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GENERAL ARTICLES.

LET US RETURN No. 2.

R. W. Parmele, Sec. S. W. U. C.

In order to encourage our brethren to do missionary work in the line of loaning our publications, and also to furnish the local society a little revenue to enable them to carry on their home missionary work, a discount is given on books, tracts, etc., equal to the discount given regular canvassers.

With this kindness shown them, would the local society be doing right to work against the interests of the State society, by running opposition to them in selling periodicals to individual members at agents' rates? If such a policy should be pursued, and, too, many times credit given, is it any wonder if our societies become heavily indebted to the State Society, and the State Society becomes short of funds?

The policy outlined above is quite generally pursued by our churches, and thus the very object for which the discount is given, is defeated. Not only so, but funds are thus cut off from either the local society or the State Society. In the case of periodicals, as mentioned in article number 1, the publishers are furnishing papers at club rates at a loss, while depending on the individual subscriptions to make up the deficit. In the latter case, the

State Society is furnishing publications to the local societies at almost cost, depending on individual sales to reimburse them. But in pursuing the policy above referred to, both of these organizations are forced to meet, from their own agents, such opposition as they cannot stem.

I would not appear to be harsh; I do not wish to be; but, brethren, do you not believe that we should call a halt? LET US RETURN to our former methods. We need not set about inventing new ideas and laying new plans for work. There are plans which have been tested and shown to be effective, so let us not waste precious time experimenting on new plans, but LET US RETURN.

Among the old tried plans I might mention, I can in this issue only mention:

First, Sending out a club of papers to individuals who may be interested in the truth.

Second, Keeping a paper rack in a public place, well filled with clean papers.

Third, Loaning tracts on the "envelope plan," and

Fourth, Conducting a circulating library.

Through the courtesy of the ECHOES, I hope to present in future issues, some thoughts on these plans of work, which will recommend them to the thoughtful reader.

DIVINE GOSPEL ORDER.

No. 2.

Of what the order consists which the Lord has established in His church He has plainly instructed us and said: "These things write I unto thee . . . that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 1 Tim. 3:14, 15.

The truth is God's word: "Thy word is truth." John, 17:17. Since the church is the pillar of the truth; therefore, that organization which as a pillar of the truth holds up the most of God's word in this world, is pre-eminently and above all other churches "the church of the living God." This is God's own definition of His own church in any age. It is the pillar of the truth, and with such a church God dwells. For it is also the "house (dwelling place) of God." Do you have the truth? Does God dwell with you?

I find also the following to be some of the characteristics of the New Testament church:

1. It has one head, even Christ.—Matt. 23:8. Col. 1:18. Eph. 1:22, 23.
2. It has authority to bind and to loose, to open and shut the doors of the kingdom of heaven to men when it acts according to the Word. Such action is confirmed in heaven. Study Matt. 16:19; 18:18. John, 20:22, 23. 1 Cor. 5. 2 Thess. 3:5, 6. Titus, 3:10. Gal. 6:1. Matt. 18:15-18. 2 Thess. 3:13-15.

Since the church has but one Head—Christ; and but one law supreme—the Word proceeding to it from that Head; therefore, if it neglect or refuse to act as that Word directs, it is not a true church; on the other hand, if it acts, but does so contrary to the way in which Christ has said (Matt. 18:15-18. Gal. 6:1.) that church (or member) so acting, becomes of necessity subject to the same church discipline which it has violated. In other words, since all authority is in and according to the Word; therefore, any action or position taken contrary to that Word, is no more confirmed in heaven than though it had never been taken. It is not "bound in heaven," because it is not "bound on earth." Only the Word can bind and loose. It is the key to lock and unlock. But when the church lets the

Word of God use it in preaching the message of God to man, and in receiving or disfellowshipping members, then "whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Because God "cannot deny himself." He will not alter the thing that has gone out of His lips. And "forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Ps. 119:89.

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even *the words of our Lord Jesus Christ*, and to the doctrine which is according to Godliness; he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting (margin sick) about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth." 1 Tim. 6:3-5.

