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I Trust an Ever-Present Saviour.

M. D. WARFLE.

I.

God gives me grace for every day,
He keeps me by His love;
He cheers me all along the way,
To that bright home above.

II.

God gives me strength for every trial,
I know His way is best;
He looks upon me with a smile,
And gives me sweetest rest.

III.

God loves me more than loved ones can,
He knows my every fear;
He'll save me by that Priestly man,
Who died for me down here.

IV

If He should choose to heal my ills,
I'd be so happy now;
I would He'd do His loving will,
I'll to His mandate bow.

V

What'er He has to offer me,
I'll take as from His love;
My soul from sin He has set free,
That I may dwell above.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

A Call to Immediate Action.

In no less than five months Congress will again be in session, at which time the Johnston Sunday bill, which passed the Senate on May 16, may be brought before the House at any moment for final action. This fact should not be lost

sight of by those who comprehend what it means, should the House of Representatives pass this bill. The bill would then only lack the signature of the president to make it a law. This would doubtless be quickly affixed, and then it would become a law in the District of Columbia. The next logical step for the champions of Sunday legislation would be to prevail upon Congress to enact a national Sunday law. This, all can see, would be easily secured in view of the fact that Congress would then have committed itself fully to the question of Sunday legislation by the passing of the Sunday bill for the District of Columbia.

There should be delay no longer on the part of our conference officers and ministers in doing what they can to enlighten the people on this subject, with the hope of holding in check a little longer this proposed legislation. This can be done by securing appointments with the United States Congressmen in each of your respective conferences, and placing before them the dangers which lie beneath this whole scheme, to which they would commit themselves in favoring the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill.

Much depends upon our activity and earnestness whether this bill will become a law or not. We are confident, however, that many of the Congressmen have little, if any, true conception of what is involved in this proposed measure. But if they could be so approached upon the subject by representatives of their own constituency before Congress convenes, they might be convinced of the dangers attending it.

The forthcoming issue of *Liberty* will be especially designed for our people to use in the present campaign in enlight-

ening the people upon the subject of religious liberty, and preventing, if possible, the passage of this bill. This number of *Liberty* will be on the subject of the United States in prophesy. The Religious Liberty Leaflets should be used in large quantities, and also the Religious Liberty souvenir postal cards.

A copy of this forthcoming issue of *Liberty*, a set of the Religious Liberty Leaflets and a set of the Religious Liberty postal cards should be placed in the hands of every state, county, municipal and town official. The same should be placed in the hands of attorneys, educators and other public men, besides sold as far as possible to all classes of people.

With a vigorous campaign along this line engaged in by all of our church members throughout the United States, we can little comprehend what great good might be accomplished in enlightening thousands and thousands of people concerning the dangers of religious legislation which threaten us so seriously at the present time, and, too, in this way we might be able to defeat the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill for the District of Columbia now pending in the House of Representatives.

The time before Congress convenes is rapidly passing. What we do must be done quickly. We would urge that the officers of every church call a meeting at once, and plan for a vigorous religious liberty campaign in their respective communities. *Liberty*, the Religious Liberty Leaflets and the Religious Liberty postal cards can be ordered through your tract societies. Begin at once to pray and work while you have the opportunity to do so.

K. C. RUSSELL.

The Ingathering for Missions.

We trust all of our readers have seen the announcement of the Thanksgiving Ingathering plan, which provides for all the members of our churches in the United States to solicit for donations for missions during next Thanksgiving week. If any are not familiar with this plan, we would be pleased to send them circulars containing the full details.

There is manifested a commendable interest in this plan in all parts of the field. Everybody seems to think it just the thing to do, and many are beginning now to plan so they can spend all of Thanksgiving week, gathering in money for our needy missions. Elder S. N. Haskell thinks it is time to claim the promise of the Prophet Isaiah. He says:

"I am glad the Thanksgiving plan is meeting with favor. We read in the Bible that the wealth of the Gentiles shall flow into the work of God, and I have always been a firm believer in getting help from the outside. Every meeting house that we have ever built, if I remember right—and I have built many—we always get plenty of money from the outside. I have thought that sinners are under obligation to the righteous. You remember that God could not destroy Sodom until he had gotten the righteous out of the city, so sinners have much to be thankful for through the influence of the righteous around them. The time was that the Religious Liberty movement was carried so far that it was thought a sin to accept a favor from the government. I wrote to our Religious Liberty brethren at the time, citing the example of Cyrus, and how God used him to accomplish His work in the earth. I hope this plan will be a great success and that a large sum of money will be received to advance the cause."

Let all begin to plan now so they can have at least the greater part of Thanksgiving week to solicit for donations to missions.

