



Echoes from the Field.

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GENERAL ARTICLES.

The Coming Storm.

The gathering clouds, the ominous thunder mutterings, and the lightning's flash, are the phenomena in nature which indicate the impending storm. The rumors of war, the clash of arms between the nations, show that the pent up winds of strife are ready to break forth into the last great and fearful universal war before the coming of the Lord.

And so the enforcement of Sunday laws in the various states show that the image of the beast is being given life and vitality, and soon the pent up wrath of the dragon against the remnant of the woman's seed will burst forth in Satanic fury.

For many months now there has been but little outward activity in the fulfillment of Revelation thirteen. But underneath the surface there has been carried an active propaganda, a silent concerted education of the people in wrong principles. And the manifestation of this spirit from time to time shows to what extent this education is affecting their minds.

It is a new and strange role for some of the newer western states and territories to play the part of religious persecutors.

In the broken state of society the fullest possible liberty has been accorded all classes, with but very few restrictions in religious ways. It seems strange, therefore, that New Mexico, with its heterogeneous population, should be one of the first of the western states and territories to undertake a crusade for Sunday observance.

This agitation was formally begun by Governor Otero, who in a recent message to the legislature, strongly advised the enforcement of the Sunday law. In January of this present year, Chief Justice Mills of New Mexico, wrote to the sheriff of Colfax County, and presumably to the sheriffs of all the counties in the territory, calling their attention to the recommendation of Governor Otero as follows:

Dear Sir:—I desire to call your attention to the message of Governor Otero recently delivered to the legislature of this territory, and particularly to that part of it which has reference to the enforcement of what is commonly designated the Sunday law.

As peace officer of your county it is your duty to see that this law, together with all others that are on the statute books, is vigorously enforced and I call upon you to notify the people of your county, if any may be violating its terms, that this law must be obeyed.

It is also your duty to see that evidence is collected against any violators of this law so that the same may be presented to the next grand jury which meets in your county.

William J. Mills,
Chief Justice.

The sheriff of Colfax County immediately felt called upon by the position he occupied, to see to the carrying out of the instructions of the chief justice and the execution of the territorial statute. The

results of his work in that county, especially in the town of Raton, are told by our Brother E. K. Cassell, in the following letter in which he relates the experience which has befallen him:—

In the County Jail, Raton, New Mex.,
March 31, 1905.

The judge sentenced me to fifteen days in jail and cost of the court, which is \$28.00, which will be forty-three days altogether. My conviction is as follows: The sheriff served the warrant on me Wednesday at 11 o'clock with a bond of \$500.00. He said, "Here is what you have been expecting." Then he read the warrant which charged me with "performing labor on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday." I said, "When shall I go?" He said, "If you say you will come I will go back to the court house and you may come this afternoon at 2 o'clock." I went up on time. There was no time left to do anything before my case was called. I plead "guilty." The judge set the case for Saturday. I said I could not appear on Saturday. So he studied a moment and set it for Friday, March 31, at 2:30 p. m. But he sent the sheriff after me to appear at 9:30 a. m. I went. When asked what I had to say, I said I was a Seventh-day Adventist and had kept the Sabbath, and that I believed I had a right to work six days and that God commanded me to observe the seventh day; therefore I was working Sunday." The judge said, "You knew it was a violation of the law of the territory?" I said "Yes." "Then why did you violate it?" the judge asked. I said "because I believed that I had a right to because it conflicts with the law of God." He then said, "Then you are like the Mormons who believe that because God gives them a right to more than one wife, that they are at liberty to

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break the law of the land?" I replied, "Having more than one wife is a civil offence: but performing honest labor is not a civil offence." The judge said, "Then you are like the Jew who does not believe in God (Christ, I suppose) and keeps Saturday?" I said, "According to the Constitution of the United States I believe the Jew has as much right to his day as any one." He interrupted me and said, "This Sunday work must be stopped and the law enforced. I will sentence you to fifteen days in the county jail and costs." The court adjourned until August, 1905. So I am exceedingly glad that I am accounted worthy for the light affliction now to suffer for the blessed cause of the third angel's message. Pray that the sheriff and his family may receive this truth as well as the prisoners. Pray that I may speak with boldness the truth.

Your brother in Christ,
E. K. Cassell.

I have read this account of Brother Cassell's with mingled feelings of sadness and hope; of sorrow for our dear Brother Cassell and his family in his persecution, and of hope that God would use this incident to open our eyes in order that we may realize the tendency of these times, and how near we are living to the end. God has accounted Brother Cassell worthy to suffer for his name, and in this call of suffering which he has extended to him, he will afford him his sustaining grace. His lot is indeed enviable to the lot of those who will not realize and sense the import and meaning of these things. Now is the time to warn the people of the events that are coming upon the earth. With our friends and neighbors we can use this incident to most excellent advantage in bringing before them religious liberty literature. May God arouse us to greater earnestness and faithfulness in so enlightening our neighbors that when the great time of test comes as it will come in the near future, they may intelligently decide between the great principles involved.