Let us get members, but get them with God's truth. Let us keep our church books clean, but clean them in God's way—with mercy and love for the individual—doing all that is possible to save him.

"Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?" "Therefore, put away from among yourselves that wicked person" who will not repent and cannot be restored. 1 Cor. 5. Even after "such a man" has been put away from among the members of the church, in other words "censured of many" (2 Cor. 2:6 margin), then he may be forgiven and comforted and received again with love. Read 2 Cor. 2:5-11. A church that is faithful in discipline, like the church at Corinth, is one to have "confidence in." See 2 Cor. 7:8-16.

But, says one, must not the wheat and the tares grow together until the harvest, which is the end of the world? Yes, in "the field" which "is the world" as a whole. (Matt. 13:38.) And even in the church, which constitutes a part of the present inhabitants of earth, there will be some that are really tares, yet who look so much like wheat that one can scarcely tell them from wheat. Such are also fitly represented by the bad fish in the net, which, when the net was full and drawn to shore, were cast away. (Matt. 13:47-51.) Thus "at the end of the world" will take place the final and complete separation. There will be no doubt in the case of the most deceptive looking tare then. "Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." Mat. 3:18. But while all this is true, yet "Christ has plainly taught that those

who persist in open sin must be separated from the church." "Object Lessons," page 71. It is the "character or motive" which we cannot judge. We must deal with "open sin" when persisted in. This we must do to save the church from becoming like Babylon, leavened all through with iniquity and filled with open sin.

We must do it also for the sake of the persistent backslider that he, refusing all brotherly admonition and help, may, by being put away from church fellowship, realize at last that he is in a lost condition, out of the body of Christ and belonging to Satan, and may then repent and come back to the Father's house, never more to leave. "Learn not to blaspheme." 1 Tim. 1:19, 20. Thus "the flesh" will be "destroyed" and the "spirit saved." 1 Cor. 5:51.

This will be the happy result often when God's way is followed according to the faith once delivered unto the saints.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

FIELD REPORTS.

Among the Churches.

Since my last report to the ECHOES family, I have visited the following places: Manzanares, Pueblo, Victor, Cripple Creek and Colo. Springs.

Eld. W. Ziegler accompanied me to Manzanares, a Mexican town of about five hundred Spanish speaking people. For some time I had been in correspondence with a Methodist minister of that place. He was in charge of a mission, had a neat little chapel, and a goodly company with which to worship, and in the face of all this he resigned his position on the grounds of the truth for these last days.

We found this man (Bro. Vargas) and his family, eight in number, keeping the Sabbath and desiring baptism, but no place could be found in which the rite could be administered. We are much encouraged with the work among the Spanish speaking people.

At Pueblo the dear Lord came near us as we sought His face. I would love so much to do more work in this church and the field in which it is located. Victor is a good field, and Sister Proctor is doing a good work there. I spoke to her company three times. I held no meetings in Cripple Creek. I met with the officers of the church, and found that this church needs help as well as many others.

Colorado Springs is in good hopeful condition. This church is pulling up the hill, and may each member reach

the summit. Sunday, March 16th, C. H. Bates and Miss Mable McKenna were united to walk life's road together. Many friends filled the little church where the union took place.

I am now at home for a short time. Remember me dear ECHOES family.

GEO. F. WATSON.

Cory.

On Sabbath, March 16th, I met with the Delta church. This church has a neat building, but removals and apostasy have very much reduced their number, though there are a few faithful ones here who love the truth. My wife and I have placed our membership here so as to help them. Sunday I wheeled to O'Leah and attended the Baptist church with friends I have known over sixteen years, remaining over night, thus sowing some seeds of truth. It was my privilege to attend the counsel meetings near Montrose the 17th and 18th. There were not as many present as was hoped, but those present were much strengthened.

Many matters were discussed during three sessions relating to our work on the Western slope. It has been a good many years since I have attended a business meeting that was so harmonious and characterized by so much brotherly love. Once, as we were discussing business matters, the tender love of God was so marked that a brother started a song, and then we had a testimony meeting in which all took part. At present I am working on my ranch to build up physically for my summer's work.

