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GENERAL ARTICLES.

HAVE WE REACHED A CRISIS?

Who among us has not watched the labor agitations, the long and fiercely contested strikes, followed by military domination in Colorado with almost bated breath? Who has not taken notice of the deadly intensity of the opposing factions? In some of the fearful outbreaks that have occurred property has been destroyed and human lives have been sacrificed with a recklessness that is appalling. We have emerged from one deadly strife only to be plunged into another more fierce and more terrible than the one which preceded it. For months military rule has prevailed in some parts of Colorado. The spirit of lawlessness and anarchy which has characterized the strikers and agitators has been duplicated by the Citizens' Alliance and by the military. Crime and disaster meet us on every hand, in our daily walks of life until we have grown so familiar with them that they no longer terrify us as they once did. The military power of our State is only able to restrain these turbulent elements from still more des-

perate acts of crime and violence by sheer force.

From this long reign of unrest, of uncertainty and of disquietude we find Colorado in a state of financial and industrial depression from which it will not soon recover. Men's hearts are "Failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." These terrible things which are transpiring all about us, at our very doors, mean something, and it is well for us to know what they do mean. Are they not the mutterings of the fearful storm soon to break upon us? And are we ready for it? Have we finished the work God has given us to do? Is our condition that which will make it possible to finish this work? Are there no more souls in our midst for whom we must labor, souls whom we should lead to the dear Saviour who died to redeem them? These are questions which must be answered by every child of God. Surely we are in the midst of times so fraught with peril and disaster that even the casual observer must ask himself the question, "What do these things mean?" There is but one answer; it is the beginning of the end, and God has given to this people the answer to carry to the world. Are we taking it to them so faithfully that all shall have it?

Instead of uniting our energies and our interests, of concentrating our all in the one object of soul-saving, have we not been torn and divided and weakened by dissensions, and differences, and bickerings, and criticisms that have robbed us of the power of God, and left us weak and defenceless in the presence of our great Adversary, with our own and other hearts almost crushed? How true, we rarely know "How our mistakes hurt other hearts until some random blow has well-nigh crushed our own."

It is the purpose of God that this peo-

ple should be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, and that his glory should be seen upon us; that "Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." As never before in all our lives we should put on the whole armor of God and go out to labor for souls as they that must give an account.

This is the time when we should use every means within our reach to place the truth before the people. It is the time when our *Signs* clubs should be doubled instead of discontinued. We should labor earnestly through a systematic, organized effort to place this paper with its clear-cut messages of truth for this very time into every home. This is the time when we should be scattering our tracts "like the autumn leaves." Is it not high time that we should awake out of sleep and *live* the message, and *carry* the message to a perishing world, knowing that soon the night will come when no man can work.

A crisis is upon us and upon the world. How shall we meet it? Are we, as individuals and as churches, drawing closer to the Lord? Are our hearts being knitted together in tender love and sympathy so close that when one member suffers all suffer with it? Are we united in and for the work of God for these last days, planning for more consecrated, more aggressive service for the Master? If not, we are asleep in this time of peril when we have been commanded to watch. May we not hope that now, without delay in every part of our Conference we shall arouse to the sense of danger and work systematically to place the truth before every individual. What think you, brethren and sisters, have we reached a crisis? May God help us to be filled with his Spirit, his love, his tender mercy, his compassion, and then to do the work he has so long been waiting for us to do.

Bertie Herrell.

FIELD REPORTS.

IDAHO SPRINGS.

We are glad to report that success has, to some degree, crowned our work at this place. Sunday, the 19th, four dear souls followed their Saviour in baptism. It was a solemn and impressive scene. The baptism took place in Chicago River, four miles from the city. It was one of the most beautiful and picturesque places we have seen for a long time.

Others have commenced keeping the Sabbath who are preparing for baptism. We thank the Lord for his goodness to the children of men.

S. F. Svensson.

DENVER.

Our large fifty-foot round tent is now pitched in South Denver, corner of So. Logan Ave. and Center St. Our meetings began Sunday evening, June 19, with almost two hundred people present. Our attendance has been good all the week. The interest is increasing each night. We feel very much encouraged with the outlook, and prospects for a number to take hold of the truth with us. The Lord is blessing the meetings. Elder States is with us and assists in the work and meetings. The church choir give us good music also.

G. W. Anglebarger.

NEW MEXICO.

Our brethren at Estancia, with the assistance of their neighbors, have built a small house to be used for church school and meetings. I have just closed a series of meetings in this building with good results. Our people here have been doing faithful work with tracts and papers and there is still a good interest to hear the Word. Several have begun to keep the Sabbath. These with their children have increased the Sabbath-school from fifteen to thirty-five.