Francis M. Wilcox.

FIELD REPORTS.

Pueblo.

We are putting out quite a good many tracts and papers in Pueblo, and some good results are being seen. Some are eager and interested to study the truth, and others manifest opposition; but in it

all we can see the soon coming of our blessed Lord. May the Lord help us all to see what our duty is, and to faithfully do it. Pray for us, that we, with God's people everywhere, may be found faithful.

J. B. Wilson.

Greeley.

I thought some might be glad to know of our courage. The work is onward here. Elder Ziegler was with us Sabbath, March 11, and five were baptized and united with the church. Some others are keeping the sabbath, and still others are interested. This should give courage to all to know that even small efforts put forth in trusting faith in God may bring fruit to his praise and glory. Pray for the work here.

R. E. Hay.

Fort Collins and Greeley.

Since I last reported to ECHOES the power of the Holy Spirit has turned some to righteousness at Greeley: Five were added to the church at that place by baptism, March 11. Some at other places now await baptism, and we hope by the grace of the Lord to be with them in this solemn ordinance very soon. We praise the Lord for these victories for we know the time cannot be far off when the last one will have been gained for the truth.

Watson Ziegler.

Florence.

Our quarterly meeting was well attended. Many were present from our sister church, Canon City. Elder Granger comes from Canon and preaches to us every third Sabbath and many come to hear him. This makes it very pleasant for us, and we appreciate Elder Granger's efforts to help us. Many of our own members are moving away.

Our church school will close in a few weeks. Many speak of the benefit they have received from the school.

Lucy D. Kimmell.

Amethyst.

Sabbath several met together for the purpose of organizing a Sabbath-school. Meeting was called to order by J. F. Lees. It was decided to organize a Sabbath-school at this place, to be known as Amethyst Sabbath-school. We also decided to elect officers for the present quarter, which resulted in J. F. Lees as superintendent, and Della Lees as secretary. Time of meeting decided upon was 1:30 p. m. Place of meeting at resi-

dence of D. F. Snideman. The superintendent asked that each one consider himself a committee of one to invite others to the Saviour.

D. F. Snideman.

Hygiene.

As members of the same household of faith, we the ECHOES Family, enjoy a letter through the ECHOES, therefore I esteem it a privilege to write a few lines with the hope that they may encourage all the lovers of present truth. The first half of the month of February I worked in and near Sugar City; a field, thus far, unworked. We have as yet no one there to represent the third angel's message. My work while there was almost wholly with Russian-German people. Many of them are inclined to be religious, yet even those who hold to a religion have little or no knowledge of true Christianity. The eternal truth recorded in Rom. 8:6, viz.: "The carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be," impresses itself more forcibly upon my mind when I see them very religious, and yet fighting the truth when presented. In my house to house, shanty to shanty, tent to tent work with the foreign people I find many unable to read, and not a few who have no Bible in their homes, and a very small per cent of them do any reading. These people had but little school advantages while in Russia; poverty and oppression of the richer class drives them to America, a foreign country to them, with a foreign language; often they are in debt to some of their friends for transportation, thus their first attention and ambition is turned to pay their debts, and often by the time their debts are paid, they see good opportunities to make enough to pay for a home here or else lay up money to take with them to return to Russia. All this ambition for worldly gain must be met by God's messenger. They must be taken where they are and educated until it is clear to them that God offers something of much greater value than the riches of this world. I enjoyed my work while at Sugar City and believe a beginning in proclaiming the third angel's message there has been made. While there I took seven yearly subscriptions for the *Hausfreund*, two of which go across the Atlantic, also eight Bibles were sold which witness to the truth taught by the *Hausfreund*. I hope in my next visit there to find inquiring and interested souls.

H. A. Aufderhar.

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Present and Final Victory.

Because we know that the image of the beast will be formed and the mark of the beast will be enforced, shall we encourage the enemies of the truth by continually telling them so? Those who are opposing this message would not fail in interpreting such declarations as an acknowledgment of defeat on our part.

While it is true that in the struggles which will be experienced by us as the third angel's message closes, there will be times when apparent defeat will overtake us; yet, on the other hand, the Lord will give his people victories all through the conflict between light and darkness, until the crowning victory is won, and we shall stand triumphant on the sea of glass.