FIELD REPORTS.**Denver.**

We closed our tent meetings August 16 with the expectation to begin again after the campmeeting.

We have enjoyed many of the blessings of God. His spirit has been striving with souls; some have yielded to its influence. Three were baptized August 15; others have begun to keep the Sab-

bath, but will not be baptized till after the campmeeting. We then expect several to be buried with the Lord and arise to walk with him in newness of life.

During the last month Brother Berglund has taken 63 subscriptions for our Swedish paper. I have also gotten several. We know that they will do a good work every week.

CARL SVENSSON.

New Castle.

On the evening of August 8, after an effort of almost nine weeks, we closed our tent meeting in this place. Our hearts were made glad on Sunday, August 8, when we buried twelve with their Lord in baptism. The same day we organized a church of seventeen members, all adults except one. The last evening one more good soul, a man of influence, was added to the church.

There are a few more who are ready for baptism and will be baptized soon, and several more are deeply interested and have promised to obey.

We see no reason, from the interest that has been manifested during the past summer, why we should not raise up a strong church in this place. The meetings have been well attended and much interest shown.

We enjoyed the help of Brother and Sister Nelson, from the Palisades church, and especially the help rendered by Sister Nelson along musical lines.

The church is fully officered. Brother William M. Address will remain in charge of the work here during the winter.

Brethren, pray for the work in New Castle.

W. F. KENNEDY,
WM. M. ADDRESS,
CHESTER PROUT,
MRS. ELVA ADDRESS.

Cripple Creek.

It has been a few weeks since we have sent in any report, and reading the good news from other fields, we thought you would like to hear from us.

There are only a few of us here, but our meetings are well attended and our prayer meetings are a great help to us, as all take part in them, even our young people. After our prayer meeting we hold our missionary meeting, each one telling of some work done during the week, and all take a deep interest in our work. Sabbath, Aug. 15, Brother M. B. Smith met with us and we all enjoyed

a good talk from him. We hope to have him with us again soon.

THOS. E. VANATA.

Breen.

Sabbath, Aug. 29, the day on which the Pueblo campmeeting was in session, was chosen for a miniature campmeeting at Aztec, N. M., in the beautiful grove where Elder W. A. Miller has his tents pitched and has been holding meetings for some time. Nearly all of the Farmington, N. M., and Breen, Colo., companies were on the grounds, forming quite a company. Those from a distance camped, while others drove up in time for Sabbath school. The forenoon was spent in the study of the good lessons, after which a motion to adjourn for lunch was in order.

We were glad to note that during our intermission great respect was shown for God's holy day. Lunch was served beneath the cooling shade, and all thankfully partook of the bounties from the hand of God and were rested and refreshed for the afternoon session.

Brother Miller spoke, and, as usual, gave us food for thought for many days to come. Among the many good thoughts brought to our attention was I. Cor., 10:13; also Heb. 12:4. We are so prone to sin, yet praise His name for a way of escape and for the blessed thought we have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

We were awakened to the times in which we are living. All realized that they must keep their mind stayed in God, lest someone take our crown. That the good Spirit did its work on many hearts, was manifest by the songs and testimonies which followed, after which we were led in prayer by Brother Miller, in which all who were present were held before the throne of grace in a very effective manner.

The parting benediction was pronounced by Brother J. L. Preston, one of Farmington's pioneer members.

Parting good-byes were said, some starting for home, while others assembled quietly to their tents to await the closing of a blessed Sabbath day well spent.

C. M. LOCKE.

Among the Churches.

On Friday, Aug. 28, my wife and daughter took me to Brother Gaddy's, within ten miles of Hotchkiss, and Sabbath the Lord gave me liberty and strength to speak a full hour. I remained

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here, visiting nearly all the church and many of the old citizens that I had known over twenty-two years, until Thursday, when I went to Paonia, visiting there until Monday, Sept. 7th.

Tuesday, the 8th, I went to Montrose, remaining there and at Riverside over the Sabbath.

In all my visiting and meetings my work was to inspire faith in the Spirit of prophecy and confidence in the Third Angel's Message.

Sabbath, at 11 a. m., several of the brethren and sisters met at the home of Brother Marsh. and the Lord gave me a message for them and I spoke an hour and a half, showing the importance of "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." In the afternoon Brother Toothacre took me six miles into Montrose, where I spoke on the same subject for nearly two hours, and answered questions a half hour. I went to bed that night at 8, and only woke up once to praise the Lord for the rest he was giving me and his keeping power.

I shall return home Monday to rest up and do some writing, and then start out visiting other churches.

Brethren and sisters, the Lord is giving me health such as I have not had for ten years. Pray for me, that I may use it to His glory.

GEORGE O. STATES.