We hope to organize a church here soon. I spent a few days at Albuquerque the first of the month and baptized one sister. At present, I am at Alamogordo assisting brother and sister Warfle in a tent meeting. Last night, the second evening, the tent was well filled. Pray for the work here.

H. L. Hoover.

GRAND JUNCTION AND PALISADE

We acknowledge with gratitude the goodness and blessing of God to his people here. Sabbath, June 18, was a

season for joy and thanksgiving, more particularly to those who are specially interested in our dear youth and children. On that day after an earnest discourse by Bro. Rippey we baptized nine precious souls at Palisade, eight of whom were youth and children, consecrating their lives to the Master's service.

May the dear Lord help those who are more experienced to shield these from the fierce attacks of the enemy by their prayers, their love and sympathy and by consistent, sanctified lives.

The interest, we believe, is increasing, rather than diminishing, at that place.

Grand Junction is not an easy place to work but we see some encouraging prospects and hope with God's blessing to see precious souls saved.

God's faithful ones here are doing what they can to hold up the light. Please pray for us and the work here.

Meade McGuire.

DEDICATION OF THE PUEBLO CHURCH.

Sabbath and Sunday, June 18 and 19, were spent at Pueblo. We were made glad to find such a neat, well arranged house of worship all ready to be given to the Master free of debt.

Sunday evening, June 19, at 8 p. m., this house was dedicated. Dr. Hills was present and rendered much help in the service. I do not know that I ever met with the church at Pueblo when a better spirit was manifest than at this time, notwithstanding the loss of their house by fire, and the hard work and sacrifice that it took on the part of each member to replace it, all were of good cheer, and were full of hope in the last great work on earth. May the father of all bless the dear church at Pueblo.

I am now with the tent company at Parachute. This meeting is well attended by the people of the place and the country around, and we hope that much good will be done. Elders Richards and Spring, with their wives, are visiting the people far and near, and good reports are brought to the camp on each return. The people are kind, and many are thoughtful.

May God have his way in all our hearts.

G. F. Watson.

TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL.

On June 17, several of us came to Atchison to prepare for the opening of the school on the 21st. Only one rooming house had been secured. We all feel sure that the Lord especially guided us and gave us favors in securing excel-

lent buildings, both for homes and school purposes. Not only are we in the very best part of Atchison, but our two homes are within a block of the school building, and are of such a character as to recommend our work to the people of the community. Our family now numbers over forty, and we expect at least sixty. Our class work is now well arranged, and all are hard at work.

Next week a large seventy-foot tent will be pitched in this part of the city, and an earnest organized effort will be made for the people of the city. Our teachers begin today to distribute the Family Bible Teacher, and will all spend a short time each day doing regular work in connection with the tent effort, thus gaining a practical experience which they can impart to others as they go to their schools this fall. The outlook before us is encouraging, and we see plenty of hard work before us.

Our students from Colorado are as yet few. Miss Lilah States of Boulder, Miss Edith Barnes of Littleton and Miss Alice Brown of Monte Vista being the only ones here. Some others are expected. I feel very sorry for our small representation, but I know the distance is great.

Two applications for schools from Colorado came this week. This is good, but I am hoping for more.

The weather here is quite warm compared with the mountains of Colorado, and I notice it accordingly.

I shall be very much pleased to hear from many on matters pertaining to the canvassing, educational and young people's work, as well as personal letters at Angelo House, Atchison, Kansas.

E. E. Farnsworth.

DON'T SNEER.

We pray you not to get into the habit of sneering. You may indulge this tendency until it utterly destroys the spirit of Christian gentleness and kindness in your hearts. Your neighbors are full of faults, to be sure; your fellow-Christians fail to come up to the standard of their professions, it is true. But are these good reasons why you should become sour, censorious and malignant? suppose that God should judge you as rigorously as you judge other people? In that event, where would you stand? Be forbearing, be magnanimous, be Christ-like. Remember that it is not easy to reach the highest levels of conduct, and do not expect of others what you fail to do in your own life.—Selected.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

THE TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Paper Read by Mrs. Minnie MacGuire at the Sabbath-School Convention Held at Palisade, Colo., April 23, 1904.

(Concluded.)

The Bible is a wonderful storehouse and is full of interesting anecdotes and stories which may often be woven into the lessons as illustrations, if the interest seems to be abating. Christ was the model teacher, and he was continually giving object lessons and illustrating in various ways the truths he would impress upon hearts. Every available help should be used in preparing the lesson so it may be clear to all.

The great object of Sabbath-school work is the salvation of souls, and the faithful work of a consecrated teacher will be the means, in the hands of God, of turning many to righteousness.

Far greater results would be seen and many more be converted if teachers would make a practice of going before the Lord every day and pleading for his blessings to rest upon the different members of their classes, asking that strength be given them to overcome temptations, and that the Holy Spirit might lead each one to give himself to the Saviour.

