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MY WISH.

I ask, O Lord, that from my life may flow
Such gladsome music, soothing, sweet and clear,
From a fine-strung harp, to reach the weary ear
Of struggling men.

To bid them pause awhile and listen; then
With spirit calmer, stronger than before,
Take up their work once more.

I only pray that, through the common days
Of this my life, unceasingly may steal
Into some aching heart strains that shall help
to heal

Its long-borne pain,
To lift the thoughts from self and worldly gain,
And fill the life with harmonies divine.
O may such power be mine!
Thus would I live; and when all working days
Are o'er for me,
May the rich music of my life ring on
Eternally!

—Wesleyan Magazine.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

I feel impressed to write you a few words in regard to the week of prayer. I am anxious to have it prove the most profitable occasion of the kind that has ever been observed by our people. I do not mean the most profitable, financially, in that a large contribution may be realized, although I am anxious to see as much as possible given to the cause during the period in order that the Mission Board may have means with which to support its present corps of workers in the field, and also be able to extend its work into the undeveloped regions from which are coming Macedonian calls for help.

The world's necessity is our opportunity, and to disregard the opportunity is to imperil our own souls, as we cannot prove recreant to duty and stand clear before God. There is a great work to be accomplished and we need to stand ready for service, as not a man can be spared—there is work for all. We are needed in the battle, and also our means is needed. It will take all that we have and all that we are in order to win this fight. This should be a season of special consecration for all; but this work needs to begin in the hearts of the laborers. "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar," and let them say, "Spare thy people, O, Lord." If the workers do not seek God earnestly, the people will not be inclined to; as, "Like priest, like people."

As we draw near to God, the source of power, like Jacob, we will receive the blessing and then we can transmit it to others so that hearts will be made tender and souls will be converted to God.

As workers, shall we not seek God for a new experience? Many of us have been weak. Yes, almost powerless, because we have neglected known duties. We have neglected prayer, we have also failed to study our Bibles, and as a result, coldness has come into our hearts, and from us is permeating, to a great extent, the ranks of our people. Evils of every description are in our midst; and we, as leaders, are, to a great extent, responsible for these things. If our lives were in harmony with the light we profess, we would reflect light to our people and the glory of God would rest upon them. Shall we not seek him for ourselves? And then, with hearts made tender by his spirit, we can show others the living way.

I am anxious that this prayer season shall prove a time of refreshing to

God's people. The needs of our people should appeal eloquently to us, as watchmen, and cause us to lift our voices in solemn warning. Our people must arouse from their spiritual stupor, and this awakening should begin with us, as watchmen.

Can we count on you to seek God with us? Let us do thorough work during the coming season. Oh, that God may use us to his glory and for the conversion of souls.

E. T. RUSSELL,
Pres. C. U. Conf.

"THERE IS A SOUND OF ABUNDANCE OF RAIN."

Never before in the history of the last great closing message has the trumpet rung out with such clear notes among our people as at the present time. All who are watching the progress of events among Seventh-Day Adventists at the present time can not fail to notice a peculiar "going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and that the Lord is moving upon the hearts of his people, waking them to duty and to the service as never before.

Leading articles in the last issues of the *Review* deserve more than a casual reading; they ought to be studied. Read these stirring words from the last number, from the managing editor:

"We have no hesitancy in saying that the keynote of this message must be 'the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.' And it is time the keynote should sound with positiveness and strength. Let this cry ring out through all the lands. Let the evidences of the second advent of our Lord as an imminent event be clearly presented. Let the prophesies be studied with a fresh interest, and with the expectation that new light will shine forth from them; and with a mighty faith in the fulfilment of God's Word, let the messengers declare to the people, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom

of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel.' The call of the hour is for every one who believes that this people has been raised up to give the advent message to the world in this generation to rally with a loyal heart to this work quickly. The return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message."

Fom W. A. Spicer, Secretary of the Mission Board:—

"Just as soon as we now do the work God has committed to us; just as soon as we bear to the world the warning message that has given us a mission in the world apart from others, the Saviour will come."

"The greatest injury this people can do to humanity is to be disloyal to the mission and message God has committed to it by the sure word of prophecy."

"Every influence that weakens confidence in the third angel's message, with its definite warning against papal and heathen doctrines, and its definite call to the Sabbath and Advent truths, is an influence that delays the completion of the work of God, and adds to the suffering and misery of this sinful world."

"Not for a moment are we now to forget that the continuous preaching of this word in new fields and in all lands is the one and the only mission we have. Every truth sounds the keynote of the one message."

From Mrs. E. G. White:—

"The work of saving souls must be carried forward in the way that Christ marked out. He declares, 'Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.' Only by obeying this word can we be his disciples."

