all the churches," and is to be esteemed very highly in love for their work's sake. II Cor. 11:28; I Thess. 5:12, 13.

6. Since the "all authority" is conditional upon teaching "these things" (the Word of God), therefore any ministry that teaches not the Word has no authority because it has no word, but only "untempered mortar." Ezek. 22:28.

7. God still chooses "faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." II Tim. 2:1, 2. From such men, to such men must the precious truth ever be committed. Christ has said, "all power (authority) is given unto me. . . . Go ye, therefore, teaching all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:18-20.

Thank God, He is still with every minister that teaches what He has commanded, and will be with all such, "even unto the end of the world." All praise to His name who is ever present.

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, we faint not." II Cor. 4:1.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

FIELD REPORTS.

Leadville.

On Sabbath, April 12th, the Leadville church had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Hills, and while his stay was short it was thoroughly enjoyed by the little body in this place. The Baptists kindly gave us the use of their church for the ordinance of baptism, and four precious souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave. I think it was the most impressive service of the kind I ever witnessed, and those present felt that it was indeed good to be there. The Lord's cause in this place is gaining ground, and the truth is being preached to some who, a short time ago, would not allow one of our people to enter their homes. To God be all honor and glory. The Leadville church asks the ECHOES family to remember them at the throne of Grace.

GEO. M. ALWAY.

Sabbath, April 12th, we spent with the little company at Leadville, and we shall not soon forget the blessed season of refreshing we enjoyed together. The church has a neat and comfortable home in a large house on West Fifth street, and a goodly number of the faithful, and those seeking for the light, assembled there for the several meetings we were privileged to hold. Five precious souls were added to the church as the result of Brother Alway's labors; four by baptism and one on profession of faith. All are of good courage, rejoicing in the Lord's grace, and expecting soon to see yet other sheaves gathered for the garner.

WILLARD W. HILLS.

Grand Junction.

The work of God in this place is onward. During a short series of meetings just closed, six dear souls—five adults and one child—professed conversion. Some of these have since united with the church, and we expect others to take this step very soon. There are some more deeply interested with whom we are laboring personally, and whom we believe will soon identify themselves with God's people.

Sabbath, April 5, was a good day

for the church here. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, which were enjoyed by all, especially so because the Holy Spirit was with us and filled our hearts. A deep impression for good was made upon those who were present, but who have not yet united with us. We thank God for all these blessings, and would say, "to Him be all the praise, for praise belongeth unto Him."

MR. AND MRS. L. A. SPRING.

MISSIONARY ACRE.

Much has been said by those of other Conferences about the "Missionary Acre," and the great benefit to be derived, not only in the raising of funds, but in the great good that would come to young and old in setting apart something for the work of the Lord besides the tithe; a free gift. If all would enter into this with a will, much could be done that is not done. I had a good talk with Eld. S. H. Lane, the field worker for this enterprise, and the move on foot now is to establish a medical missionary college for the denomination. Now the thought came to us, why not couple with this the Colorado Conference debt? setting apart a portion of land, giving our children a hen, a few fruit trees, the milk of a cow, or something that will enlist them for the Lord's work. Last fall a little boy, Willie Lines by name, came to me on the Montrose campground and gave me two dollars and twenty-five cents. And when I asked how he got so much money, and what he wanted me to do with it, "O," said he, "I raised a patch of beans, and this money is for the foreign missionaries." Are there not many children in our Conference who would like to farm, raise chickens, sell milk, or do something for the dear Lord, and then send one-half to the Medical Missionary College and one-half to the Colorado Conference debt? Fathers and mothers, do you not want to help in this good work? I hope you do. Come, let us take hold of this with a will, and lift on these two needy objects.

Elder Lane is in full harmony with this work as set forth in the above.

GEO. F. WATSON.

A sister, in writing to us, gives this personal testimony: "This blessed truth is more precious to me every day, and I am of good courage." We trust every S. D. A. in the Conference can say the same, truthfully. How much more work might be done, if all realized the *preciousness* of this truth.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

BY MRS. S. M. BUTLER.

This department is designed to reach the isolated ones, and those who can not attend the Sabbath-school, that by a systematic study of the Sabbath-school lesson they may be brought in touch with their nearest school.

Many of those who do not attend the Sabbath-school, do not keep up a systematic study of the lessons; they do not often meet with their brethren, and so after a time they grow cold, and the truth does not look to them as it once did. We are told that "the Bible lessons that are taught in our schools are of far greater consequence than many now discern," and that "our schools are nothing less than Bible societies, and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's Word, they can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished." This being true, much depends upon a weekly study of the lessons.

Envelopes and report slips have been prepared, which, with the lesson pamphlet, should be taken to all who desire to join the Home Department.