The work of the teacher neither begins nor ends with the Sabbath-school hour. It lasts throughout the entire week. It is absolutely necessary for the teacher to become acquainted with every member of the class, to study their characters, and so be able to "Speak a word in due season to them that are weary." Meet with the students often, pray with them, encourage them to speak freely with you on religious subjects, never rest until all are truly converted and are new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Not long since, a young lady told me about her Sabbath-school teacher; how kind and devoted she seemed; how she longed for her teacher to ask her to yield herself to the Lord and be a Christian; but, alas! she looked and longed in vain. No words of loving counsel or entreaty were spoken, and she drifted away from her teacher and away from God. What a fearful record some of us will have to meet, and how great will be our confusion when God shall say to us in that last great day, "Where is thy flock, thy beautiful flock which I have given thee?"

If a pupil is absent, the teacher should

call on him during the week. It may be he is discouraged about his lesson. A few moments spent in explaining the difficult questions to him will be greatly appreciated, for a "Word spoken in due season, how good it is."

Don't preach to your scholars, but seek to draw out their minds and encourage them to talk about the lesson. See that you do not follow the example of a minister who preached for some time, and at the close a little girl was questioned as to what he had said. "Well," she replied, "he said, and said, and said—he did not say anything." Make every point plain and clear, and see that every scholar is firmly established in the third angel's message.

Only a few years have passed since there occurred near my home a fearful railroad wreck. About forty persons were killed in the collision and the fire which immediately followed. In the confusion and distress which was on every hand, with the dying and dead all around her was one woman devoted to her work as teacher. She knew her life's work was ended—only a few moments ere she would be burned, as she was partially crushed and held securely by fallen timbers. Her last words told the story of her love as a teacher. She said: "I am a Sunday-school teacher in New York. I have a class of girls. They will miss me. Write at once and tell them what keeps me from meeting with them." Then she died, no doubt, praying for her class of girls.

Oh, that the Lord would give every teacher such a burden for souls as that devoted woman had. Then would we see sinners converted and children trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The coming of the Lord draweth near. It is near and hasteth greatly. "Only a little time" remains in which to prepare to meet him. Have we been faithful as teachers? Have we had a realizing sense of our duty in this branch of the Lord's work?

May the Lord fill our hearts with greater zeal and earnestness, and fulfil to every teacher the comforting promise, "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Pearl C. Howlet, who is canvassing at Ft. Collins, writes: "I am not discouraged at all, though Satan seems to be on our track. I have had some good experiences this week, and the blessing of God has been added to my work; by his grace I mean to conquer."

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS.

Our brethren in Keene, Texas, have had such splendid success in the use of the little offering envelopes that we are constrained to pass the good word along. The secretary writes:

"There can be no great success achieved in any line without diligent, persevering effort. This is as true in the work of the Lord as in worldly business. People are so apt to want to see great results at once, and forget that oftentimes great results are due to persevering efforts in small things. The Keene church is now realizing this in their offerings to missions.

For last quarter the report of first-day offerings showed only \$2.75 for the entire quarter. At the quarterly meeting it was decided by vote of the church to take up the envelope plan of collecting the weekly offerings. We have now taken six offerings amounting to \$37.50, besides several other offerings for different purposes. This is at the rate of over \$80 a quarter, or \$325 a year.

We hope to be faithful in this matter through the year, and thus add hundreds of dollars to the fund for carrying the gospel to other lands."

We know there are still some churches that have not adopted this simple plan. We urge you to give it a trial. It will not only increase your gifts to missions, but it will bring a blessing to your own souls, and a revival into your midst. It means the providing of means to do the work that will hasten the return of our Lord.

Estella Houser.

THE UNION COLLEGE YEAR BOOK.

The Union College Year Book will soon be ready. It will contain the usual information concerning facilities, plan of work, courses of study, expenses, etc., which will be of interest to those who think of attending school the coming year.

Union College is the only school in the denomination which still offers courses leading to degrees. Many will want to see what these courses are. Let all who wish copies of the new Year Book address at once the President of Union College, College View, Neb.

DONATIONS TO CAMP-MEETING FUND

Previously reported.....	\$11 00
Roy Williams.....	1 00
Wm. ".....	60
Ethel ".....	1 00
G. R. ".....	50
Mary ".....	50
Total.....	\$14 60

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Do not forget the midsummer offering, Sabbath, July 2.

Sister Lightner of Pueblo is spending a few weeks in Denver.

Remember the collection for our camp-meeting fund, Sabbath, July 9th.

Elder F. M. Wilcox and wife were in Denver a couple of days last week.

Miss Lilah States left Boulder last week for the summer school at Atchison, Kas.

Miss Nellie Horner went to Leadville last Monday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Clemmy.

