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Clouds and Sunshine.

MILO D. WARFLE.

Beyond the clouds the sun is shining;
What need is there for our repining?
The clouds will drift away.
We know the sunlight of Christ's glory,
Reflected from redemption's story,
Will light us on our way.

The clouds may be all dark and dreary,
And we may feel all worn and weary,
Yet there's a guiding Star.
And nothing can His light conceal,
For God His glory does reveal
In gleanings from afar.

When all around the thunders roar,
And lightning flasheth o'er and o'er,
We need not feel distressed.
For all who trust in Father's love,
Will have protection from above,
For they're by Christ possessed.

The wind may blow, the rain may fall,
And torrents lash around us all—
Christ will the storm control.
Yes, He who walked upon the sea,
And calmed the stormy Galilee,
Will save each trusting soul.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

An Unpublished Testimony.

I have a message to speak to the churches. If we are to make known the story of the cross in all parts of the world, our missionary efforts must not be allowed to weaken. They must be kept vigorous and strong. The efforts we put forth to dispel the darkness of error will always be proportionate to our faith in God, manifested in our obedience to His

commandments. With faith and courage and hope we are to extend the knowledge of present truth. We have not always met, as we should, the obligations in missionary effort that our knowledge of present truth places upon us.

The manifold wisdom of God has been displayed in the organization of His church in the earth for the representation of the truth in the world. In their zeal for the cause of righteousness, His servants are to reveal a faith that works by love, and purifies the soul from every slothful habit, a zeal that reveals itself in watchfulness unto prayer, humble heart-searching, a readiness to examine self, that they may detect their own defects of character, and avoid the evils of self-exaltation. This faith and zeal are essential or our labors for the perishing will weaken, and Christ will be disappointed in His church.

The powers of the Godhead have pledged their might to carry out the purpose that God had in mind when He gave to the world the unspeakable gift of His Son. Every act of self denial, every earnest surrender to God, is an element in God's design for the increase of the piety and zeal and earnest faith of His people. The Holy Spirit unites with the powers of grace that God has provided to turn souls to Christ. We are to labor as Christ labored for the salvation of dying souls. And as we work, our hearts are to be encouraged by the thought that every soul converted through our efforts will become another instrumentality in the work of recovering the lost. Guided by the same Spirit that led some one to work for him, he will take up the work and labor in the spirit of his Master.

Every professed believer in Christ will be tempted by Satan. "And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be brok-

en, and be snared, (mark that word), and be taken." Notwithstanding all their knowledge of the Word of God, all their light, and their position as expositors of Bible truth, many shall "stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken." The ruin of this class is certain. Then the charge is given, "Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples."

A wealth of moral influence has been brought to us in the last half century. Through His Holy Spirit the voice of God has come to us in warning and instruction, to confirm the faith of the believers in the spirit of prophecy. Repeatedly the word has come, "Write the things that I have given you to confirm the faith of my people in the position they have taken." Time and trial have not made void the instruction given, but through years of suffering and sacrifice, have established the truth of the testimony given. The instruction that was given in the early days of the message is to be held as safe instruction to follow in these closing days. Those who are indifferent to the light and instruction must not expect to escape the snares which we have been plainly told will cause the rejectors of light to stumble, and fall, and be snared, and taken. If we study carefully the second chapter of Hebrews, we shall learn how important it is that we hold steadfastly to every principle of truth that has been given.

MRS. ELLEN G. WHITE.

Every Sabbath Keeper in our Conference needs the Echoes in order to keep in touch with the work in the Conference. The Echoes lists needs your 25c for your subscription, in order that the receipts may amount to the cost of the Echoes.

ECHOES FROM THE FIELD.

Who Shall Have Right to the Tree of Life?

It is upon certain conditions that we may be permitted to enter heaven. It is written, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." This text tells us that none shall enter heaven that do not *keep and do His commandments*. What commandments? All His commandments. All His commandments? Yes, every command of the Lord.

Could it be said of a man that he is a commandment keeper if he is breaking any one of the Lord's commands? James says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

Let us notice some of His commandments. "He that believeth and is baptized." "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup." "Ye ought to wash one another's feet." "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

If we should fail to carry these things out in our lives, and thereby deny Him before men, He will not own us as His children. He says, "But he that denieth Me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." Again, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Return unto Me and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts." How? "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove me. * * I will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing. * * I will rebuke the devourer * * he shall not destroy your fruits; the fruit of your vines shall mature * * and all nations shall call you blessed." See Malachi 3.

How many have said, "It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinances?" "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: * * They shall be Mine. * * in that day * * then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not."

"Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." Thus to have right to the tree of life is to keep and do every requirement of His word.