The envelope provides for the name and address of the one joining, and a short weekly report and record of the lesson studied. The slip which accompanies the envelope, should be kept by the Home Department member, and at the close of the quarter the reports which have been made on the envelope, should be transferred to the slip. This, with the donations, should be given to the secretary of the school with which the Home Department member is connected. That secretary in turn sends these reports with the quarterly report to the State secretary. Thus a systematic record of the department is kept.

This is a missionary enterprise, and the whole school should feel it a privilege to engage in it. This idea is expressed in the following quotation: "The Sabbath-school is a missionary field, and very much more of the missionary spirit should be manifested in this important work than has been manifested in the past." Let each member of the school visit any Sabbath-keepers who do not attend the school, taking with him an envelope and lesson pamphlet; explain the work and invite them to join your school through the Home Department. Nothing is required of them in joining but to sign

the envelope, promise to take up the study of the lesson each week at the same hour as the school with which they are connected holds its session, and fill out the report each Sabbath. At the close of the quarter, visit them again and take them another lesson pamphlet and envelope.

Take their donation and report slip containing their quarter's summary, and give them to your secretary.

This work should not be confined to those of our faith. There are many who do not regularly attend any religious services, who perhaps might be reached if approached in the spirit of love. Go to the poor and the out-cast also; call their attention to the work you are doing, and ask them to become members of your Home Department. If possible, have them promise to devote an hour each week to the study of God's word as outlined in the lesson pamphlet. Make friendly missionary visits, and work as Christ worked—as earnestly for the one as for the many. Be content to work faithfully even if immediate results are not seen. We should not aim so much to do something new and striking as to awaken in all a healthy interest in the study of the Bible.—*Advocate.*

REPORT OF CONVENTIONS.

Canon City.

We have just held an interesting convention here, and all took hold to make it a success. The papers read on the different phases of Sabbath-school work showed that time and thought had been given to the subjects treated. Our ideas were enlarged as to the work and the needs of this time. We were pleased to see some of the suggestions being put into practice, even before the meeting closed. The success of the convention will be demonstrated by the way our school improves in the future. We have certainly demonstrated one fact, that a profitable convention can be held with home talent, and we are impressed that there is good talent among us, if only it is brought into use.

MRS. C. RANDOLPH.

Salida.

Our convention, which had been planned for several weeks previous, but which had been delayed with the hopes that Dr. Hills might be present, was held on the 22d of March. We regretted much that the Doctor could not meet with us; however, the Lord was present with us, and greatly blessed. Every one felt greatly benefited.

Since that time we have realized some good from our convention, as we have been carrying out what we learned.

The principal subject dwelt upon in the convention was the cause of the children, and since that time, we are glad to see the children having a part in the exercises. Another thought was the need of teachers' meetings. Some interesting papers were also read. We pray that all schools may taste and realize the benefits derived from a convention as we have from ours.

ELLA KELSO, Sec.

BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR WORK ON THE WESTERN SLOPE.

(Continued.)

Pitkin.

In the fall of 1890, Sister Frederick came to this place and at once labored with her husband, Brother C. A. Frederick, who soon accepted the truth. Soon after, he appeared before the Conference Committee, pleading that a minister be sent there to hold meetings. In the Spring of 1894, Eld. Pegg was sent, and he had a full house from the beginning. Quite a number took their stand for the truth. Others of our brethren have since labored there, and now we have a church holding up the light of truth.

Glenwood Springs.

Eld. Ziegler and wife held a course of meetings here in 1893, and in the fall of 1899, Eld. Mackintosh commenced meetings, and a church of about sixteen members was organized.

Telluride.

Brother and Sister Adams who had heard and accepted the truth, moved to Telluride and so began to agitate the truth, and in 1895, when Elds. Anglebarger and Trubey commenced tent meetings, a small church was organized.

Durango.

About 1895, Elders Anglebarger and Trubey held some tent meetings in Durango which resulted in a small church being organized, Eld. Trubey remaining to follow up the interest and build up the work. At the close of the camp meeting in 1901, Brother Wm. Kennedy and wife came here, and have since labored, strengthening the work. In Feb. 1902, Bro. W. F. Hills joined them, and now a good Sabbath-school and meetings are established.

Paonia.

In 1896 I canvassed in this vicinity for "Marvel of Nations," putting out quite a number, and leaving other

reading matter, holding meetings occasionally. Seeds of truth have been sown from year to year by different ones until in 1901, a course of meetings was held here, continuing until Aug., when five souls were baptized and a company of thirteen organized. A course of meetings would be held the coming summer and a church organized.

GEO. O. STATES.

(To be continued)

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Brother Frank McGrew has recently spent a few days in Denver.

Elder Watson spoke to the Denver church Sabbath, the 26th inst. His text was found in the third chapter of Malachi.

The Colorado Sanitarium was represented at the Union Conference by Elder F. M. Wilcox and Dr. Kate Lindsay.

