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GO WORK.

Go work today in my vineyard,
 The Master is saying to-day;
 The sheaves are ripe and ungathered,
 Whatsoever is right I will pay.
 Go work today in my vineyard;
 No servant can idly stand by.
 While around him in darkness and error
 His fellow-men suffer and die.

Go work today in my vineyard;
 A service twice blessed and sweet,
 Though darkness may shadow thy pathway,
 The joy at the end is complete.
 Go work today in my vineyard;
 The strength that is daily your need
 His love will supply in its fullness
 As you on his word daily feed.

—E. E. Farnsworth.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer will be observed December 12-19. I hope all the laborers in the Central Union Conference will do their utmost to make this a profitable occasion to all our people. I hope also that all church elders will lay aside their own work, and devote their energies toward making this season a time of refreshing for the people of God.

The great day of God is nigh and hasteth greatly. At the longest it can be but a little while before our last prayer season will have been

reached. This being the case, should we not heed the admonition of the apostle, "Not forgetting the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

We are on the verge of the time of trouble spoken of by Daniel, "such as there never was since there was a nation." This is evident from the fact that the nations are fast preparing for that conflict termed "Armageddon." The controversy between the rich and the poor is becoming more and more bitter year by year, and it seems as though it can only be a question of a short time before they will be engaged in a bloody struggle. Satan is preparing all his forces. He is working in the ranks of the people, introducing his doctrines and sophistries to divert the minds of this people from the truth. He is also working among the great religious bodies in Christendom, and everything seems to indicate that the different denominations will be ready for a union in the near future on principles that will be contrary to the law of God, such a union as will tend to bring this people into distressing circumstances.

The National Reformers have been laboring most earnestly of late, and their influence is being felt throughout the land. In fact their influence is so great at our nation's capitol, that the great advocate of compulsory Sunday laws, W. F. Crafts, declares that their literature has been handed over to the government officials, and sent out at government expense.

While Satan is so actively engaged,

marshaling his forces, a divine energy ought to rest upon this people which will nerve them for the conflict, and strengthen them so that they will not rest satisfied until their efforts to place the light of present truth before the world shall be crowned with final victory.

I hope that the coming prayer season may prove a pentecostal blessing to all connected with this body. But in order for it to do so, this people must seek God as Israel sought the Lord on the great day of atonement.

E. T. Russell.

HOLDING THE ROPES.

As one with Christ, we are called to share in his work till it closes. The calls will come thicker and faster from this time on; but as we catch his highest thought for this dark world, to answer these appeals will be our chief pleasure.

The preaching of this gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness in this generation will not be performed in any miraculous manner. But as God's servants, in the strength of that "Lo, I am with you," go to every part of the world with this gospel message, souls will be converted.

We who remain at home are to bear just as active a part in this work as the few who go to the front. We are to share in the joys and in the sacrifices of such service; joy when souls accept the precious Saviour and sacrifice that nothing may hinder the onward progress of the message.

When William Carey, the Father of Modern Missions, had been able to enthruse a few friends with a sense of the great need of the world, and a

society had been organized, he was the first one to volunteer for service. The secretary spoke of India in her need as a gold mine, as deep as the center of the earth, and asked who would venture to explore it. "I will venture to go down," was the instant reply of Carey, "but remember that you must hold the ropes."

And this must be done until the work closes. The work of the few who are called to venture down into the dark mine of heathenism and sin would soon be thwarted, if we at home failed to hold the ropes. And dare we believe in this closing hour that God requires greater sacrifice from those who leave the home land to do personal service in the field than from those who remain behind to supply their needs?

Besides our weekly offerings, larger gifts are called for at this crisis in our work. Although the offerings of 1902 were larger than those of any previous year, the appropriations alone for 1903 reached that amount, with nothing left for aggressive work.

Unless the offerings for November and December exceed those of the same months of any previous year, we shall not be able to pay our appropriations for the year 1903. What are we to do, brethren and sisters? Will we allow the cause of God to languish in these, the closing days of the conflict? If each one will make an effort to increase his own offering just a little, even though it may mean some sacrifice, and those who have not given will close the year with a good thank-offering, we believe the funds needed for this year will be received. Will we not rise to this emergency, and in the strength of our Leader, place his work on vantage ground?

Estella Houser.

FIELD REPORTS.

FRUITA.

I am glad to report that the company at Fruta are rejoicing in the blessed hope, and the glad anticipation of a soon coming Saviour.