The tent meetings in Denver opened encouragingly and continue with a good attendance.

Ben Barnes and Walter Clayville of Littleton started to the World's Fair on the 25th inst.

Elder Svensson and wife are located in East Denver where they expect to push the work until camp-meeting.

Sister Voris of La Veta stopped for a short visit in Denver last week on her way to the sanitarium at Boulder.

Dr. Washburn of the Place Sanitarium came to Denver last Thursday to meet his wife, who has been visiting in Iowa.

The foundation for the large church and industrial school at Palisade is completed and building will be commenced soon.

Elder Mackintosh expects to pitch a tent at Del Norte, Colo., early in July. He says the work is going nicely in his district.

We learn that Sister Richards has joined her husband at Parachute, Colo., where he and Elder Spring are holding a tent meeting.

Dr. Hills and wife spent Sabbath, June 18th, with the East Denver company. Sister Hills remained in the city several days visiting friends.

Elder Watson and wife attended the commencement exercises of the Colorado Sanitarium nurses' training school, Tuesday evening, June 14th.

Emma Jennings, canvassing at Ft. Collins, says, "Though I meet dark places I am not discouraged, and I still hope for better success. Remember us and our work in your prayers."

The Pacific Health Journal is to be published under the name of *Life and Health*, by the *Review and Herald Pub. Co.*, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Judge Holbrook and daughters of Alamosa, Colo., have been visiting Mrs. Holbrook's parents near Denver. Her father has been very ill.

Elder States and wife came to Denver last week to assist Elder Anglebarger in the tent meetings. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dr. States who will remain with them for a while.

Will those who wish to send donations to Washington please send through the Conference treasurer at Denver that we may know what our conference is doing. Do not forward your donation direct to Washington.

John K. Lane, who is canvassing at Rocky Ford, writes as follows: "I am rejoicing in the goodness of God. It seems to me we should work as never before for the precious message. Pray for the work at Rocky Ford."

Brother Einarson writes that he would be glad to receive clean copies of Norwegian literature to use in missionary work. If any of the friends desire to supply this call, send the same to O. Einarson, Kong Oscar's Gade 43, Bergen, Norway.

Our camp-meeting will be held Aug. 18-28 at Longmont, Colo. We hope our churches will elect their delegates and send in the names as soon as possible so that we may have a complete list arranged before going to the meeting.

Elder Watson went to Pueblo Friday, June 17th, where he was joined on Sunday by Dr. Hills, for the purpose of dedicating the new church at that place. From Pueblo Elder Watson went to Parachute to assist in the camp-meeting in progress there.

We have just received word that Dr. A. W. George, who went to Turkey last fall, has secured his medical certificate in Constantinople. This gives him the privilege to practise medicine in the entire empire. He is now busy studying the Turkish language.

Brother Kennedy writes the following from Bayfield: "The work is onward in Bayfield and vicinity. The Lord has blessed in sowing the seeds of truth in many honest hearts. We have an audience on Sunday evenings which numbers from sixty to one hundred and twenty-five. Many are interested who we hope will soon unite with us."

Brother and Sister J. A. Chaney have gone to Basutoland to take charge of the work there. Brother Chaney spent several years in Matabeleland, where he gained a valuable experience in work among the natives. Brother J. M. Freeman, who has had charge of the work in Basutoland since it began, goes to engage in labor in Orange River Colony.

A native of southern India has begun to translate some of our tracts in the Canarese language. He has already translated and printed in a neat tract form, at his own expense, "Turkey in Prophecy," "Christ's Second Coming," "The Coming of the Lord," and "Russia in Prophecy." Such work as this, by a man who has never seen one of our people, shows clearly that there are forces to work in carrying this message that we know not of, and unless we arouse and do the work appointed to us, others will be raised up to carry it forward.

JULY 2.

The first Sabbath in July is the time the regular midsummer offering is taken for the support of our work in foreign fields. The Annual Offering which is made at the time of the Week of Prayer and the Midsummer Offering are the two general offerings made during the year for this purpose.

The carrying of the message proclaiming to the world the soon coming Saviour is by far the greatest work before us—the one great work in which every true Seventh-day Adventist is most deeply interested. Not every one can leave his home or country to assume the burdens of this work in a foreign field, but every one can have an active part in it by contributing liberally to help speed those on who are so situated and trained that they can go.

Last year this offering amounted to more than ten thousand dollars, this year it could easily be doubled, and what an encouragement and help it would be to our brethren who are sacrificing everything as they leave their homes to go to these dark places of the earth.

As this offering is taken in our churches we would suggest that special prayers be offered for our brethren in foreign lands, that their courage may be kept good and their work be pushed with vigor.

May the Lord greatly bless his people at this time, not only with means to give to help forward his work and hasten his coming, but with willing hearts and rich experiences.

W. T. Bland