A blue cross on your ECHOES wrapper indicates that it is time for you to renew your ECHOES. Have you done so?

"The advent message to the world in this generation," is the mission of the *Review*, and also of every true Seventh day Adventist.

We are pleased to announce that "Marvel of Nations" is now ready in the Swedish language, and will soon be ready in the Danish.

The Union Conference meeting was reported as a great success, harmony and unity having prevailed throughout the business meetings.

Our delegates at the Union Conference were very swift in transacting business, most of them having returned from Topeka the 23d inst.

The Sabbath-school article in this issue deserves a most careful reading. Why should not the home department be found in every Sabbath-school?

Elder Richards was with the company at Loveland last Sabbath, but returned to Denver Sunday, filling his usual place at the Sunday evening service.

Brother F. J. Hartman stopped a day in Denver on his return from Topeka. On account of the illness of his son, Edward, he was not able to visit the Sanitarium at Boulder, as he had anticipated.

Brother A. J. Bourdeau and wife, en route for their new field at Oakland, Cal., spent a few days in Denver with

their cousin, Miss Sarah Andrews. They also visited Boulder and Colorado Springs.

Elder E. T. Russell, formerly president of the Kansas Conference, is now president of the Central Union Conference, Elder McReynolds taking the presidency of the Kansas Conference.

Our Union Conference has been changed in name from the South-western to the Central Union Conference; and comprises now the states of Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Colorado, with the territory of New Mexico.

Are you, dear brother or sister, doing your part in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons?" Let those who have been engaged in the work not become "weary in well doing," and let the idle ones begin this work with a zeal that will bring success and a great blessing.

Are you taking the *Sentinel of Christian Liberty*? You need it in order to keep informed with reference to the present movements made in our country. Some of these will sooner or later affect our freedom as a people, and we should not be ignorant in regard to these things.

MARRIED: Sister Lucy Perham of Denver and J. W. Hamilton of Longmont, Colo., at the home of the bride, Wednesday evening, April 16. The ceremony was performed by Elder S. F. Svensson. We wish this couple much of God's blessing, as they unite life's interests.

WANTED:—Girls who wish to wait tables. Address, The Vegetarian, 1635 Champa St., Denver, Colo.

It Is Never Too Late.

Some are sending in their orders for the Southwestern Conference Bulletin and are asking if they are too late to be entered as subscribers. I wish to announce to all, that it is never too late to do a good deed, whenever possible, and it is possible to secure the Bulletin at any time for the next month or so. We are planning to get out some extra copies, for the reason that we are certain that some of our brethren will be disappointed, and wish that they had secured the Bulletin while the Conference was in session. So send in your subscriptions and you will be supplied with all back numbers as well as future issues. It is only twenty-five cents. Some changes have been necessitated in the form of the Bulletin, and in the name as well, in order to obtain

the second class postal privilege. It is possible that there may be more than five issues; at all events, it will contain full reports of the Conference. Some very important actions have been taken by the Conference, and you should be made aware of these at once.

R. W. PARMELE.

The May Sentinel.

One of the valuable articles in the *May Sentinel of Christian Liberty* will be "The Civil Sabbath: Its Alliance with Legal Rum," which is the first publication of a striking address delivered by Mr. Paul P. Lyon, of Ormsby, Pa., at the Annual Convention of the Young People's Prohibition League, in New York on April 5. It sets forth cogently and plainly the real relation between the liquor trade and the "civil sabbath," showing how a great evil has resulted from the attempt of men to regulate "Sabbath" observance. This article will be illustrated by one or two appropriate pictures.

There will also be an article dealing with the United States in its relation to its "possessions," and especially calling attention to what the last few months have brought forth in this matter.

Subscription price, \$1 per year. Address orders to the Colorado Tract Society.

Report of Canvassing Work.

For the Month of April 1902.

	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps.
Bible Readings, A. M. Dorman, Wray.	37	3	\$8.75	\$.50
Marvel of Nations, B. E. Lewis, Ft. Morgan	89	11	13.75	7.25
O. Einarsen, Denver,	—	47	69.00	—
Miscellaneous, W. H. Moore, Hygiene.	—	1	4.50	3.75
Total	126	62	\$96.00	\$11.50

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value
Celia McDonald, Idaho Spr'gs.	19	\$19.25
W. H. Moore, Hygiene.....	3	3.75
O. Einarsen.....	47	69.00
Total.	69	\$92.00

Nurses' Training Class.

There will be organized, during the month of May, a Nurses' Training Class, in the Colorado Sanitarium. There will be opportunity for several young men and women to take up this work. The course covers a period of two years, and is open to any young men and women who are members of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and who possess good health and a desire to fit themselves for the work. Correspondence for further particulars should be addressed to the undersigned,

F. M. WILCOX,
Sanitarium, Boulder, Colo.