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FROM THE "FOOL'S PRAYER."

"'Tis not by guilt the onward sweep
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay:
'Tis by our follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.
These clumsy feet, still in the mire."
Go crunching blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust
Amid the heart-strings of a friend.

The ill-timed truth we might have kept—
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how gladly it had rung?
Our faults no tenderness must ask;
The chastening stripe must cleanse them all;
But for our blunders—oh, in shame,
Before the eyes of heaven we fall."

GENERAL ARTICLES.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK.

At this season of the year the evenings are long and the farmers and other of the laboring classes will have more time for reading than during the busy days of summer. This will be a slack period of the year with many of our people, as their crops are being secured for the winter. Shall not our churches and brethren everywhere improve the time by getting our literature before the people? How many excellent books we have that should be placed in their homes! The world is needing the light that these books contain, and as they are read, many will be lead to praise God for the precious gems of truth they have received. Why not take hold of this work and sell all you can between this time and

January first? For the adults, I would recommend such books as Christ's Object Lessons, Steps to Christ, Great Controversy, Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation, Desire of Ages and Heralds of the Morning, etc. For the children, I would suggest Best Stories from the Best Book, Easy Steps, etc.

Satan has his angels flooding the world with books that lead the mind away from God. Why should not God's people be more in earnest than the servants of Satan? Let us walk as children of the light.

GOD HAS A WORK FOR YOU TO DO.

"God expects his church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world. But let no one feel that because he is not educated he cannot be expected to take a part in the work. God has a work for you to do. He has given to every man his work. You can search the scriptures for yourself. 'The entrance of thy word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.' The prayer of the sinner's heart, offered in faith, will be heard in heaven."

HOME MISSIONARIES WANTED.

"Some who have long professed to be Christians, and yet have felt no responsibility for the souls of those who are perishing right around them within the shadow of their own homes, may feel a burden to go to foreign lands and take hold of the work far off; but where is the evidence of their fitness for such work? Let such begin the work at home, in their own household, in their own neighborhood, among their own friends. Here they will find a favorable missionary field. The home missionary work is a test revealing their ability or inability for service in a wider field."

WHY ARE GOD'S PEOPLE SO INDOLENT?

"Why are the churches so indolent? Why have they no burden for the souls

for whom Christ died, and how does heaven regard their inefficiency? The angels are constantly earnest and active, seeking to bring every child of God to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Oh, how they rejoiced when they saw that through the word of Christ the world was brought back into favor and position with God, and again connected with heaven, to be benefited with all the treasures of light and knowledge emanating therefrom; and they sorrow when they see that those for whom so much has been done have no interest to win souls for Christ."

THE ANGELS ARE ANXIOUS TO SEE YOU WORK.

"Angels of God are soliciting you to work in fellowship with them, doing the will of God on earth as verily and unitedly and devotedly as they do the work appointed them in heaven and earth. The angels are surveying the ground occupied by the individual members of the church. They see the advantage gained by Satan when men and women neglect their God-appointed work. They see this work neglected or done in a bungling manner by those who claim to be Christians, and they sorrow over souls lost in consequence of this neglect. They cannot take your place or discharge your duty."

DO NOT THINK OF FAILURE.

"The members of the church of Christ are to be faithful workers in the great harvest field. They are to be diligently working and earnestly praying, making progress, and diffusing light amid the moral darkness of the world; for are not the angels of heaven imparting to them divine inspiration? They are never to think of, much less speak of failure in their work."

Will you not heed the entreaty of the spirit of God? The Lord is very

anxious that you should rise and shine; he is anxious that you should bear fruit to his glory. Will you not say, as did Isaiah, to the call of the Lord, "Here am I, send me." I beseech you to take hold of this work without delay.

E. T. RUSSELL.

THE SITUATION IN BARBADOS.

Affairs are in a most terrible state just now, in this poor, stricken, quivering, throbbing isle of the sea. Ruin stares the whole West Indies in the face, owing to the sugar crisis. Every estate is being worked at a heavy loss, and complete ruin, panic and starvation have only been averted by imperial grants and loans. Many formerly well-to-do and even wealthy people have been ruined, and the suffering of the masses is entirely beyond description.

All this is now intensified by an epidemic of smallpox that is raging. The community seems to be hopelessly in the clutches of the dread disease. There are now more than one hundred cases, and a number of new ones develop daily. Deaths are frequent, and the bodies are thrown into the sea. The people are very ignorant of the disease. They hide their friends who take it, thus spreading it, and mob the doctors and the sanitary officers who try to take the patients from them to the pest-house. O, that we might be able to point them all to the only source of complete deliverance; but alas! so few will listen to the message of hope.