Tent Meeting Sermons.

Every lover of present truth always manifests much interest in a series of tent meetings where the complete Third Angel's Message is preached with power and earnestness.

The splendid series of tent meeting sermons which have been running through the *Watchman* for more than a year have now been concluded. The entire set of back numbers of the *Watchman* from the first of this series to its close, including the good special number and several hundred pages of other choice matter, may be obtained for only 75 cents.

This series has been of unusual interest and merit, and is well worth preserving for study and future reference. This set of the *Watchman* would be especially good to place in the hands of interested friends. If desired, it can be bound in substantial covers, at a nominal cost, at any book bindery. Cash should be sent with each order. Order through the usual channel, or address the *Watchman*, Nashville, Tenn.

The October Collections for the Colored Work.

You have heard about the "Black Belt," no doubt, and have wondered what it is. Well, it stretches from the Atlantic ocean clear across the states of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and into Texas—a great, wide cotton-growing territory, inhabited almost entirely by negro tenants. White men own the plantations, live in the cities, and grow rich while the negroes do the work.

These Africans are nearly all ignorant, superstitious, underfed and hopelessly in debt. Only about 35 per cent of them can read. Their religion is a mixture of Christian mythology and primitive devil worship. They subsist very largely on corn bread and cheap bacon, year in and year out. Always in the clutches of debt, they have nothing with which to educate their children, or even to provide books for home study.

And yet they must be warned of Jesus' coming. We in the South are struggling day and night to place our work for the whites on a self-supporting basis, that we may be able to teach the truth to the blacks also, but this is not yet possible. Therefore we look to the prosperous Northern conferences for help in this work.

A most encouraging feature of this work is seen in the fact that God, by His Spirit, is enlightening some among the colored millions with this truth, and they are showing a heaven-born zeal to labor for their people. But many more will need to be educated to carry the message.

God so loved the world that He gave His son to die to save the colored people as well as to save us. What will you give that His message of love may be quickly borne to them? Let your liberality on the first Sabbath in October be your answer.

E. L. MAXWELL,
President Louisiana Conference.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Our foreign mission work has, through the providence of God, assumed large proportions, and has become the leading work of the denomination, and,

WHEREAS, New fields are being rapidly opened for extended work, and necessary means beyond the power of our members to donate for this advance

work are immediately required to meet the demands, and,

WHEREAS, This denomination has fully borne the expenses of its foreign work for the past fifty years without giving the general public an opportunity to assist, and,

WHEREAS, Other denominations have been generously assisted in their foreign work by an appreciative public, therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of, and pledge our hearty co-operation in, the plan recommended by the General Conference for an Ingathering for Foreign Mission Work, November 22-28, during Thanksgiving week, 1908.

Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

In the *Youth's Instructor* of September 22 will be a description of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, which will start the first week in October. Every Missionary Volunteer should think carefully before deciding not to take the course. In fact, every one would receive a great deal of benefit by taking it and carrying it through to a successful completion.

Read the article mentioned carefully. Enroll with your society secretary, or, if isolated, with me. Do not neglect to start on time.

Let us be in dead earnest in this matter. Many a person is in darkness because those who should know the truth are lacking in knowledge.

RALPH EMERY, Boulder, R. D. 2.

The Western Slope Academy.

The Western Slope Academy will open September 9, 1908, and we are hopeful of a full attendance from the first day. It is the beginning right and continuing right that makes success. We are anxious to correspond with those who are expecting to attend our school, and we will gladly mail you one of our announcements.

Those desiring board, room, etc., can obtain these accommodations with Adventist families near the school.

Any information desired concerning the school will be gladly given on request.

A. M. WOODALL, Principal,
Palisade, Colo.

In the second page of the Supplement of the ECHOES last week, it was stated that Elder W. A. Alway would take the oversight of the Arkansas Valley, etc. It should read Elder G. M. Alway.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Brother R. M. Rockey spent Sabbath and Sunday at his ranch at Genoa.

Judge C. C. Holbrook called a few minutes at the office one day last week.

We want a new copy of "Empires of Prophecy," by A. T. Jones. Who has it?

Elder Theo. E. M. Valentiner was in Tuesday morning, having just returned from College View. He left on an evening train for La Salle, where he will labor among the German brethren.

Some are becoming interested. The workers are hoping for a harvest of souls as a result of the tent meetings that are being held in Pueblo. Pray for the workers and the work there.

Elder F. M. Wilcox paid the office a pleasant visit last Tuesday. He reported everything lively at the Sanitarium, and stated that owing to the heavy rush, it has been and still is very difficult to get a sufficient force of nurses and helpers.