GEO. O. STATES.

Subscriptions to "Helping Hand."

Some time ago, it will be remembered by several of our people, that I took their subscriptions to our little Sanitarium paper, the *Helping Hand*. The paper was then discontinued as a monthly, and it was planned to re-issue it as a quarterly. It has been our purpose to do this ever since, and is still our plan to continue the paper at an early date. However, as the definite time when the paper will be continued is so indefinite, we have thought best to turn these subscriptions mentioned above over to our good State paper, ECHOES FROM THE FIELD. If this is not satisfactory to any concerned, by notifying me, their money will be promptly refunded. F. M. WILCOX.

The Sanitarium is enjoying a good patronage. Dr. O. G. Place has the medical supervision of the work in the absence of Dr. Riley.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

Idaho Springs.

The convention was called to order by Sister Celia McDonald who had been appointed by the superintendent to lead the exercises. She made very interesting and instructive remarks on Sabbath-school work. Some of the thoughts presented are in substance as follows.

"The Sabbath-school work is an educational work, and we must understand it thoroughly. It is most important of all duties as it pertains to our eternal welfare. We must take time to study the Word, especially the Sabbath school lessons. We are to live not by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. The story of Mary and Martha is an illustration of this truth; Martha was careful and troubled about much serving, but one thing was needful, to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him."

The cause of so many disinterested young people in our Sabbath-schools is too much form and no life. Something live and interesting must be brought into the work. New songs should be learned, special children's meetings maintained, and best of all, the good example of the elder members must be seen.

The Sabbath school lesson should be studied daily. There should be perfect order observed by all during the Sabbath-school hour. Lesson helps should be laid aside during the exercises. Have the lesson thoroughly fixed in the mind, and then depend on God for words of wisdom. Teaching children by illustration is very useful.

The object of Sabbath school work is the saving of souls. When the work is all done, may it be said to each one, 'It is enough, come up higher;' and we all shall enter the great high school of heaven.'

Texts of scripture were recited by the children in an interesting way, after which papers were read on the following subjects: "Christian Duty Toward Erring Brethren," "The Object of Sabbath school Work," "Importance of Knowing and Obeying the Scriptures," and "How Can One Become a Wonderful Teacher?"

A few of the many thoughts suggested in these papers are as follows:

We are to understand the deep things of God as revealed in His Word. We should search the Scriptures for ourselves, and not be controlled by the cunningly devised opinions of others. First, know God, whom to know is

eternal life; then ask Him to show you both your strong and weak points, that you may know yourself. Study the character of each member of your class and show partiality to none. Teachers should not be discouraged because they fail to make many or any converts.

A question box was opened and many interesting questions answered, and the convention closed after having spent two sessions in the discussion of Sabbath-school work very profitably.

JAS. HARVEY.

BRIEF HISTORY OF WORK ON THE WESTERN SLOPE.

(Continued.)

Crawford.

In Jan'y, 1887, I commenced meetings in the Maher school house, preaching the first sermon in that building.

After continuing over a month, one dear sister took a stand for the truth, and a Sabbath school of eight members was organized.

Meetings were held next in the Crawford school house and several accepted the truth. Before leaving here in the spring, a company of five members was formed which I organized into a church in the winter of 1888, it being the first church organized on the western slope. A number have gone out from this church into the work: Eld. L. F. Trubey and wife, Brother Wm. Kennedy and wife, Brother and Sister J. L. Preston, and Brother and Sister H. F. States. My brother who now lives in Michigan, with his wife, was also a member of this church and is holding up the light in other places.

Fruita.

Oct. 16, 1892, I commenced tent meetings here. I was joined in a few days by Brother and Sister L. F. Trubey, and here Bro. Trubey preached his first sermon. During this meeting, three commenced' keeping the Sabbath, but being left alone they gave it up. Sister Johnson who lived near, continued to live the truth, and later the family of Brother Knox moved here. In 1895 Elders Anglebarger and Trubey held tent meetings, and a small church was organized that year.