All our canvassers are at present in Barbados, and of course are shut up there with nothing to do, and we do not know when they will be able to get away, as no other colony will allow anyone from Barbados to land. Our meagre means is all that stands between some of our own people and starvation. It is only a drop in the bucket, compared with the misery, but as far as it goes is dedicated to the cause of the Master, in the person of his suffering ones. Our people throughout the States, many of them lacking nothing, on their fruitful farms, or earning good wages, would pour out of their means to help the cause in these needy fields, if they could see and hear what we do.

Brethren, it drives sleep from our eyes as we realize that within a radius of a mile from our home many thousands are enduring the most crying want, hunger, and sickness, and we are powerless to help them. Words are entirely inadequate to describe the existing conditions here. We are sent

for from all directions by total strangers, to pray for and with them in their wretchedness and misery. Last night we responded to two such calls after dark, and what we saw will never fade from our minds: nine persons, some of them sick, were crowded together in one hovel eight by nine feet—and this is only one of thousands of similar circumstances. Dark, narrow, foul smelling alleys, literally swarming with human beings, beings for whom Christ died and whom God loves, some of whom we are snatching as brands from the burning, to be trophies of his saving grace and power.

None of our people have taken the disease so far, and we are hoping and praying to be spared to the honor and glory of his name and cause. I am glad to say that despite all these forbidding circumstances, our work is prospering and making some advancement. The church-members are almost all earnest and active in the various lines of church missionary work. No phase of our work has as yet been interrupted. The church is packed, and surrounded by interested listeners on Sunday nights, and some are deciding almost every week to obey God, and many more are studying. There will be quite a large class to be baptized at the next quarterly meeting.

W. A. SWEANY.

This letter from Brother Sweany only shows one phase of the experience of our missionaries. By faithfully using our little envelopes each week, we may share in this glorious work of giving the message of deliverance and hope to these benighted souls.

MISSION BOARD

Our Coming Institute.

We hope all have noticed that we are planning to hold a canvasser's institute in connection with the Conference, and trust that all who can possibly do so will attend whether they desire to become regular canvassers or not. Realizing the necessity of a revival in this branch of the Master's work we shall make a special effort in its behalf, and trust that we shall find every follower of the Lamb ready to put their shoulders to the wheel. Come, brethren, let us pray and work together to place the printed page, laden with the truths for these last days, in the hands of our perishing fellowmen.

MALCOLM MACKINTOSH.

Mrs. John Lees of Denver enjoyed a pleasant trip to Salt Lake City last week.

FIELD REPORTS.

Colorado Springs.

God has been richly blessing us here and has stirred the hearts of the people to come out and hear the message. We brought the meetings to a close Sunday November ninth. In the afternoon five precious souls were baptized and the same evening they, with two others, were received into the Israel of God. The interest has not closed with the meetings. About fifteen are now earnestly studying the present truth and several have declared themselves as candidates for baptism upon the next occasion. God be praised for his wonderful goodness and mercy to the children of men.

DR. WILLARD W. HILLS.

Meeker.

The Meeker church school is here to stay, and we desire to extend an invitation to the youth and children in our neighboring churches, and companies and isolated ones to attend this school. There will be an opportunity to take some advanced work by those desiring such work.

The church is in a prosperous condition, and is manned with God-fearing officers who have the good of the school at heart.

We have a nice church building in a pleasant part of the city, lighted by electricity. Daily stage and mail from Rifle. Address,

MEADE MCGUIRE,
or C. M. FRENCH.

Arvada.

I am glad to be able to report to the ECHOES that the Lord has greatly blessed in the work done at Arvada this summer. Until recently meetings were held three evenings each week, with considerable interest from the outside people, though owing to the changeable and cold weather we have discontinued the evening meetings, taken down and stored the tent.

Our Sabbath-school, with a membership of twenty-eight, is in a prosperous condition. Brother Caldwell has kindly opened his house to us, where we held our first Sabbath school November eighth. A good testimony meeting followed. The brethren feel the need of a church building, and expect to go to work soon to build a frame building twenty-two by thirty-two feet. Some have already made very liberal pledges for this much needed building. We praise God for his many blessings, and ask the

ECHOES family to remember the Lord's cause at Arvada.

H. A. AUFDERHAR.

Word from China.