"We are nearing the end of this earth's history, and the different departments of God's work are to be carried forward with much more self-sacrifice than has yet been practiced. The work for these last days is a missionary work. Present truth from the first to the last letter of the alphabet, means missionary effort. The work to be done calls for sacrifice at every step of advance."

"The church must and will shine 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners.' God's servants must, by laboring together with Christ, roll away the curse that has made the church so lukewarm. Let us now see our great need. The Lord cannot use us until he breathes

life into the dry bones. Let us from this time use our powers for God. Let us humble ourselves before him. Let us now turn to the Lord. Let us seek him while he can be found, and call upon him while he is near. When God's words are believed and obeyed, the church will have a heaven below to go to heaven in. I know that God will work for his people when they sanctify their souls by obeying the truth. Then the whole being—body, mind and soul—will be in harmony with him."

From E. T. Russell:—

"The Lord has a great work to be accomplished, and his business demands haste. Are you ready for service? The fields are white ready for harvest. Does not everything indicate that we are living in the world's harvest-time, and that soon the Son of man will put in the sickle, and gather the fruit of the earth?"

"Many signs foretell that the great day is almost upon us; but one of the most convincing signs of the speedy coming of Christ is the *increased missionary activity* among that people who look for the Saviour to appear in this generation. We have too long been idlers. Let us now enlist for active service until the Master comes."

These are soul-stirring words, and coming, as they do, from leading laborers all in one issue of our church paper, they indicate the rapidly rising tide of faith and enthusiasm in the speedy triumph of the message. The Lord is impressing the hearts of his people as never before in the history of the message that Jesus will come when his waiting people themselves decide that he shall come.

"When the fruit is brought forth, *immediately* he putteth in the sickle; for the harvest is come." This is *receiving* Christ.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world; . . . and *then* shall the end come." This is *imparting* Christ to the world.

"Thy kingdom come." "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Let all, without ceasing, pray this prayer; then go to work to answer it by doing the work which must be done before the end can come.

We pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," and then go to work to earn it. So let us pray persistently for Jesus to come, then go to work to bring him. After three and one-half years of drought, Elijah said, "There is a sound of abundance of rain."

Then he climbed the steeps of Carmel and prayed for the rain to descend. So let us pray for Jesus to fill us with power to raise up laborers for the harvest, to come quickly with trumpet call, and gather his loved ones to himself.

W. C. WALES.

What a Bunch of Tracts Did.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the South-Western Union Conference, Brother J. M. Rees related the following interesting circumstances, which show what the circulation of a few tracts may do:

"At the first camp meeting held in North Carolina, we had a missionary meeting, and while we were holding that meeting a man and his wife stepped into the back part of the tent, and I noticed that they were interested in what we had to say. Our meeting had not been in session long until a sister got up and produced a little bunch of tracts, yellow with age, sewed together, and she said, 'Somebody sent me these tracts, and I embraced the truth from them. I do not know where they came from.' Her husband said that he embraced the truth, too, from reading those tracts. And then another arose and said the same thing, and another, until eight people in that congregation had testified that they had received the truth from reading those tracts. They all lived in the same neighborhood. The meeting closed, and the strange woman who had stayed in the rear of the tent, stepped forward to the woman who had spoken first, and facing her, said, 'Do you know me? I am your sister, who left North Carolina twenty years ago. We sent you those tracts.' You never saw such a greeting as they had there, and we all wept in sympathy with them. Then when the greeting was all over, the man said, 'Yes, we are the ones who sent you the bunch of tracts. We lived in Kansas, and when we sent those tracts we were so poor that we did not have any money, and we wondered how to get the postage to send them, and the Lord gave it to us, and we sent them.'"

Dear brother, dear sister, would you enjoy such a meeting and such a greeting as this? You can have it; if not in this life, in the world to come. And how? By the simple means of sending away a few tracts.

The coincidence which brought the giver and receiver together in the above instance was exceptional. Few may have the privilege of seeing or knowing in this life the results of their missionary efforts. But in the better

land, when the sowing time is over, and the harvest has been gathered home, we shall all have the privilege of seeing all those whom we have been instrumental in saving and helping into the kingdom of God. We can then, to the full, share in the joy of our Lord.

W. A. COLCORD.

FIELD REPORTS.

Idaho Springs.

Sister Celia McDonald has been doing Bible work in this city during the last year. God has been with her and blessed her in her work. Ten precious souls have accepted the truth and others are interested. Last Sabbath we had the pleasure of seeing one dear sister follow the Master in baptism. A few weeks ago another dear sister was baptized. The devil has been trying hard through his instrumentalities to draw these souls away from the truth, but all his efforts have only resulted in these souls taking a deeper and firmer hold upon God.

S. F. SVENSSON.

Farmington, N. M.

