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### WE KNOW NOT.

I see not a step before me  
As I tread on another year,  
But the past is still in God's keeping.  
The future his mercy shall clear,  
And what looks dark in the distance  
May brighten as I draw near.

Perhaps the dreaded future  
Has less bitter than I think;  
The Lord may sweeten the waters  
Before I stoop to drink;  
Or, if Marah must be Marah,  
He will stand beside the brink.

It may be he has, waiting  
For the coming of my feet,  
Some gift of such rare value,  
Some joy so strangely sweet,  
That my lips shall only tremble  
With the thanks they cannot speak.

My heart shrinks back from trials  
Which the future may disclose,  
Yet I never had a sorrow  
But what the dear Lord chose;  
So I send the coming tears back  
With the whispered word, "He knows!"

-Mary G. Brainard

## GENERAL ARTICLES.

### THE CRISIS BEFORE US.

The time of the final test on the great Sabbath truth is rapidly approaching. Our people who are employed in government departments in Washington are beginning to realize

that the cords are tightening. One brother who for many years has not only been free to keep the Sabbath but to work on Sunday, was suddenly informed that he would be promoted if he would work on the Sabbath. If he refused he must accept an inferior position with no Sunday work. The brother was true to principle and bravely suffered the consequences. Another brother in the treasury department had his salary reduced one-third because he refused to work on the Sabbath.

The case of Brother W. M. Lewis, formerly of Lincoln, Neb., has attracted wide attention in the papers. Employed in the post-office department, he was allowed regular Sunday work in addition to a free Sabbath, previous to June, 1902, when he left for California. On returning, Jan. 1, 1903, and seeking reinstatement in his old position, he was informed that he would not be allowed to work on Sunday and must work on the Sabbath. He would have been shut out entirely had not Hon. E. J. Burkett, M. C. from Nebraska, made an earnest effort to secure a place for him with Sunday work and Sabbath free. The case was under advisement for some time before the postmaster general and the first assistant, and it was finally decided that Brother Lewis should have his old position with no Sunday work and that he might be called on at any time to work on the Sabbath. On his refusal to work on the Sabbath he would be called up for breach of discipline and be subject to immediate dismissal. If this should occur he will appeal direct to the President. The Nebraska Con-

gressman, Mr. Burkett, certainly deserves credit for the earnest effort made by him for liberty of conscience and equal rights.

On account of these cases the Sabbath question has evidently been discussed by the President and his Cabinet more than once. The great crisis must come very soon. Oh, that all may realize this and work with intense earnestness while the shadows are lengthening and the sun of liberty is setting forever. J. S. Washburn.

### ANOTHER CALL.

Beginning about January 1, 1901, the Lord gave this people a series of articles through the columns of the *Review*, concerning the importance of the colporter work, and evangelistic canvassing.

New canvassers were called for, and old, experienced field laborers were encouraged to return to the work of the Lord. Many responded, and a revival has been experienced. But the Lord has told us that as long as probation lasts, the canvasser will have a work to do, so let us not feel that because one grand rally was made it is to accomplish its work in a year or two, and then pass into oblivion. Not so. The Lord continues to call for consecrated canvassers, and tells us that the circulation of our literature is a work committed to his church.

Our church members are to "arise and shine." In this crisis we should urge upon the attention of the people the last merciful message of warning. We must not fail to carry out the Lord's purpose, as did the children of

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Israel when they entered Canaan. The Lord instructed them to take possession of the whole land, but after making a partial conquest, they settled down to enjoy life. This showed unbelief, and they began to depart from the Lord. We have no excuse that we should do likewise. God intended that this experience should be for our example, written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Oh, let us not make the Lord's work secondary to worldly interests.

We are told that "there is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing," and that it "should no longer be neglected," and at the same time instructed that "there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work," and as this is a work given to the church, it involves not only the presidents of conferences, general and state agents, but every one who is called to help make up the body which is to give the third angel's message

Parents, what can you do? Educate your children to become the Lord's missionaries, and instruct them diligently, "when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up," that the chief aim of their existence should be to live the truth, and teach it to those in darkness.

Church officers, elders, librarians, and leaders of missionary meetings, have opportunities to encourage young men and women to engage in the house-to-house work, and every local campaign organized for the sale and distribution of books and other literature containing gospel truths, is a lift to the canvassing work. A good time of the year to arrange such a crusade is from now on until the holidays.

Church school teachers, your responsibility to educate children for missionaries in this cause is great. "Our church school are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work." Testimonies Vol. 6, page 203. You must now train for the Lord's work those who will in the near future engage in some branch of gospel labor.