The following note from a recent letter from Mrs. J. N. Anderson of Hong Kong, China, gives just a little glimpse of the every-day life of the Chinaman, and of the conditions which appeal to our workers in that field:

"The people! how I pity them in their poverty and darkness and superstition. To pass down the street at dusk, after the day's work is done and the evening meal of rice is over, and see them sitting about or lying on their backs on a bit of rush matting anywhere they can locate to catch a breeze, beside two or three sticks of burning incense, chanting prayers to Josh, is so touching. They seem so earnest in their worship of 'they know not what.' One man who himself has become a Christian, but whose wife is still a heathen, says she often spends almost a whole night in religious exercises. When a member of the family is ill, she waits to implore or propitiate Josh, or in times of prosperity to thank him."

And there are 400,000,000 of these benighted souls! At every tick of your watch one passes into eternity, without God and without hope. Four workers are there, and two are now en route, but scores are needed. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

Daily Study of the Word of God.

"God, who at sundry times, and in divers manners spake in times past, unto the fathers, by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

So, then, since we believe that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness," it is surely evident that it contains the most vital and essential truths that could possibly concern humanity. The study of the Bible is most important, and differs from all sciences and philosophies, because of its power to make us wise unto salvation, and is meat and life to the soul. In this sacred Word we find a panacea for every human ill, a balm for every earthly wound.

God in his infinite wisdom reveals himself to those only, who earnestly seek him, and light is given us as fast as we are able to grasp it. His Word is a wonderful, never ending source of joyful surprises to those who seek for it as for hidden treasure and rich veins of precious metal and is "more to be desired than gold, yea, than much fine gold."

We need the precepts of our divine Master every hour, and every day; he has given us instruction to suit every emergency of our lives; we find this instruction in his teaching which is a light to our path, and a guide to our steps through the treacherous sands, deadly snares, and frightful pitfalls which beset us at almost every turn; but which are so artfully concealed by the subtle manoeuvring of the arch enemy, as to appear to the unwary, as safe, even beautiful, for "there is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof is the way of death." Then as faith comes by hearing the Word, and as we are to live by faith, how surely our spiritual growth must depend on our daily partaking of "every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

The Word of God is the character of God, and in it we find an armor against all the wiles of Satan. Our wise and tender Father mapped out a way for his weary children through their earthly pilgrimage, directions for each day's journey, and if we are confused and lost, and the dreary night closes down upon us, wandering far from his fold, it is because we have forgotten his Word, or through negligence have failed to understand his meaning, or Lucifer, through his emissaries, has succeeded in lulling us by his vampire seductions into fancied security.

Our minds and our very beings should be imbued with God's word; it ought to be in our hearts and on our tongues, for it, and it alone, of all earthly things, shall continue when our King comes to claim his ransomed children.

In failing to understand the mystery of the gospel, we miss that which holds the most of comfort, and the sweetest inspiration that can ever come to bless mortality; though it be a stumbling stone to those in darkness, it is to the upright "a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." When the trials and sorrows of life crowd down upon us, when the night of despair settles down around us, and we can see no earthly ray of light to gladden our gloom, then if our eyes and our ears are at-

tuned in harmony with his will through his Word, we can lay hold of his promises, knowing that the Comforter will surely come, and that his children will not be forsaken, though they be for a time cast down by the burden of intolerable grief. Our Heavenly Father did not intend that his Word should comfort those who antagonize and declaim it, and if to some it is shrouded in mystery, it is only so because they are willfully ignorant of its teachings. Then let us, in all truth and earnestness, seek the Lord through his Word, "if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every of us."

Daily study of the Word is necessary that as children of God we may be perfect, "thoroughly furnished unto all good works," and that we may not be "turned unto cunningly devised fables."

The word of Truth through the power of God is an armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, without which, being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish our own righteousness, we might not submit ourselves unto the righteousness of God.

"God hath given the spirit of slumber to all those who refuse his word." "Eyes they have that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear." So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

While in pursuit of our daily avocation we are apt to think that we have no time for the study of the holy scriptures, and this is true as long as we are dominated by worldly things, and like Martha of old we are troubled about many things when there is but one thing needful.

Let us then be diligent, for "if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven."

As for God, his way is perfect. The word of the Lord is tried. Jesus said "The words which I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Then let us, like Job, "esteem the words of his mouth more than necessary food." In the Word of God is all of wisdom, and all of consolation. In it our sins are revealed unto us by the light of his countenance and in it we are promised forgiveness; and if, through his Word, we stand condemned because of our transgressions, in it we also find consolation through the multitude of his mercies.

MRS. B. HERZINGER.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

"One on God's side is a majority."

"The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none."

"It is much easier to be critical than to be correct."

Elder H. W. Decker recently spent a few days in Denver.