I am glad to report that our Sabbath-school here is in a prosperous condition and growing better each quarter. As we were much in need of an organ for our church, we decided about six months ago to start a fund for that purpose, and now we have nearly enough money, and expect to have the organ before the last of January.

A very good Sabbath-school convention was held here Nov. 22, at which time a number of good papers were read treating on the different branches of the Sabbath-school work. The children and young people took part by singing and reciting, and all seemed to enjoy it.

IRA E. YOUNG, Sec.

Arvada.

Yesterday was a good day for the children in the truth at this place. In company with Elder Watson and Bro. Aufderhar we had the privilege of meeting with the little company at Arvada to "set in order the things that are wanting," and to ordain the elders and deacons in the church.

As experiences were related that led to their conversion, making them members of the body of Christ, and now making them a church with officers, nearly all eyes were dimmed with tears. Our hearts were filled with praises to God for the gift

of the Spirit to the new converts, even as it was to us.

This new church starts with a membership of twenty-one, eleven of them being new converts. The Lord has blessed to the end of moving upon the hearts of these children in the faith to build a house of worship. The plans are well under way, and by God's blessing we hope by the dawn of Spring to see such a place ready to dedicate to the Lord. Let us all praise the Lord for his kindness to the children of men.

W. ZIEGLER.

District Number 4.

Since my last report I have visited Gunnison and attended the Delta camp-meeting. The latter had a very small attendance, but there was some outside interest, and the church was encouraged. One man made his final decision at this time to become one of us.

I have also labored several weeks at Fruita in connection with Elder Spring. Elder Anglebarger also remained a while after camp-meeting. At Fruita as a result of the camp-meeting and the effort following, eleven have signed the covenant to "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

Although some unfortunate developments have delayed the erection of a church building here, yet they have a temporary chapel built on the church lots, in which to meet for the present. We trust that a permanent structure may be erected in the Spring.

I also visited the Glenwood church and experienced a most profitable season spiritually.

I have enjoyed my work on the western slope, and I believe appreciate the needs of that great territory more than ever before.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

A Seed That Grew.

The following is a letter which we have just received from a gentleman in Texas:

"I received the tracts and am well pleased with them, especially the one on the Lord's Day. I have a book written by Waggoner entitled 'From Eden to Eden.' I find it to be the best work I have ever read on that line, and have decided to keep the Sabbath from now on."

This gentleman goes on to ask us various questions concerning our truth, and seems to be intensely interested. Dear reader, are you sowing such seed as this? PACIFIC PRESS PUB. CO.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

Ways of Working.

As a teacher, you must not be satisfied with the influence you are able to exert during the Sabbath-school. Little opportunity is given there for ascertaining the scholars' true character and daily habits; and how can you talk to the members of your class about meeting temptation, if you have not the least idea what those temptations are. Think of the proportion of time they are with you compared with the rest of their lives. No teacher can possibly teach in the best way who does not know the home life of each scholar. Has he the blessing of a Christian home, or the misery of a drunken father, and broken-hearted, despairing mother? Ascertain the home surroundings of every one of your pupils as soon as possible by a visit. Illness among the scholars gives the teacher a grand opportunity for service. If there is poverty in the house, there is need of food and other comforts. If there is lingering sickness, either among rich or poor, there is need of a visit to cheer the patient. By all means impress upon the other members of the class their privilege in such cases. Sometimes it is possible for all the class to go together to sing hymns and hold a little prayer meeting in the sick room. Best of all, the gospel message can be pressed home to the heart in the quiet hours of enforced rest, when the world is temporarily shut out. Perhaps you may have a "shut-in" one among your scholars who can never come to school, and yet is able to study the weekly lesson. (This suggests the home department work.)

Make great use of the pen in your intercourse with your scholars. Many of them never receive a letter all the year through, so that if you write, it will be a great event for them, and your letters will long be treasured to be read and re-read. You can say some things in a letter that you cannot face to face. Do not forget judicious praise when it is possible to give it. Praise goes farther than blame.

Ascertain the birthdays of all the members of your class and write to them on these occasions, earnest words of warning, tender words of sympathy or hearty words of condemnation. Your heart prompts you. A touch of sentiment about a greeting which makes more than an ordinary letter.

Inducing a scholar

other is a capital way of working. Strong friendships exist among the scholars, and often the best results can be obtained by a wise use of this fact. If one in a pair of friends, seems more steady than the other, beg the steady one to bring his friend to the Sabbath service or weekly prayer meeting. All that is best in the pupil is thus roused to action, and his influence produces effects which you alone could never have accomplished. On the other hand, the teacher sometimes has the sadness of seeing a steady scholar led away by a wayward one, and then hard work and much prayer will alone suffice to bring back the wanderers. Watch the friendships in your class, and see in which way they are leading your scholars. Some times you will see those friendships broken suddenly by pique or jealousy; and then comes the teacher's golden opportunity to win the reward promised to the peacemaker. Make a wise effort to smooth things over; dwell on the beauty and power of true friendship and the sweetness of humility in God's sight. If you can induce the offending one to say, "I am sorry, please forgive me," to the injured friend, your evening prayer will be sweet and your pillow will be one of peace. A quarrel of great height and breadth can be built on a foundation so slender. If you have the skill to shatter the foundation by proving that it never was there, the quarrel soon will come to a peaceful end.