Then there are those with whom the Lord's Spirit is now pleading to engage in the work of carrying the publications to all places. "Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for

the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to just what is before us."—Special Testimonies.

Let us adhere to the Lord's plans to unitedly work to keep in operation every part of the work. Remember that a more general interest should be taken in this work. We solicit your prayers and support.

C. W. Hardesty.

## FIELD REPORTS.

### VILLA GROVE.

Our little home Sabbath-school at Villa Grove, comprising two families of eight members, continues as prosperous as for the past six years. We meet each Sabbath and carry out the regular order of service as in the larger schools, having the same officers, etc. We have two classes in our school, five members in the senior and three in the intermediate. All the senior members study the intermediate lesson and recite with the children, and then the lesson from the quarterly is taken up. We think this adds to the interest of the children. This necessitates more time being taken than is usually used by the larger schools, but we think the time is well spent.

We have adopted the "ten cents-a-week" plan, and can recommend it to all our school, and to those who think they are financially unable to do so, we would say that all we receive comes from the Giver of all, so the more we give to his cause the more we receive. "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over."

Mrs. J. H. Parsons,

Secretary.

### GREELEY.

From different reports we glean the following concerning the situation at Greeley. During the past summer there has been quite a lively discussion concerning Sunday desecration, finally resulting in the arrest of the entire base ball team, "The Greeley Reds." At the trial which occurred October 1st, several witnesses testified that they had been greatly disturbed while trying to read their Bibles the previous Sunday, by the "loud and unusual noises." The defense proved that this disturbance

came not from the ball players but from the spectators, none of whom had been arrested and so the case was dismissed. The prosecution tried to further prove that the ball players had violated the ordinance that prohibited the giving of any theatrical performance or other exhibition on Sunday. Finding that this ordinance did not cover the case in question they now propose to see that an ordinance is passed that will in the future stop all sports of this kind.

While this agitation has been going on the Greeley church has not been idle. Religious liberty literature has been scattered, and public lectures have been held by Elder Ziegler, with the view of showing what attitude the civil power should take towards religious legislation. We trust good will be accomplished.

### ROCKY FORD.

Mrs. Alway and I left Salida soon after camp-meeting on an overland trip to our new field of labor. Two days were profitably spent at Hillside with the few Sabbath keepers there. Four days each at Florence and Pueblo, and a week at Fowler.

At each of these places the Lord was with us and we trust some good was accomplished. After visiting La Junta and Rocky Ford, and taking into consideration all the existing circumstances, we have decided to locate in the latter place. Our plans now are to meet with the brethren and sisters at La Junta Sabbath forenoon and with the little company here in the afternoon. We have met with a warm welcome from all, and while this is a large field and its needs are many, we believe, with the blessing of God, a good work will be accomplished.

We especially request prayer for success. Our address will be 602 So. 13th St. Rocky Ford, Colo.

G. M. Alway.

### UNION COLLEGE.

Union College opened September 30, with an enrollment of 161 enthusiastic young people. In a week the number increased to 221. There is a better outlook for the school than for sometime, as there seems to be a general awakening in regard to the value of mental discipline.

The church school, which is managed independently, has almost doubled

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the enrollment of previous years. A number of older young people are doing grade work in the church school so that the College enrollment represents but few below ninth grade work.

There is an earnestness and spirit of co-operation among the young people which is most gratifying. All are of good courage and expect many blessings this school year.

Mrs. M. E. Kern.

### NORTH DENVER.

We are glad to report that the especial blessing of the Lord has been with us in the tent effort at Argyle Park. Up to the present fourteen have taken their stand with Christ and for the truth, almost all of whom are adults. One most excellent lady is from the Catholic church. Many others are deeply interested. We expect to continue the meetings for a few days longer if the weather will permit.

G. W. Anglebarger.

S. F. Svensson.

## THE BOOK WORK.

### THE FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER.

The above is the name of a new series of Bible studies issued by our people at Cincinnati, Ohio. The series consists of twenty-eight complete readings on the principal points of our faith, in leaflet form, and are designed to be used in the following manner: Secure as many copies as you can find time to distribute, then carry to each family, reading No. 1, and each following week the readings in order, visiting them as the developed interest demands. These readings are up-to-date and their use will furnish an easy means of doing Bible work. Complete set, ten cents. In quantities, \$1.50 per thousand. Address The Family Bible Teacher, 3222 Warsaw Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

### REPORT OF THE CONVENTION OF EDUCATION.

The report of the proceedings of the convention of the Department of Education of the General Conference, held at College View, Nebraska, June 12 to 21 is now ready for mailing. The price of this report is twenty-five cents postpaid.