Is it possible, brethren, that some of us are robbing God, and thereby bringing a curse upon ourselves, and possibly be denied a right to the tree of life? I know none desire to do this, yet sometimes the enemy tempts us along this line. Come, brethren, let us get the victory, and thereby the blessing, and the promise of eternal life.

J. W. LAIR.

FIELD REPORTS.

Capitol Hill Church.

We held our regular quarterly services Sabbath, April 3. There were about eighty present. At the close of a short, earnest sermon, seven came forward for baptism. The Lord was present to bless.

MRS. ELLA EAGLETON.

Canon City.

The Lord's work here is onward. The first of this quarter there were three new additions to the church, and last Sabbath morning two more presented themselves for admission. Besides these, others are in the valley of decision who have publicly acknowledged that they believe the seventh day is the Sabbath.

MRS. F. A. BICKLE.

Loveland.

Elder Watson Zeigler was with us at the quarterly meeting, and we had a good day. Nearly every one of our absent members reported by letter. We find it a splendid plan to write letters once a quarter to our absent members.

We enjoyed our Sabbath school Convention. We have an active working Christian Help band, which was organized January 2. Nearly every member takes the ECHOES, and we are working hard that all may take the *Review*.

We should be pleased to have a visit from our Conference president, or any other of our workers.

MRS. GEORGE RAGAN.

Idaho Springs.

We greatly appreciated Elder F. M. Corbaley's recent visit of five days to Central City. We enjoyed the Bible readings he gave every night in the different homes of our small company of believers, numbering eleven persons. Nearly all of us attended every meeting, and all experienced a refreshing good for our souls. Brother Corbaley is the first worker to visit our city in over a year. His work among the people that our little band have been laboring with during the past year has done much good.

Seven of our people went over to Ida-

ho Springs to attend quarterly meeting. We all enjoyed a blessing, it being a long time since some of us had the privilege of taking part in the ordinances.

We wish that Elder Corbaley could have remained with us, as we very much need a permanent worker in this city.

MRS. LILLIAN EMMETT.

Pueblo.

Daily I thank our Father for the Third Angel's Message, and it is my greatest ambition to be used by Him to bring this blessed truth to others.

God has been giving us many blessings. The tent effort last summer was the means of strengthening many of our members, and some precious souls were added who are taking an active part in our church services. Some have given their hearts to God since, and one added to the church by baptism. There are souls here eager to study the precious word, but they are so few in comparison to the thousands that throng the streets who do not care to hear God's word.

Our choir has been blessed with a fine leader, and it has proved a great blessing, both at the tent meetings and at the church.

We have some earnest young people. The Missionary Volunteer Society has a good start. We miss Brother and Sister Shaw very much, and regret that they felt obliged to leave us.

Our prayer meetings have increased in number. I believe there are four meetings held in different parts of town. Our regular church prayer meeting has a larger attendance, and more interest is manifested than a year ago.

Our Sabbath school is very interesting. It is a great blessing to us. We think our lessons have been very valuable, and anticipate a feast of good things in the lessons on the Life of Christ.

Elder Alway is doing a good work, and we all regret when he is obliged to leave us for a time, for we need him here. Yet we do not want to be selfish, for we know that other churches need him, too.

Brother Pinkerton has a burden for the paper work. He is now devoting all his time to it. I suppose eternity alone will reveal all the results of scattering our literature. Satan has not forgotten to tempt people in Pueblo, even in our church, but we are thankful that our God will never leave or forsake any who put their trust in Him. We were greatly pained to learn of the sad accident that caused the death of our dear Brother Rees, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family. ALICE FINCH.

Subscribe for the Echoes.

May 13 to June 6—Time of the General Conference.

Time is always of great value. Next to life, it is heaven's best gift, but the time covered by the above dates, though short, will record events in which all heaven will be intensely interested. The Lord Himself, with all the affairs of the universe to control, will be more interested in what takes place during this time of the General Conference in Washington, D. C., than in all matters pertaining to His kingdom, for this important gathering represents the special, rapidly closing work the Lord has committed to man in connection with the closing events of this world's history. If God notes the appointment of His people in the lesser gatherings, and commissions angels to be present to encourage, to strengthen, and to inspire His servants, is it not reasonable to expect that He will make special provisions for the gathering fraught with so much importance as the coming General Conference?

The Lord will certainly meet His people on this great occasion, and impart wisdom, skill and power to His Gideon's army of special messengers. There will be many things taking place in connection with this session of the General Conference that all of our people will need to know as early as possible. The General Conference realizing this, have provided a daily *Bulletin* which will contain a full report of all the proceedings of the session. The price has been fixed at only fifty cents for the entire meeting.