Elder Lair is now in Oswego, Kan., getting ready to move his family to their new home at Boulder, where he expects to locate in order that his children may have the advantages of the church school. We are expecting him here the latter part of this week.

Elder and Sister MacGuire left us Tuesday night for Rifle, Colo., where they will spend a much needed vacation, after which the Elder expects to take up the duties of his new work as business manager of the Boulder Sanitarium, Brother H. T. LaBonte having resigned.

Brother Ralph Emery and Brother J. L. Humbert came in from Boulder Sunday, the former for a couple of days' stay and labor among our young people of Denver, and the latter to spend a week or so opening up the new books for the Western Colorado Conference and Tract Society, and attending to other kindred matters.

The *Signs* monthly for October will be on the subject of finance. This is one of the most perplexing questions with which the world has to deal today and is one in which every person is interested. Hence this will certainly be an opportune issue. Watch for further announcement, and order early.

It affords us pleasure to announce that our brethren at Mountain View have decided to continue the old form of the

Signs of the Times for all issues except the monthly specials, and that the price per year will continue at \$1.50 for the Monthly Specials and the weekly numbers combined, and \$1 a year for the Specials alone (twelve numbers). We hope the brethren throughout our conference will do all in their power in the interest of these silent messengers of truth.

The Pueblo Institute.

According to previous arrangement, the Canvassers' Institute was held at the close of the campmeeting. The attendance was not large, but the interest was good, and some hard studying was done, so that the progress was rapid.

We had two sessions each day, beginning at 9 a. m. to 11:30, and again at 2 p. m. to 4:30. A short Bible lesson was given at the opening of each session. All seemed benefitted spiritually, my own soul being refreshed by endeavoring to help others. The drilling was careful and thorough, and they were quite well prepared to enter the field.

As Brother C. G. Bellah, the general agent for the Central Union Conference, could not remain for this institute, on account of pressing work in Nebraska. I was called by telegram to take his work.

Brother C. F. Innis, who had been chosen field missionary for the Western Colorado Conference, remained during the institute and rendered valuable assistance. He has now gone to his new field of labor.

We held our institute in the Pueblo church and used one room of the basement for the cooking and dining room. The conference furnished dishes, provisions, etc., those in attendance doing the cooking and other work, and the members of the Pueblo church furnished sleeping rooms and in some cases part of the board free. Thus the expense of the institute was very light on the conference.

We hope to see the printed page placed in the homes of many of the people of Colorado during the coming year.

S. C. OSBORNE,
Ottawa, Kan.

The Colored Mission Schools.

One branch of the work for the colored people of this country to be helped by the offering to be taken in all our churches on the first Sabbath in October is the mission schools.

There ought to be at least thirty such

schools in operation within the territory of the old Southern Confederacy by the first of January, 1909.

The last school year opened with nine such schools under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Society, and closed with eighteen. This number ought to be doubled by the close of the present school year.

These mission schools, which are widely scattered, are a most fruitful means of reaching the colored people with present truth. The teachers in these schools are devoted colored men and women who love the truth and who are doing unselfish work for their own people. Nearly all of these men and women are more than teachers—they are all-around missionary workers. They instruct the children in the daytime and frequently conduct night classes for the old people who cannot spare the necessary time in daylight to learn to read the Bible.

These mission school teachers also go from house to house, talking with and praying for the people. They comfort the sorrowing, minister to the sick, and, as far as able, relieve the destitute.

At the recent summer school held at Oakwood, these teachers told of the conditions under which they worked. One told of an improvised schoolroom furnished only with soap boxes. Another spoke of teaching in a cabin without glass windows, where shutters and doors had to be kept open, no matter how stormy the weather. Yet others told of crowded rooms, absence of blackboards and maps; but all were of good courage, anxious to return to their schools, to spend and to be spent for Christ's sake.

Nowhere is there to be found a more earnest, devoted or self-sacrificing band of workers than our mission school teachers. Nor can any other line of work show better results.

Brethren and sisters, shall we not one and all rally to the assistance of this work the first Sabbath in October, by a much larger donation this year than last?

G. P. BOLLMAN,
Secretary Southern Missionary Society.

Complainers, Read This.

A clapper in an old church tower professed to be greatly grieved because the bell it hung in was cracked. It was ever and anon telling of its grief in most dolorous tone, and excited the sympathy of many unsophisticated people. But the ghost of Diogenes, coming along, said, "Cease your whining, Master Clapper; remember, in the first place, that you cracked the bell, and in the second place nobody would know it was cracked if you didn't tell him." When you meet a man who is always complaining of the coldness of the church and the want of harmony among its members, tell him this fable. Those who make the most complaint are often those who are the most to blame. Is there a cracked bell in your church, and are you the clapper?
—Selected.