The report contains a description of the convention and all of its work, the talks which were given, the re-

ports of the committees adopted, etc. Those who attended the convention felt that it would mark a new era of progress in our educational work. In view of this we feel that all of our people should read it, even if they are not directly interested in the school, for certainly the Lord has pointed out the importance of the school work as a part of the message for this time and all of our people should keep pace with this important branch of the work of the Lord.

This report may be had by addressing the secretary at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, enclosing the price of the same.

Frederick Griggs,  
Secretary Department of Education.

### WHO WILL HELP PAY FOR OUR COLORED MISSION IN PUEBLO?

Dear Echoes Family—

We wish to tell you of our troubles; since we have laid them out before the Lord. Almost one year has passed since we started to build our mission here in Pueblo. During that time we have enjoyed special favors of the dear Saviour, even though we have had much sickness and even death in our family. Yet we are truly thankful for it all as it has been the means of bringing us nearer to God and one another. During this short year we have studied the truth with many in and out of the mission. Once it was blown down so that we had to have it rebuilt. Now we have moved down town in a good location where many of all nations can easily come in. We hope to be the means in the hands of our heavenly Father of winning many souls to him through this humble means in this humble way. We are willing to suffer the reproach that comes by proclaiming the truth if only our lives are a true copy of the truth. There are many souls that will step in to a mission meeting at night that we cannot hope to get to church, or even read the Bible in their homes.

We are very thankful for the help of our people and especially for the help of Brother Pierson sent us from the Pitkin Church, but just now we are in a straight. We owe \$48.00 which must be paid before October 30th, and we are compelled to ask you to help us by sending in a small contribution to Brother Charles Lightner, 937 Elm

St., Pueblo, Colo., and we will finish paying for everything in the Mission; 50 nice folding chairs, 1 good organ \$30.00, 9 kindergarten chairs, 6 lamps, 1 nice, large heating stove, 1 tent house boarded and lined outside with building paper and cheese-cloth and wall paper on the inside, so as to make it very comfortable all winter for seed-sowing and harvesting in summer and fall. We wish all our people to help just a little.

W.M. NORTH.

### UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS, ATTENTION.

Students arriving in Lincoln may take the street car nearest their depot, and by asking the conductor for a transfer to the College View car, can reach the College for one fare.

Unless the College baggage man is at the depot, trunk checks should be retained until reaching the College.

### WHAT A TRACT DID.

In 1785 Dr. Coke gave a tract to a family in Virginia. The family numbered fourteen, and that tract was the instrumentality used in the conversion of the whole family.

A tract distributor, passing through a sparsely settled country district in Canada, gave away many tracts. One of them, entitled "Repent or Perish," was found floating in the Frazer river. A man saw it, took it out, dried it, read it, and by it was converted to God.

A preacher invited a man to attend a meeting. The man refused, but he consented to take a tract. A few weeks afterwards, that same man stood up in meeting and confessed that that tract had led him to Jesus.

### Capital and Labor Edition of The Signs of the Times.

The December 15th edition will be devoted to the subject of "Capital and Labor." An article is expected from Mr. Geo. F. Baer representing the side of capital and giving his idea of the solution of the present difficulties. Mr. Samuel Gompers will produce the same for the side of labor. Several other phases of this great question will make this edition of great value. It is hoped that a million copies can be distributed. Who will prepare to help?

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### NOTES AND ITEMS.

"Men's words are like leaves, and their deeds like fruits."

Brethren Richards and McGuire are engaged in a series of meetings at Meeker.

Mrs. J. W. Horner, of Montclair, visited friends in Colorado Springs last week.

Mrs. Ruth Olson, of Denver, visited in Boulder last week, the guest of Miss Elva Green.

Brother Grant Adkins is spending a few days at his home in Denver, after an absence of several weeks.

E. E. Farnsworth spent Sabbath, October, 3rd, with the Boulder church, and enjoyed meeting with old friends.

Brother Frederick, of Paonia, gave the office a pleasant call one day last week. He came this far with his daughter on her way to Union College.

Brother L. A. Spring writes: the work is onward. Had good meetings at Aspen last week. Baptised three here yesterday. To the Lord be the praise.

The Brethren at Arvada are planning to plaster their church building next week. They are going slow, but are paying as they go, so no debt will be incurred.