So, comrades, let us not be too ready to inspire the great arch rebel against God and his holy law by telling him that he has been and is to be such a mighty conqueror, but let us fight on with faith and courage, recounting only the victories that we have won through Christ, the mighty Captain of the Lord's host. This will bring courage and strength to every weak and faltering one.

No less than six distinct victories have been scored for religious and civil liberty during the past few months, which are the result of vigorous and earnest effort on the part of our people in the distribution of literature, writing of letters, in addition to personal interviews and public efforts.

All are aware that the two Sunday bills that were before Congress failed to be reported, and hence died with the close of the session. The movement that was started by the Washington clergymen for a better observance of Sunday, which called forth the publication of the "Open Letter" by us, was not carried out as planned, evidently because of our vigorous campaign in presenting before the citizens of Washington the claim of the Bible Sabbath.

Sunday rest bills which were introduced into the Missouri, Wisconsin and Massachusetts legislatures have been overwhelmingly defeated, also one in the Island of Porto Rico.

We are hopeful that another victory will soon be scored for the truth as the result of the campaign that is now on here in Washington against the introduction of religious teaching in the public schools. Wednesday, April 12th, we were permitted a hearing on the question before the Board of Education for the District of Columbia.

We trust that the marked success which has attended our efforts thus far may not cause us to settle down in a self-satisfied condition, but rather that it may encourage us to greater activity in the Lord's service, in the distribution of literature and by other means, doing our best to enlighten the people on all points of the third angel's message.

K. C. Russell.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL

Sabbath-school Offerings.

Only a few years ago the plan of weekly Sabbath-school offerings was devised. It was not favored by all at first, but was soon quite generally adopted, and today forms a part of every Sabbath-school program in the land. At first each member gave a penny a week, which was used for the expenses of the school, except a tenth which was sent to the state secretary for use in the Sabbath-school work in the state. The state secretary sent a tithe of his receipts to the general secretary for general Sabbath-school work.

Sometimes the donations were much greater than the expenses, and it was voted to use the surplus for foreign mission work. Finally it was decided to use all Sabbath-school offerings, above expenses, for mission work. These offerings have increased year by year until they have reached a large sum. The Sabbath-schools have given not less than \$450,000 of their donations to the support of missions. About \$24,000 is annually given by the Sabbath-schools for this great work.

It has been recommended several times by the Sabbath-school department that the schools be supported from funds other than the regular donations, allowing this to go entire to the mission treasury. This would mean more than \$50,000 a year contributed by our Sabbath-schools for the mission fields. Where this is considered impracticable, some schools reserve one Sabbath in each month for expenses, and the entire amount donated on the three remaining Sabbaths is given to the needy fields.

The mission treasury is impoverished, and the millions of poor heathen are stretching out their hands to us for help. Why should not the Colorado schools lead out in this good work?

We would suggest that a five to ten minute study of some mission field be

held each Sabbath. The children will enjoy these studies, and it will add to their knowledge of these needy fields, and their desire to give will be increased as the needs of the heathen are placed before them from week to week. Our time to work for the Master is rapidly passing, let us awaken to our responsibility, and push this part of the work with greater earnestness.

Mrs. M. MacGuire.

You Should Have It.

You will want to know what it is that you should have. Well, it is that good church paper, the dear old *Review*. Did you ever see a copy? Every week for twenty-seven years that messenger of truth has found its way to my home, and it is looked for as a coming friend. The next three months will be the most important time of all in the life of this dear friend thus far. Why, you may ask? Because the coming general conference will be the most important of any in all the past, and the *Review* will bring to you all the facts and proceedings of the greatest meeting ever held by the Seventh-day Adventist people.

Dear elders of our churches, will you not give heed to the letter that has already come to you, and see that all your flock have a chance at least to have the *Review*, with all its message of truth, for these days of great events in the closing up of this world's history? Please, dear brother, look after this matter.

G. F. Watson.

Our Annual Offering.

More than thirty-three thousand dollars, as a result of the annual offering to missions, have been received at the general office thus far this year. This exceeds the amount ever received during the same period from any previous offering.

We are sure our people who are interested in the work in foreign lands will be glad for this information. The fund is still kept open for a large number who have made pledges, and for those who desire to increase their offering at a later date. All are invited to have a part in this work. May the fund be swelled to fifty thousand dollars, or more, for our needy mission fields. Every gift, whether large or small, is appreciated. Let the prayers of the people go with the offering, that the Lord may greatly bless the work in these fields.

Mission Board.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Dr. Richards spent last Sabbath with the church at Arvada.

Brother J. W. Innis of Hygiene called at the office last week.

A meeting of the conference committee was called last Monday in Denver.