Churches should meet daily, either as a church, or in companies, and read, and study the *Bulletin* together, and most earnestly pray for God's messenger's assembled in Conference, that they may be imbued with the spirit of the message, clothed with strong faith, and endowed with pentecostal power. Those of our members who will have the *Bulletin* and study it daily will be imbued with the spirit of the Conference, and will be able to keep up with all advances made, and ready for active, acceptable service. No one who is expecting to keep up with this work from this time on should think of being without the *Bulletin*. Let all who have not done so order the *Bulletin* at once, sending the orders through the State Tract Society.

We are sending this issue of the Echoes to a large number of our brethren and sisters who are not now subscribers. We shall be pleased to receive their subscriptions for the Echoes.

Campion Homes.

Many inquiries have been made in the past: "Can I purchase a small tract of land at Campion, close to the school, where I might build a small house to live in while my children go to school?"

I am glad to announce to our people that we have 16 lots, 90 by 242 feet, which we can sell. These lots are about six times as large as ordinary town lots; are all under ditch, and have streets in front of them. They can be bought at \$150 to \$200 each, provided we can find 16 persons who wish to purchase.

There are certain building restrictions on these lots, as follows: No house can be built less than 14 by 24, weather boarded, shingle roof, small porch in front, stone foundation, neatly painted. All out-buildings are to be neat. Sheds or other buildings with straw roofs not permitted. These are the conditions upon which we were able to secure this land so we could offer it to our people.

I will state we have not yet purchased this land. The owner has given us an option on it, and time to see whether we could find 16 persons who desire to purchase. We only have a short time to settle this matter. Now, if there are any who desire land close to the school, let us hear from you at once. The plan is to make this a neat, clean community for our people to live in while sending their children to school. We have a plat of this land at Campion, and also one at this office. Call and see us or write.

If there is any profit on these lots it goes to help the school.

J. W. LAIR,

From a Little One.

Perhaps others of the ECHOES family would like to hear from one of the children, so I will write a few lines.

My name is the Swedish Missionary Society of Denver. I was born last October, so I am one of the youngest of the family, and perhaps one of the smallest; but I am healthy, and growing steadily, though slowly. I began this quarter with three new members, twenty-six in all.

All our members are united in love for each other, and in working for the spread of the message, and are doing all they can in different ways—distributing literature, looking after the sick and poor, and giving their means. Some have good success in selling papers. We ordered 1,000 copies of the *Temperance Instructor*, and we are also taking a club of 16 *Sions Vaktare*, the Swedish paper. We hold missionary meetings Sabbath after-

noon each week, in which different ones give Bible readings or some other reading. Every member pays tithe.

The work before us is great, but the Lord is our strength and help.

J. F. STENBERG, Secy.

How Will You Know?

It is very important that all our people in this Conference should know of the progress of the work in all parts of the world.

The General Conference will convene May 13-June 6. There will be a daily *Bulletin* published, giving the important features of the Conference.

You will want to know how the work is progressing in the fields abroad, and what our missionaries have to say about the work in the various fields. These facts, and many other important items, will be given from day to day.

Yes, there will be issues of the *Bulletin* of which one number will be worth fifty cents, the price for the entire session.

The *Bulletin* ought to be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, so that all may learn what is being done in every part of the world. No doubt many important changes will be made in the transfer of workers from one field to some other part of the world.

Let every church elder and librarian work to interest every Seventh-day Adventist family to take the *Bulletin*. Remember, the price is fifty cents for the entire time for a 16-40 page daily *Bulletin*. Send all orders to this office at once.

J. W. LAIR.

The Sign Plague.

The seven last plagues are, with one exception, events which come upon the world suddenly, giving no warning of their approach. There is, as stated, one exception. One of these plagues does give previous warning of its coming, and thus becomes a herald of the approach of the other six,—the sign plague, as it may properly be called.

The whole subject is taken up and is made the theme in a series of articles by Percy T. Magan, to be published in the *Watchman*, beginning with the May number. This will be the long promised series of articles on the Eastern Question.

These articles begin in the May number. They will continue throughout the year. The question is whether you can afford to miss these articles on this important theme of present truth, and everything else in twelve issues of the *Watchman*, for 75 cents.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Brother Bruce Shaw and wife have lately moved to Nebraska.

Do not neglect to order the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*.

After the General Conference is over, those who have not had the *Bulletin* will regret it.

"IF ALL OUR MEMBERS WERE JUST LIKE ME, WHAT KIND OF A SOCIETY WOULD OURS BE."

It is now time to order the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*. It will give daily reports of the Conference proceedings.

Brother J. Z. Walker, one of our Conference workers, has moved from Trinidad to Montier, Missouri. He writes us they find a needy field there.