Brother and Sister H. F. Watson are rejoicing over the advent of a baby girl. Grandpa and Grandma are also delighted with little Jean Ingelow Watson. "Echoes" extends congratulations.

The church school at Hygiene is now in session with Brother M. J. Lowe of Pueblo as teacher. Although it opened with a small attendance others are coming in and a good school is expected.

Brother L. W. Graham, from the New York branch of the Pacific Press, gave the office a very pleasant call last week as he passed through here on his way to Oakland to connect with the office work there.

Elder Watson Ziegler held some interesting meetings at Greeley last week in behalf of religious liberty. The arrest of the base ball players there has proved an opportune time to present these principles.

Miss Lilah States, who is teaching in the Boulder church school, spent Sabbath and Sunday of last week in Denver. She speaks very encouragingly of the Boulder school. Over fifty scholars are in attendance.

Many subscriptions to the "Echoes" are expiring now, and we trust all will renew at once so that none may miss a single number of the paper. We send special notice to each one before the paper is stopped. Watch for the "blue cross" on your wrapper.

Brother W. E. Ross, of Georgetown, visited this office on the 1st inst. He has been for some time in Battle Creek, and Washington, D. C., and speaks enthusiastically of the establishment of the work in the latter place.

Sister Aufderhar writes from Ft. Morgan: Our Sabbath-school is getting along nicely. We added a Youth's Instructor class last Sabbath, also two new members to-day. A good interest and spirit are manifested in all classes.

Sabbath, October 3rd, was a good day for the Denver church. Elder Anglebarger preached a practical sermon on Walking with God, after which the ordinances were celebrated. The blessing of God was surely felt by those present.

Brother Charles Lightner has moved his family to Pueblo, in harmony with a recommendation from the conference. Brother Lightner will take up the work which was begun by Bro her Branch, and has since been carried on by Brother North. May our prayers follow him to his new field of labor.

Elder G. F. Watson left for the west side of the range the first of the week, to spend some time visiting the churches over there. Elder Ziegler accompanied him, and with Elder Richards they will investigate the opening for an industrial school, mention of which was made in the conference report recently.

Sister Pearl Howlett of Hygiene speaks very encouragingly of the missionary interest in the church there. Special drills are conducted in canvassing, and Bible reading work, and young people's and children's meetings are held every week; the object

being to educate all to do something in missionary work. This kind of work is much needed in all our churches.

It has been a pleasure to the Denver Brethren and Sisters to attend the meetings in the tent at Argyle Park. The social meeting, Sabbath, October, 3rd, when the fourteen new Sabbath keepers united with others in a praise service was a season long to be remembered. Surely God is blessing in the work there.

It is none too early to prepare for the fall and winter campaign of tract work, and we hope the good work done last winter is but the beginning. If all our churches and isolated ones will take up this systematically our tracts will be "scattered like the leaves of autumn," and eternity alone will reveal the results of faithful, prayerful labor for others.

### OBITUARY.

Died, in Aspen, Colo., July 30, 1903, of appendicitis, Pearl Golden Ramseyer, daughter of Brother and Sister D. N. Ramseyer, aged 14 years. From childhood she had been a member of the Sabbath-school, and in her sickness manifested a firm trust in God, earnestly entreating parents and friends to meet her when Jesus comes. In reply to her mother's question, "How can you leave me?" she said: "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven." From these words the writer spoke words of comfort to a large circle of friends.

L. A. Spring.

### REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK

For five weeks ending October 9, 1903.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
Daniel and Revelation,				
R. M. Dennis.....	165	24	\$70.00	\$40.55
G. R. Moore.....	21	6	16.50	7.40
S. E. Jennings.....	13	5	14.75	1.75
Home Hand Book,				
W. E. Huffman.....	35	10	67.45	2.45
B. E. Lewis.....	32	3	14.50	1.50
Desire of Ages				
G. S. Vreeland.....	163	5	17.50	
Ladies' Guide & H. B.,				
Carrie Rousseau.....	35	9	37.50	1.00
Heralds of the Morning,				
Ethel Lowe.....	63	15	21.75	3.00
Miscellaneous,				
G. S. Vreeland.....			46.80	
J. W. Blackstone.....	21	23	34.10	
TOTALS.....	548	100	\$340.85	\$57.65

### DELIVERIES.

	Books	Value.
R. M. Dennis.....	7	\$18.00
G. S. Vreeland.....	5	23.35
N. F. House.....	26	78.75
Mary J. Layton.....	11	72.00
E. G. Howlett.....	12	37.75
TOTALS.....	61	\$229.85