I have since held some meetings with that church, as has also many of our ministers in the conference.

Uncompahgre.

In the winter of 1894 Brother and Sister Trubey labored here, and a few accepted the truth. In 1894 a church of twenty-three members was organized. Many have since given up the

truth, but a few have remained, faithfully holding up the light. In the summer of 1900, Eld. B. W. Marsh and wife, feeling the need of rest, came here and located on a ranch, and while not laboring much for the Conference, have done faithful work, and believers have been added to the church.

Aspen.

In the summer of 1894 Eld. Ziegler held a series of tent meetings at Aspen, and a small church of influential members was raised up. In the latter part of May, 1895, I came here, holding a number of meetings and completing the organization. Dr. Hills was ordained elder, and Bro. Halburg, deacon.

One dear sister was baptized during this meeting, and now sleeps in Jesus, awaiting the trump of God.

GEO. O. STATES.

(To be continued.)

OUR UNION CONFERENCE.

The first biennial session of the South Western Union Conference will be held in the City Auditorium in the City of Topeka, Kansas, beginning April 16, at 10:30 a.m., and continuing till Sunday April 27. The Lord has in a special manner opened the way for this meeting to be held in the very heart of that most important city.

We get the use of the building free, and it is the most popular place for large meetings in the city, and will accommodate four thousand people.

The railroads will give us a low rate from all points in our territory.

Now this will be a most important meeting. The work and responsibility of the Union Conference will be placed before those who are there in such a manner that all will understand their relation to it. The general plans of work in the Union and local conferences will be discussed, and much important business will be transacted, and instruction given on all lines of the work. No conference should be satisfied to do less than to see that their entire force of workers are there, and to encourage as many of their members as can possibly do so, to attend. The ablest men among us will be with us from the General Conference, and the Lord will be there to bless His people.

Ample provision will be made for the entertainment of all who come.

We expect from five hundred to seven hundred at the least, and probably many more; come, praying that all plans may be laid according to the will of our Captain and Saviour.

C. McREYNOLDS.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Eld. H. M. J. Richards spent last Sunday in Loveland.

We have mailed report blanks to the church officers, and trust they will be prompt in filling them out.

Sister Lida Moore spent a few days in Denver recently, and then went to Florence, her new field of labor.

Sister S. F. Svensson recently spent a few days very pleasantly with her sister, Mrs. Guy Emery at Boulder.

Miss Sarah Andrews, the niece of Elder J. N. Andrews, is visiting in Denver with her cousin, Sister G. F. Watson.

The blue cross on your ECHOES indicates that your subscription has expired. Please do not delay in sending in your renewal.

We are grateful to the Sanitarium for a list of subscriptions which they recently transferred from the *Helping Hand* to the ECHOES.

We solicit the aid of every missionary worker in our effort to place the ECHOES in every S. D. A. home in the Conference. Who will help?

Bro. Grant Adkins, traveling agent for the Pacific Press in the Western district, returned to Denver last week from a trip to Salt Lake City.

All subscriptions to the *Union Conference Bulletin* should be sent at once to R. W. Parmele, 821 W. Fifth St., Topeka, Kan. Do not delay.

Are you reading Brother Parmele's most excellent articles on missionary work? Are we ready to return to the old time spirit of the message, leaving behind all worldly gain?

Eld. Watson preached in the Denver church Sabbath, March 22. This was a feast to our Denver brethren as it had been a long time since they had had the privilege of listening to him.

Bro. Vullemier, one of our returned missionaries from South America, is in Boulder, hoping to regain his health. The Boulder church had the privilege of hearing him speak, Sabbath, the 22d inst.

NOTICE.

All who expect to attend the meeting of the South-western Union Conference which is to be held in Topeka, Kansas, April 16-26, 1902, should notify me at once. Arrangements will have to be made for railroad rates.

GEO. F. WATSON.

Another Call.