Brother J. H. Parsons of Villa Grove spent Sabbath with the Denver Church.

Elder J. A. Leland and wife were in Denver last week visiting among friends.

Mrs. H. L. Altman of Colorado Springs visited friends in Denver week before last.

"Only what we have wrought into our characters during life can we take away with us."

Elder Anglebarger met with the church at Idaho Springs last Sabbath for quarterly meeting.

Brother E. E. Farnsworth went to Greeley last Wednesday to hold some meetings at that place.

Elder G. A. Irwin passed through the City last Wednesday en route to College View, Nebr., and Washington, D. C.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg was in Boulder last week to be present at the Sanitarium board meeting which was called Thursday.

A man should never be afraid to own that he has been in the wrong, which is but saying in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope.

Elder G. M. Alway passed through Denver, Tuesday, April 4, on his return to Rocky Ford. He has spent several weeks in Utah holding meetings and Bible readings.

The West Denver Sabbath-school held a temperance meeting Sabbath, the 8th inst., in which a very interesting program was carried out. Many signed the temperance pledge as a result of the meeting.

The new church at Rocky Ford was dedicated last Sunday free from debt, and with thanksgiving and gratitude on the part of the company of believers at that place. We hope for a report for our next issue.

An Educational Convention is to be held in all our churches in Colorado and in the Central Union Conference, April 29, and we hope a new impetus will be

given to the educational work as a result of these conventions.

Elder E. T. Russell spent a day at the office last week en route to Boulder, where he went to attend a meeting of the Sanitarium Board. He remained in Boulder over Sabbath and preached to the church at that place.

We very much desire that our Sabbath-school secretaries be very prompt in sending in their reports. Quite a number of schools have not yet reported and we wish to close up the quarterly work as soon as possible.

Elder Richards went to Raton, N. M., last week to render what service he could to brother Cassell, who is now in jail at that place for the truth's sake. He violated the Sunday law of the territory and was arrested for it.

Brother Chas. Lightner has been detained in Denver on account of the severe illness of his two little children with whooping cough. Last week it was that that the baby could not live, but it is better now, and its recovery is hoped for.

We hope all will read carefully the articles on religious liberty, written by Elder F. M. Wilcox, especially as they are at present dealing with the situation in our own conference. Once again one of our brethren is called upon to witness for the truth by going to jail. Let us seek God earnestly in his behalf.

The controversy concerning the teaching of religion in the public schools of Washington is not yet ended, and many men of various sects and creeds are discussing this question at length through the *Washington Post*. We have received a number of copies of *The Post* containing excellent articles which we would like to print in ECHOES if our space would permit.

From Cuba Brother J. M. Clark writes: "It is going to be far more difficult to give the message to Cuba because of the delay. Every year increases the difficulty. While the sea-breezes, good drainage, and sanitation in the cities have helped to make this a very healthful island, the enormous use of tobacco by both sexes from early life, the fried foods, and strong drinks, make sickness much more common among the Cubans than among the Americans.

While the majority of the people are Catholics, few attend church or care very much about religious matters. There are good openings for schools and sanitariums. Many hundreds continue to come."

Obituary.

Pegg.—Mrs. Jane Pegg, wife of Elder J. D. Pegg, died at her home in Fort Collins, Colo., March 15, 1905. Sister Pegg had been a constant sufferer for many years, which had reduced her vitality till she had no strength to resist an acute attack of pneumonia, which, after a brief illness of three or four days, took her away. The deceased became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church about thirty years ago, and fell asleep with the blessed hope that the present truth would soon triumph. The progress of the third angel's message was so dear to her that she bequeathed \$250.00 of her small estate for the furtherance of this work. She leaves seven daughters to mourn her loss, all but one being present at the funeral. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thes. 4:15-18.
Watson Ziegler.

General Conference.

I have a nice party made up to attend the General Conference at Washington, but still there is room for others. We will plan to leave Denver not later than the 7th or 8th of May. If there are others who wish to join us, if you will write to me at once I will give you all the information and particulars desired.

H. Williams,
220 W. 6th Ave.,
Denver, Colo.

Important.

Any of our people who are traveling either east or west from Denver are requested to write to the undersigned before making arrangements. They will find it to their advantage and for the benefit of our conference.

Meade MacGuire,
State Transportation Agent.

Attention!

There will be a special collection for the Washington work, and also for the foreign mission work taken in all our churches Sabbath, April 29.

A leaflet containing words from Elders Daniels and Corliss, and also from Sister White will be sent to all our workers and Church Elders to be read on the Sabbath above mentioned.

We hope all will assist to the utmost of their ability in order that the work may not be hindered on account of a lack of means.

By order of Conference Committee.