Redouble all your efforts as your scholars arrive at the age of sixteen or seventeen. This is the crucial period in their lives, and many drift away then from church and Sabbath-school, who up to that time had been full of promise. The world surges around them as they reach an age of independent thought and action, and the strong sudden tide too often carries them away. Look out for such cases and speak in time. A. F. SHAUFFLER.

The success of the State home department has led to an effort to establish a home department in each school. This is done by the members of the school visiting all in the vicinity who, because of bodily infirmity or other cause, are not able to attend the school. Such persons are asked to study the lessons regularly, and report either weekly or quarterly to the school. This has been successfully started, in its infancy. We hope to make a part of the work

to encourage the study of

God's plans for conducting the Sabbath-school work, we have sent, each month, to all the schools, a list of questions based upon "Testimonies on Sabbath school Work." One year ago only four or five schools in the Conference were studying this book. Now almost all of the ninety five schools are making a systematic weekly study of it. Only one result could follow such a study, which is an increased knowledge of the work, and, consequently, a great increase in interest — *Pacific Union Recorder*.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Brother J. F. Pearson spent Sabbath, December 20, with the Denver church.

Dr. O. G. Place has been called to Ohio on account of the recent death of his mother.

Orders for Sabbath-school quarterlies can now be filled. Send us your order at once.

The Idaho Springs church was favored by having Eld. Svensson with them last Sabbath, at which time he baptized one convert.

We wish for our ECHOES readers a happy new year, and not only a happy one but one made profitable through faithful service to God.

The canvassers' school has been in progress since the 15th inst., and will continue until the 31st. About ten canvassers are receiving instruction.

In the last issue we published an interesting article on Tract Work; the present issue contains some living experiences with results in this line of work.

Brother C. W. Hardesty, general canvassing agent of the Central Union Conference, is in Denver, giving instruction daily in the canvassers' school.

We trust all will read carefully Elder Russell's article in this issue. May each one be ready to receive the blessings the Lord has for us during the Week of Prayer.

We have just learned of the death of Brother Don Newcomb, who was well known to many of our readers. He died as a Christian with the comfort of the blessed hope.

We are pleased to see that a revival of the old time missionary spirit is here again, and that a greater effort is being made to get our tracts and periodicals before the world than ever before. Will all have a part in it? It is left with each one to decide.

This issue is the last number of Vol. XII. We wish to thank our faithful contributors for their loyalty to ECHOES, and we bespeak for the new year the same loyalty in even a greater degree.

The first meeting of the twentieth annual session of the Colorado Conference will be held Thursday, Dec. 25, at 10 a. m. We hope all delegates will be present at the first meeting.

We have received word that the first number of the *Central Advance*, our Union Conference paper, has been published, but we have not yet had the privilege of seeing a copy.

Elder E. T. Russell, President of the Central Union Conference, has arrived, and will remain with us during our Conference meetings. He spent last Sabbath with the Boulder church.

The December *Life Boat* is being sold in large numbers in this city during the canvasser's school, one hour each day being devoted to the practical house to house work. Yearly subscriptions are also being taken.

Subscriptions for the ECHOES are expiring with each issue. Some of our friends are renewing promptly, but many are dilatory. Please note carefully the first blue cross which appears, and renew at once.

We are sorry to say that we cannot send any week of prayer readings from this office. We have had several orders for them, but thus far have been unable to fill them. Should we receive any in time to remail from here before Jan. 9, we shall be glad to send them to those who have asked for them.

The Denver church is observing the Week of Prayer at the regular appointed time while many of our ministers and workers are present. The other churches in the Conference will observe it from Jan. 9 to 16, in order that our ministers may be scattered among the churches, as far as possible.

Report of Canvassing Work.

For four weeks ending Dec. 20 1902.

	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps.
Patriarchs and Prophets				
R. M. Dennis, Denver,....	68	171.50	\$51.75	
Marvel of Nations				
J. W. Blackstone.....	20	30.00		
Miscellaneous				
B. E. Lewis.....	6	6.25		
O. Einarson.....	12	27.75		
Lida Moore.....	51	74.00		
TOTALS.....	157	\$309.50	\$51.75	

DELIVERIES.

Lida B. Moore.....	Books—51	74.00
R. M. Dennis.....	22	54.00
O. Einarson.....	12	27.75
TOTALS.....	85	\$155.75