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Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again;
Th' eternal years of God are hers;
While Error, wounded, writhes with pain,
And dies among her worshippers.
—Bryant.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

VOWS.

This is a subject dwelt upon by prophets and teachers all through the Bible, and that which we find in the scripture of truth is essentially important to every child of God. Ps. 50:14, says "Pay thy vows unto the most High." I can not conceive this language to mean that our vows may be paid in words. This verse says also "Offer unto God thanksgiving," but something is added; viz, "Pay thy vows." Now, I believe in every instance in the scriptures, where mention is made of the payment of vows, it means something of value (money or property) given by the individual. Ps. 76:11 "Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God; let all that be round about him bring presents unto him." This shows that every one is enjoined to bring, not mouth service, but something of value. Now, notice that this text says "Vow, and pay." And Eccl. 5:4-5 says "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not (fail not) to pay it; * * * pay that which thou hast vowed." "Better is it that thou shouldst not vow, than that thou

shouldst vow and not pay, for he hath no pleasure in fools."

God is very particular in this as in all other business matters. He desires us to vow, and then fail not to pay the vow.

That which God has reserved for himself is holy. Lev. 27:30 and Prov. 20:25 says: "It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry." Many of us, no doubt, are devouring that which is holy, and we, no doubt, complain and question after we have made the vow. This is not pleasing to God, who has given us all we call after our name (Ps. 49:11), but he loves him who gives "not grudgingly or of necessity," but cheerfully, II Cor. 9:7. And we should not look upon it as duty but a privilege.

God has committed to his people an all important work—that of giving the last warning message—and certainly every child of God has a deep and everlasting interest in that work. But the work is to be carried on by means of the various things of value which we hold in trust. Have we failed to bring in the presents? Then the Lord asks us, by his servant Malachi, to return to him. Malachi 3:7-12 tells how to return and the result. I have heard this scripture read ever since I was a boy, but I am thankful today that it has just the same force and meaning it had when the prophet wrote it. Read in connection with this scripture Luke 6:38, and we will have to be on guard or selfishness will creep in and spoil it all.

Some have tried tithe paying with the idea of furthering their own selfish interests, and failed. Let us pay our vows because we love God and his everlasting truth and have a desire to help some one else find that which we love. Read Romans 10:13-15.

C. M. FRENCH.

DISCIPLINE.

BY ELDER G. W. COLCORD.

[Continued.]

It is solemn work to handle God's holy Word. To not "know the Scriptures," "is to greatly err;" and to "wrest the Scriptures" is to invite "destruction." Matt. 22:29. II Pet. 3:16.

To say that "that wicked person" mentioned in I Cor. 5:13, the one whom Paul said the Corinthian brethren were to "put away from among" themselves, to say that that direction meant that if a brother felt disposed to disfellowship a member of his church, let the cause be great or small, the censuring brother should turn about and censure himself—should withdraw himself from himself by putting that wicked desire away from his own heart, —I say to explain I Cor. 5:13 in that light (?) appears to my mind to be an evident instance of wresting the Scriptures.

Peter teaches that we should not misapply his Brother Paul's writings, even those deep sentences, "hard to be understood;" but this text appears to be very lucid.

1. Paul is writing in reference to a church member, a "wicked" man; and he directs the church to put him away. Not a man to put his heart away; but *the church to put a man away.*

2. Different translations support this. "Put out from among yourselves that evil person." Emphatic Diaglott. "Put away the wicked man from among yourselves." American Bible Union. "Put away the wicked man from among yourselves." Revised Version.

3. The spirit of prophecy teaches the same. "Christ's example forbids exclusiveness at the Lord's Supper. It is true that open sin excludes the guilty. This the Holy Spirit plainly

teaches. But beyond this none are to pass judgment." Desire of Ages, p. 656 with a foot-note reference to I Cor. 5:11. Proof to proof may be added, if called for; but is not the foregoing enough?

Christ is the Head; his church is the body; and as our blessed Master declares himself to be "*the truth*," a Bible student sees a beauty in the statement that the church is "*the pillar and ground (margin, stay) of the truth*."

God honors the church, even in her militant state,—as she is seen nobly battling for right principles.

Instead of giving convicted Saul the information he desired, he was sent by the Lord to Ananias, God's chosen medium of light.

When the church lives in the enjoyment of her heaven born privileges, "walks in the light," Jesus says, "whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

The Sabbath-breaker in the wilderness was stoned to death by "all the congregation." The Lord sent Isaiah to Hesekiah to say, "I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years."

Consider the death of Ananias and Sapphira. Call to mind how the curse of the Lord was pronounced by the "mouth of Paul; and the calamity immediately fell upon Elymas."