We long for the deliverance of the church, and for more of a missionary spirit to herald the message to others. Oh, for an awakening of our people all along the line! An ear to hear, an eye to see, and a will to conform to his bidding is my greatest desire.

May the coming week of prayer redound to His glory by breaking up the fallow ground. May God's own means flow back into His treasury freely that those who are waiting may go and carry the message of life to the people who are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death. Oh, for a new consecration!

Mrs. E. M. Knox.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Since our good camp-meeting I have been out among the churches and workers. I had the privilege of spending a few hours with Elder Spring and wife in looking over the work in Glenwood Springs. The new church building was in a fair way to be completed and the courage of the company at that place was good. The work at Palisades is onward, and a new church house is being erected. An earnest company has been organized at this place.

At Grand Junction some good, faithful work is needed. I enjoyed my stay at Delta very much, and we had some good meetings with the few who attended. I spent two days with the workers at Ouray. While the work there is just being started, and is being carried on with some difficulty, yet I have hopes that the truth will be established there. One evening was spent with the Montrose church, and I am sure some good was accomplished. Brother Hartman's sanitarium is in a prosperous condition. God's good truth is the rule of the place. I was glad to meet with the church at Cedaredge. This company is struggling to erect a church house. May God bless them in their work. Elder States is doing all he can to assist them. November 13-15 were spent with the church at Ft. Morgan. We spoke in the court house each evening to a company of interested listeners, and during the day we met with the members of the church. Some time was spent in looking over the field in and around Wray. I see no reason why a good work cannot be done at both places. We had a most excellent time at Wray; I hope Elder States will soon locate at this place, as arrangements have been made for him to move there. Elder Auferhar will look after the work at Ft. Morgan, Atwood and Sterling.

The work in Denver and Boulder is onward. My soul was made to rejoice

while in Boulder, to see how earnestly the church took hold of the Signs work. May the blessing of a kind Father rest upon our dear conference to the up-building of His own kingdom.

G. F. Watson.

OUR SPANISH WORK.

As the result of earnest pleas from our Spanish workers, and in consultation with the president of the conference, we have decided to open a fund for the purpose of providing literature in the Spanish language for the Spanish workers in this conference.

In proportion to the money expended the work among the Spanish speaking people during the past two years has resulted in bringing more into the present truth than among English speaking people. We have but few Spanish workers, and some of these are working without any pay whatever and are unable to provide the literature that is needed to successfully carry on the work. We have two excellent Spanish papers published in Mexico especially adapted to pioneer missionary work and filled with present truth. They are monthly papers and only cost ten and thirty-five cents each per year. A few dollars would furnish a club for these workers. Then we have several tracts and small books which would be eagerly read could they be placed before them. Elder Watson has visited our Spanish churches, and finds them earnest, consecrated, Christian workers, and in every way worthy of our confidence and assistance. Surely a people bound about by Romish superstitions, yet eagerly grasping for the light of real truth, should appeal to our generosity. How many will respond to this appeal by sending one dollar or more to this fund? Those who cannot send this much can at least send ten cents and this will furnish one paper for a year. Who will help?

E. E. Farnsworth.

CONFERENCE DIVISION.

For many years there has been a desire on the part of some for a division of the Colorado conference. In order to determine this matter it was decided at our last conference session to take a vote of all the churches on the Western Slope. This has been done, and we give the results just as

they came to us. Those voting unanimously for division are as follows: Delta, Cedaredge, Grand Junction, Fruita, Paonia and Crawford. The following churches voted unanimously in favor of having the conference remain as it is: Pitkin, Aspen, Glenwood Springs, Meeker, Farmington, Durango and Ouray. The following churches were divided: Uncompahgre, thirteen for division, and one opposed, neutral, six. Palisades, seventeen for division, two opposed. A few churches have not reported, but we thought we would not wait longer.

I pray that none may draw back because of their disappointment, but that all will work together for the advancement of the precious cause of God in Colorado. The work is one, and God's true people are one. The work throughout the conference is onward, a good spirit is being manifested, and a willingness to work is seen everywhere for which we thank the dear Lord. Be of good cheer.

G. F. Watson.

HOLIDAY EDITIONS OF THE GERMAN, SWEDISH, AND DANISH PAPERS.

There are to be holiday editions of the German, Swedish, and Danish papers published at College View, Nebraska. These "specials" will contain twenty-four pages and cover, and will be beautifully illustrated. Such topics as the Signs of the Times, Eastern Question, Second Coming of Christ, Labor and Capital, the Third Angel's Message, and others of equal interest will be considered.