We just received word that Elder and Mrs. Wightman are in central Missouri, working just as enthusiastically as ever in the interests of Civil and Religious Liberty.

No Seventh-day Adventist who desires to keep in close touch with the advancement of our special work can afford to be without the General Conference *Daily Bulletin*.

Elder Lair is now making an extended trip in the southern part of our Conference. He has visited Trinidad, Alamosa, Monte Vista, Salida and other churches and companies along that route.

Why not order all papers, books, etc., through your librarian? Is not that what you elected her for? She will gladly do it, and it will often save you some work and postage, as she is writing us nearly every week anyway.

We are pleased to note, since running the article in the ECHOES on the question of diet, that many prominent writers are taking a strong position in favor of less flesh foods as a part of our diet. They say that our system does not need it, and that it is positively injurious to us.

Many of our readers will be surprised to learn of the untimely death of Elder J. M. Rees, as given in last week's *Review*. Elder Rees was once president of the Colorado Conference, and had a large number of warm friends in Colorado. The ECHOES extends a hearty sympathy to his family in their sorrow. Yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

In a letter from Brother L. B. Schick, who is now canvassing near Hamilton, Missouri, we learn that while he was de-

livering books the other day, the horse which he was riding became frightened, threw him, and then stepped on him with both feet, tearing his overcoat, undercoat and shirt. When he wrote he said he did not know just how badly he was hurt, but was thankful that it was no worse. Our ECHOES readers will remember Brother Schick as one of our former bookmen.

Reporting.

Let all the Missionary Volunteer secretaries be sure to report to their church librarian, as well as to the Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. Read Note 1 on the society report blank. Do not fear that this will duplicate reports. We know how to handle them here in the office.

RALPH EMERY.

Obituaries.

Died, at her home in Greeley, Colorado, March 16, 1909, of appendicitis, Vona May Rambo, oldest daughter of Mrs. Jacob Lutes. Vona was 11 years and 6 days old, and was a sweet, lovable and helpful girl in the home. She will be greatly missed. Elder Watson Zeigler conducted the funeral service, which was held at the Seventh-day Adventist church.

R. E. HAY.

Ross Cuney, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cuney, died of pneumonia in Vernon, Colorado, March 30, aged 16 months and 14 days. The funeral was held at the home in Vernon, and little Ross was laid to rest in the cemetery at Wray. We pointed the bereaved to Jesus weeping at the tomb of Lazarus, and spoke of our hope because of the resurrection morning so soon to dawn.

W. D. EMERY.

Died, at Florence, Colorado, March 31, Sister Abigail A. Jones, aged 84 years. Sister Jones was born in Nicaragua County, New York. While but a youth, she, with her parents, moved to Michigan, where they lived until she was married to Mr. Crippen. The result of this union was two sons, who survive her. Her husband dying, she was married again to a Mr. Cutler, and he dying, she was married to Mr. Jones, whom she survived several years. While young, she became a member of the Christian church and was a consistent member of that body until twelve years ago, when she was privileged to hear present truth under the preaching of Elder E. T. Russell.

Since that time she has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. She fell asleep with the assurance that her Redeemer was soon coming to awake His sleeping children. Services were held at the home of her son, Mr. Crippen, and words of comfort from Psalms 90:10 were spoken by the writer to a large concourse of people.

GEORGE M. ALWAY.

A New Feature.

A Religious Liberty Department will appear in the May *Signs Monthly* and be a permanent feature thereafter. This will be good news to our many friends. The Current Events, Prophetic, Missions, Temperance, Bible Readings, Home, and first mentioned Department will give our people a well balanced monthly magazine covering every point of God's truth. A better means of getting this truth before the people would be hard to find.

Important Articles.

Besides the articles by Professor Rine on Spiritualism which will begin April 14 in the *Signs of the Times* (weekly); besides a very interesting series of articles from Professor Howell on "The Bible in Greece," giving one a wonderful knowledge of that country and people; besides nearly a score of very excellent articles from Mrs. E. G. White, we have just received six special ones from her pen:

"God in Nature," two articles.

"A Personal God."

"God is Our Father," two articles.

"Christian Growth."

These are articles of specially striking interest, touching upon one of the great mooted questions of the present day: Is God in Nature? What has He to do with it? Are Nature's laws God's laws? Can we obtain a complete revelation of God in Nature? These things are clearly set forth in these articles by Mrs. White. This special series that we have named will begin the first issue in May. They ought to be read by all.

Besides these there will be splendid practical articles on Christian godliness from her pen every week.

Do you know how many churches there are in our Conference, the amount of tithe paid last quarter, as well as Sabbath school donations? Those who are subscribers for the Echoes get this information regularly.