Since my last report I have made a brief visit at Boulder, Hygiene and Longmont in the interest of the canvassing work, and have laid plans to have Larimer, Weld, Logan, Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, Washington, Kit Carson, Morgan, Boulder, Grand and Pueblo counties thoroughly worked.

Besides this, we expect to have one canvasser at work in the San Luis valley and one along the line between Colorado and New Mexico.

Surely with the assistance of all our Conference workers we ought to scatter lots of our publications the coming summer. But brethren, there is much territory that we cannot touch with our present force. Are there not others in this great Conference whom God is calling to this work? Who will respond to the call? Many are doing well, handling our medical works. Brethren, we have the best books in the world. God help us to sell them.

What is to hinder our having success? Let all who wish to work, address me at Monte Vista, and those who are working, will please address me there also.

MALCOLM MACKINTOSH.

A Letter from England.

It has been some time since I wrote you before, but not because I have forgotten you or the work in Colorado. We read ECHOES with as much interest as when we first left Colorado three years ago.

I am glad to report the work going steadily forward in this place; new ones are joining our ranks from time to time, and our courage is good. My health has not been as good for several years as it is this winter. I am circulating a good number of *Present Truth*, and *Good Health* every week, and have sold 75 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons." It sells here for four shillings, or \$1.00 per copy, and the money goes toward establishing a training school for missionaries in this country.

We expect to have a General European Conference in May, when we hope to see some of our American brethren.

Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course in us, His cause be advanced and souls saved in His kingdom.

M. A. ALTMAN.

Rooms at the Union Conference.

Those wishing accommodations in the line of room and board while attending the meeting, should report to me at once, and we will endeavor to have your stopping place in readiness

to receive you on your arrival. On reaching the city, take any street car to the transfer station, where C. F. Parmele will assign location and furnish street car transfers to same. Remittances for rooms may be made to him, and if the location proves unsatisfactory, the money will be refunded if applied for at once. We think the rate for the rooms will not exceed \$1.00 for the entire time.

R. W. PARMELE, Sec.
821 W. Fifth St., Topeka, Kan.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

It has been decided that a bulletin be published during the session of the South-western Union Conference, April 16-26. There will be six issues, it being published every other day during the meetings, and each issue will contain sixteen pages of the size of the "General Conference Bulletin." It will cost but 25 cents, and we trust none will say they cannot afford it. Every family in the Conference should have it, that they may know just what is being done each day of the meeting. Besides the important business which will be transacted, excellent Bible instruction will be given, and will doubtless be reported in the bulletin.

Now it will be necessary for subscriptions to be sent in very soon, so we request that they be mailed direct to the secretary of the Southwestern Union Conference, R. W. Parmele, 821 West Fifth street, Topeka, Kansas. Do not delay, but send in your subscription at once. Interest yourself in securing subscriptions from others, and do all in your power to circulate this bulletin throughout the Conference.

Report of Canvassing Work.

For the Month of March 1902.

	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps.
Eden to Eden, Anna Kent, Ft. Laramie, Wyo.	18	1	\$3.50	\$2.00
Bible Readings, A. M. Dorman, Wray.	20	4	8.50	.75
Christ's Object Lessons, Mattie B. Turner, Wray, Caroline Dressler, Wray.	5	2	2.50	—
Marvel of Nations, B. F. Lewis, Wray.	34	1	1.25	—
Best Stories, Mattie B. Turner,	3	3	1.75	—
Steps to Christ, Jessie F. Welty, Greeley.	4	8	5.50	—
Miscellaneous, O. Einarsen, Denver.	—	40	69.85	—
Total	86	61	\$95.35	\$2.75

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value
O. Einarsen	43	\$86.35
Jessie F. Welty	5	2.50
Mattie B. Turner	5	2.50
Caroline Dressler	3	1.50
A. M. Dorman	6	16.00
Total	62	\$108.85

WANTED—A man to work on a farm. Prefer to have a man who observes the Sabbath; or who does not object to working on Sunday. Address,
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