Are there sick ones among the church members? What is the Lord's instruction? "Call for the elders of the church," etc. Reader, did you ever carefully consider the significance of this text, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus?" "It was a species of punishment administered in extraordinary cases, in which the body and the mind of an incorrigible transgressor were delivered by the authority of God, unto the power of Satan, to be tortured with diseases and terrors, as a warning to all. . . . It was evidently unto death, as the destruction of the flesh seems to imply. But the soul found mercy at the hand of God."—Clark. "But," says the objector, "that was away back in Bible times; we do not need to deal so summarily as that in our day."

Let us see. "It is impossible for _____ to be fellowshiped by the church of God. He has placed himself where he cannot be helped by the church. He can have no communion with, nor voice in, the church.

He has placed himself there in the face of light and truth. He has been stubborn. He has chosen his own course, and would not listen to reproof. He has violated the holy law of God, and has disgraced the cause of present truth. If he repents ever so heartily, the church must let his case alone. If he goes to Heaven, it must be alone, without the fellowship of the church. A standing rebuke from God and the church must ever rest upon him, that the standard of morality be not lowered to the very dust The Lord is reviving the living, pointed testimony, which will develop character, and purify the church."—Test. for the church No. 6.

FIELD REPORTS.

Our Spanish Work.—Manzanares.

Brother Serna has been with me for about ten days during which time we held religious meetings each day and night. The result is that seven persons declared for the Sabbath. A Sabbath school has been organized with thirteen members. We could not have baptism because there was no water.

Our meetings were held in the school house, but we hope you will provide us with seats for our own house as soon as possible so that we can meet there. Pray for us. We hope the Lord may be with you all.

L. VARGAS.

On the Ocean.

At this writing we are all well except a little sea-sick. Our journey thus far has been delightful. The brethren in London showed us much kindness, and made our stay there very pleasant.

We left London Friday, June 27th, and have seven weeks before us yet. As we left the harbor at Southampton and were well out at sea it seemed that we had left the world behind us, but we know there is a great harvest-field to which the dear Lord is taking us and we are glad for a place in his vineyard. We all send love to the dear ones in the Denver church.

THOMAS BRANCH AND FAMILY.

From the Islands.

Dr. G. H. Gibson writes from Papanui, New Zealand as follows: "We are in the midst of winter in this part of the world, yet it is not very cold. In fact children may be seen barefoot almost any day. We are quite busy in the Sanitarium. We are hav-

ing quite an interest in the sale of 'Object Lessons;' every one is coming to feel the burden of this work, and the President of the Conference is giving much attention to this matter. It seems fine to hear of the brave attitude of the home people in the sale of this book."

Fruita Camp-Meeting.

We are now in the midst of the Fruita camp-meeting. We have a forty-five foot round tent which is filled every night with people who come for miles in all directions; an intelligent and attentive audience. It looks like old times to see such an interest as this.

Satan has worked hard to prevent and disturb the meeting, but the Lord has wonderfully worked for us and given us the best of order and attention. We have concluded to continue the camp-meeting a week or two longer and we especially invite every one, who can, to come to the Fruita camp-meeting. Bring your bedding, including mattresses. We have a good dining tent on the ground. Meal tickets five for one dollar. Six o'clock lunch ten cents.

The camp is in a beautiful park two blocks north of the depot. About thirty of our people are camped on the ground. Pray for the success of this meeting.

H. M. J. RICHARDS,
G. W. ANGLEBARGER,
L. A. SPRING.

The Book Work.

DEAR READERS OF ECHOES:—

Having been in this State about two months I am glad to tell you how the Lord has blessed me in the canvassing work. He has given me many experiences that I will always remember. He surely has some people here who have not yet heard this message: "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." Are there not more of the young people of this State who could enter the canvassing work? I hope God will stir up the hearts of his people and help them to see the great need of getting this truth before the people now while we can.

It has been somewhat dry here this year, but the message must go. Even though it has been dry the Lord has blessed me with about seven hundred dollars worth of orders. He only invites us to go out into the field and help gather up the precious sheaves. He has promised to do his part. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, Come,"

A. H. OWEN.

Meeker.

Our interest has gradually increased from the first, and already thirteen persons, (nearly all of whom are adults,) have signed the covenant. Last Sunday seven dear souls followed their Lord in baptism, there being about two hundred people from the town present. Others expect to be baptized soon. There are several others very much interested whom we hope will soon unite with us.

We hope to organize a church soon. Eld. Anglebarger expects to attend the Fruita camp-meeting. We are sorry to have him leave us just now, but hope he will be sent back at the close of the camp-meeting, as our work is just begun.

Doubtless the readers of the ECHOES are familiar with the fact that for the last six months my time has been taken up in erecting a church building. This building was finished about six weeks ago, at which time Eld. Anglebarger arrived here and we begun meetings.

The citizens of Meeker say there never has been as much interest in religious things as at the present time. Now is the time to work for the people here while the interest is so good. Pray for the work at Meeker.

L. H. PROCTOR.

Shall We Care for Our Worthy Poor?