The publishers of the *Signs of the Times* have reduced the beautiful and impressive illustration which they are using in the special Labor and Capital number, for each of these foreign issues. This adds greatly to their attractiveness and will enable those who are working with the *Signs of the Times* to easily circulate these papers, for the illustration will show that they are somewhat similar.

Are there not many of our readers who know of those in their vicinity who speak these languages? If so, would it not be well to order enough copies to supply each of them?

And then there is another phase of the question which demands our attention. In the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Cincinnati

and Chicago there are more than four million Germans, Swedes and Danes. There are workers who would gladly carry these truth-filled papers to the people if the papers were furnished them. They cannot afford to purchase them themselves. However, donations for this purpose are being received by the International Publishing Company, College View, Nebraska. The price will be three cents each where ten or more are ordered at one time. Fifteen thousand copies of each paper can be used judiciously.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE

An account of an experience reached us recently from one of our larger churches which we consider worth passing on. When the plan for collecting the missionary offerings weekly by means of the little envelope, was being inaugurated, this church did not adopt it. But as the matter was continually agitated, they saw that they must either give the suggestion a trial, or place themselves upon record as opposed to it. The church officers decided to try it. The church became interested, and took hold with a will. The first Sabbath that the envelopes were used, eighty-four were returned, and the next Sabbath, one hundred and sixty-nine. In the two Sabbaths more than an average of ten cents per individual was donated; for the offering amounted to over forty-seven dollars and the elder wrote that by far the largest part of that amount would never have been given for missions, had not the envelopes been used.

Others are having similar experiences. The Lord in His loving kindness has committed to us a great work—not that He needs us to save the world, but that we need to work that our own salvation may be assured.

A weekly remembrance of the needs of the field seems a small matter and yet if every Seventh-day Adventist will take hold with a determination to support this work in the regions beyond, the needs of our present force of laborers will be supplied, new recruits can be placed at the front, and we can quickly surround the old earth with the last message of mercy. Shall we do it?

Mission Board.

YOUR PLEDGES.

We are reminded that we borrowed \$300.00 last year, without interest, to finish paying our last note on the conference debt. We could not have done this had it not been for your pledges. The party to whom we owed the money was in great need of it, and we could get the money, as above stated, but the time is almost here when we must meet our loan. Now if those who made pledges almost one year ago, and have not yet paid them, will send in these amounts we will be able to meet this obligation. This is only a kind reminder.

G. F. Watson.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Brother Sidney Hartman of Montrose, is visiting friends in the city this week.

Geo. W. Farnsworth, of Union, Iowa, has been visiting relatives in Colorado. He will remain several weeks in this State.

The Idaho Springs church reports an interesting missionary convention, and all enjoyed the good readings and the attendant blessing of God.

Elder S. F. Svensson has started a series of meetings in Golden in the Y. M. C. A. hall. The little company there have been much in need of help, and we trust this will result in additions to their number.

Four new churches are in course of construction on the Western Slope. Those at Montrose and Glenwood Springs are nearly completed, and Palisades and Cedaredge are pushing theirs as rapidly as possible.

We are in receipt of the announcement of the marriage at Cedaredge, Colo., of Miss Anna Wiley and Mr. Chas. States. Their many friends will unite in wishing them much joy, and a life of usefulness in the Master's service.

Elder G. F. Watson and Elder Richards spent Sabbath, November 28, with the Boulder church. The forenoon service was devoted to the work of the Capital and Labor number of the *Signs*. The question of working the surrounding towns, including the coal camps on the east and mountain towns on the west, was presented, and although the church had already

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subscribed for over two thousand copies, they took hold of the work with enthusiasm, and in a few minutes had increased their orders to four thousand; one thousand of these to be used in Leadville and Telluride.

Last Sabbath, after a good sermon by Elder Watson on the present issue before us, the Denver church subscribed for another thousand of the special **Signs**. This makes nearly four thousand four hundred for Denver.

Brother G. M. Alway is engaged in a series of meetings seven miles south-east of Rocky Ford. He reports a good attendance and good interest on the part of many. The new Sabbath-school at Rocky Ford is growing in numbers and interest.

Notice is given of the removal of the headquarters of the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference, from Minneapolis, Minn., to 222 N. Capitol St. Washington, D. C. This will bring all parts of the work into closer touch with each other.

Brother W. E. Huffman has located at Center, Colo., and will canvass the surrounding territory. In a recent letter he says that in his work the past few days he has sold one or more of our books in every house that he visited. Our books can be sold.

Brother G. Phillips is meeting with many interesting experiences in visiting the editors of Denver with the special **Signs**. When through with these he will visit the doctors and lawyers and other professional men. We believe a good work will be done in this way.