Brother P. O. Johnson has returned to Colorado to take up the canvassing work. We are glad to have him with us again.

Brother and Sister Ehrhart, who have been spending the summer at Evergreen, have returned to Denver for the winter.

Brother C. H. Bates writes that the work is moving along nicely in Pueblo, and that he feels very much encouraged with the outlook.

"Take all sorrow out of life, and you take all richness, and depth, and tenderness. Sorrow is the furnace that welds hearts together."

Mrs. Chas. Keeling, nee Della Hill, of Montana, is visiting her father and mother in Denver. Her old friends are delighted to see her again.

Elder Ziegler and Brother Aufderhar spent Sabbath with the little church at Wentz. One was baptized and some excellent meetings were held.

M. D. Warfle writes from Roswell, New Mexico, that the work is onward there for the ingathering of precious souls, and that all are of good courage.

Elder D. E. Scoles spoke to the Denver church last Sabbath. He has just closed a series of lessons in vocal culture in Boulder, and is now forming a class in Denver.

Brother W. F. Hills writes that he is now at Creede, Colorado, where he finds much that should be done, and he expects to remain at that place until Conference meets in December.

We learn from the librarian of the Pueblo tract society that an effort is being made in that church to get the children to work with the *Life Boat*. We trust God's blessing may rest upon their work.

Is there a blue cross on your ECHOES? If so your subscription has expired and we invite you to renew. This is our only means of telling you all about the work in our home field, and we hope none will fail to

send in his subscription early so that none of the papers will be missed.

Miss Florence Welty writes that her brother, Howard, has been very ill with typhoid fever, and that she has been suffering from a light attack of the same disease. We are glad to know of their recovery and hope they may soon be able to engage in the canvassing work again.

The secretary of the Sabbath-school at East Las Vegas writes that though there is but a handful of them to study the Word, they do so much enjoy the blessing of God, and are trying to work in harmony with each other. They ask to be remembered in the prayers of all God's people.

We are glad to receive words of good cheer from so many of our Sabbath school secretaries and church librarians, and we trust that each little company, and every Sabbath-school in our Conference, as well as the isolated ones, will continue to let us hear from them concerning their labor of love in the Master's work. Brethren and sisters, all are interested to know what God is doing for you.

Sister Wagor writes an encouraging report of the Home Mission Sabbath-school at Colorado Springs. "It was organized in June for the purpose of gathering many who were not attending Sabbath-school anywhere, and has grown from seven in number to fifty. We are endeavoring to do whatever our hands find to do knowing the blessing of God will follow all work done to bring mankind to a knowledge of Christ. Pray for the workers in the Home Mission."

Brother John D. Skeels writes of the work at Florence as follows: "The Florence church is getting along nicely, and while we are not doing all we might, we are truly going forward. Though there is sickness all around us we are all enjoying good health. October fourth we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. The blessed Saviour came very near. We are now arranging for Ingathering services which we hope to hold about Thanksgiving day. Our Sabbath-school is prospering, and we all enjoy so much the beautiful lessons we are having."

Mrs. Thula Calkins fell asleep at the home of her parents in Alamosa, on November 4th. She was 24 years old. She became a member of the church in 1894 and has been a faithful worker ever since. Her husband, to whom she was married last December, does not

mourn her loss alone, for the silent messenger could not have called for one whom all would miss more than she. This has been a sad week for the little church at Alamosa. May God help us to realize that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Words of comfort were spoken from Ps. 23:4 by Malcolm Mackintosh.

Two Months Free.

To all who are not subscribers to *The Sentinel of Christian Liberty*, but whose subscriptions are sent in soon, the publishers offer to send FREE the November and December issues of this year. Thus you get a fourteen months' subscription for \$1.

Plans have been, and are being laid to make the 1903 *Sentinel* the best volume ever issued. Articles already in hand can be announced as follows:

A. T. Jones' series on "The Supremacy of the Papacy" will continue to and including the March, 1903, number, with the study of the past supremacy of the Papacy, and will continue then for two or three numbers on "The working of the Papacy today toward supremacy again; how she will gain it, and the consequences."

J. O. Corless has contributed a series on the "Relation of the State to Sabbath observance," which will continue for three or four numbers. This will be followed by another series in which will be drawn a contrast between true and false governments, or the reign of God's government contrasted with that of man.

G. B. Wheeler will have several articles on "Baptists and Religious Liberty." Other articles from his pen will also appear.

W. A. Colcord, recently returned from Australia, W. E. Cornell, C. P. Bollman, W. N. Glenn and others will also contribute to the success of the 1903 volume of *The Sentinel*.

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