To those who will agree to spend some time each week in the sale of the **Signs of the Times**, will be furnished, free of charge, a ribbon badge, containing the words, "Signs of the Times." Send your address to the Pacific Press Publishing Co., Oakland, California.

Brother and Sister Farnsworth of Denver, spent a pleasant Thanksgiving with friends in Boulder, remaining over Sabbath. They enjoyed a reunion of many members of the family, and the occasion was one long to be remembered. Original poems were contributed by all in which many family reminiscences were related.

November 3rd, Brother N. F. House and Sister Mary Layton were united in marriage, Elder H. A. Aufderhar officiating. Brother and Sister House have been engaged in the canvassing work the past summer at Greeley, and will continue in the same work in the Nebraska conference the coming winter. **Echoes** extends congratulations.

The Canon City Sabbath-school has organized for active missionary work. Two weeks ago they organized a Sunday-school at Chandler, of 43 members, seven miles out. They have ordered a good supply of Little Friends and Instructors, and as a church are awake to the importance of doing something for those around them.

These are busy days at our office in Oakland. Four cylinder presses, besides the large perfecting press, are constantly at work on the Capital and Labor number of the **Signs of the Times**, and the whir of machinery can be heard from early morning till late at night. Running at the rate of 25,000 per day, it will take forty days to print 1,000,000 copies.

The librarian of the Palisades church writes as follows: "A tract and missionary society was recently organized at Palisades, and although new in the work, we desire to do our part in carrying the truth to those around us. We are planning to carry on a vigorous campaign this winter with tracts and papers. We have five hundred special **Signs** to start with. Pray for the work here."

We are made glad by the excellent tract orders that are coming in, for this indicates a desire to work. One day's mail recently brought us orders from three different churches for nearly three thousand tracts. May this provoke others to love and good works. These silent messengers of truth will continue to breathe out the truth long after the one who gave it may have passed to other fields. Scatter the tracts.

From a report of the Meeker convention: "The readings prepared were used, with appropriate remarks by different ones. All seemed willing to take part in the discussion, and, more than this, to do what they could in the canvassing work. Fifty of the special **Signs** were ordered, and a spe-

cial effort will be made in Meeker as the result of the convention. May the Lord bless the work, not only here, but all over the harvest field."

The librarian of the Pueblo church writes the following encouraging letter: "We have received 500 of the special **Signs**. I hope the other 650 ordered will soon arrive as the 500 did not go around to those who wanted to work, and we want to 'strike while the iron is hot.' There are labor meetings being held in Pueblo, and while the people are being stirred on these questions is the time we want to work. We may want more of the **Signs** yet. I never saw the church so willing to work as now. Pray for the work here."

What are you doing in circulating the Capital and Labor number of the **Signs**? Our churches are doing nobly in this work, but some are doing but little compared to the needs of the work. So far about 17,000 copies have been ordered through the Tract Society, and orders are still coming in. Shall we not hear from some churches who have not ordered? Some have probably ordered direct from the **Signs** office so we have no record of this. We are grateful for the work that is being done, and are sure much good will result from the effort.

OBITUARY.

Died, at Hygiene, Nov. 24, 1903, Milo William Gibbs, son of Brother and Sister Gibbs, aged 3 years, 3 months and 4 days. Although it is with sorrowing hearts that they are thus called the second time in less than a year to lay away another of their children, yet they are not left without comfort, but are sustained by the promises of the Saviour. A short time before his death he said to his mother: "We shall all sing with Jesus by and by." Services were conducted by the writer.

W. F. Hills.

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK

For four weeks ending December 4, 1903.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
Daniel and Revelation,				
S. E. Jennings.....	50	14	\$42.25	\$9.50
R. M. Dennis.....	86	12	19.75	22.25
Great Controversy,				
G. Phillips.....	24	51	15.50	
Patriarchs and Prophets,				
John Lee.....	59	4	11.25	5.25
Miscellaneous,				
J. W. Blackstone.....	30	12	8.75	
W. H. Moore.....		5	8.50	
G. S. Vreeland.....	38	3	15.75	
W. R. Stevens.....	11	25	30.25	
*Roberts & Brown...		114	233.00	
TOTALS.....	189	196	\$383.80	\$37.00

DELIVERIES.

	Books	Value.
G. S. Vreeland.....		35.00
*Roberts & Brown.....	83	181.00
R. M. Dennis.....	3	6.75
TOTALS.....	86	\$222.75

* Two months.