I have often wondered as I have looked upon the poor and distressed among us, how many of our people, who are well and able to work, are carrying out the instruction given by Paul in I Cor. 16:1,2. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." If this scripture could have its place in the hearts of those who profess to love the truth, there would be no lack of means with which to meet the demands of the afflicted.

As a Conference we have neglected this branch of the work until we have used up every penny and have not the means on hand to assist the afflicted in regaining their health at any of our institutions.

There are those who have stood by us with their means, who are now in adverse circumstances, and they have asked for a little help just now; and brethren, we are unable to help them only as you answer this appeal with the money God has entrusted to your

care. At this writing we have a case at the Boulder Sanitarium given up by the doctors of the world, who is recovering under the treatments that God has ordained; but his money is all gone, and we are called upon to assist for a little time. Shall we answer the plaintive plea that is made right at our very door? I think I hear you say, yes, with a free-will offering sent to our Tract Society, 1112 S. 11th St.

G. F. WATSON.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

Primary Work in the Sabbath-School.

In the consideration of this subject, I do not desire to present a beautiful theory, or to suggest new methods of work, but rather, "to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance."

No one will question the importance and responsibilities of this branch of church work. What mother would not risk her own life, if need be, to save that of her child? We answer, every one would in whose heart burns the love that God there implanted. Should we expect a less demonstration of love when our little ones are in danger of eternal destruction? May God help us as parents and teachers to show our love by *works* as well as words.

The greatest wisdom and tact is needed by workers in dealing with the younger scholars especially, lest unreal professions of belief be forced from them. Let us teach them the love of God in simplicity, and this love will lead them to obedience.

It is important to keep close watch over the children during the week, to keep in touch with their homes, to care for them in sickness or poverty, and to secure the helpful co-operation of parents. If parents would realize their sacred calling—that God has entrusted to them the care of His little lambs, we would not so often hear it said, "I was so busy this week, that we neglected the study of the Sabbath-school lesson with the children." This leads the little ones to give the same excuse, "I was too busy." Let us learn the all important truth, to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things else shall be added." If this were our practice, would we see so many of our children seeking pleasures from the world? Timothy was taught the Scriptures from a child, II Tim. 3:15, and these early impressions were given by his godly mother and Grandmother. II Tim. 1:5.

A farmer was once asked how he came to have such a fine flock of sheep. His answer was, "I take care of the lambs." The Saviour's first command was, "feed my lambs." Then we are told how he, the good shepherd, carried the lambs in his bosom with such tender care it was *impossible* for them to stray from the fold.

Do we not indulge in the idea that children born of christian parents are superior to others, and do not need conversion, that they grow up with a knowledge of the truth and therefore have good within themselves? While it is an advantage to *have* this knowledge, yet when the good seed is sown, it is more necessary that the ground be daily watered by the Spirit of God, and cultivated by his word. It is a true saying, "as the twig is bent the tree is inclined," and while a greater part of this work must of necessity be done at home, yet each of us has something to do. Children are wonderful imitators, and they not only look to parents for example, but to Sabbath-school teachers as well and I may say to *all* who name the name of Christ.

It is a sad truth that the enemy is making advances in the ranks of our youth and children, but the promise is sure, "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world," and the Saviour, who is our captain, is victorious in every conflict. Let us *arouse* to action, for the time is nearing when every one must stand before God. We know our insufficiency, but God is all power and has promised to give wisdom to all who lack and will ask of him.

Our children should not be neglected in any school whether large or small. If they remain in the senior division during the review, they are sure to be overlooked, and the questions directed to, and answered by the older ones. This results from the home training that children should be seen and not heard in the presence of their seniors. This is not the right principle, so let us make the Sabbath-school hour as profitable as possible for the children, and give them an opportunity to express what God has given to them.

Now just a word about teaching. Teach as did the Saviour, the simplicity of the gospel by what is seen about us. Jesus spoke by parables that they might better understand the divine truth. When the lesson can be illustrated by a simple drawing on a blackboard this is well, especially for the review exercise; and to do this

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one does not need to be an artist, for the minds of the children are quick and can grasp the truths we teach, if the Spirit of God is present to impress them. Let us "study to show" ourselves "approved unto God, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

MARY ZEIGLER.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder G. W. Anglebarger has been assisting in the Fruita camp-meeting.

Miss Mabel Hebbard of Battle Creek, Mich., is visiting friends in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

Mrs. S. F. Svensson will begin a nine months term of school at Jimtown, Colo., in a few days.

Dr. Hills writes that the work in Leadville is very encouraging, and that some are deciding for the truth.

Mrs. Grant Adkins accompanied her husband on a trip "around the loop" last week and reports a delightful time.

Miss Anna Wiley of the Hygiea Bath Rooms, is enjoying a visit from her sister, Miss Wiley of Crawford, Colo.

Mrs. Marcus Dailey and Miss Virginia enjoyed a pleasant trip to Colorado Springs during the flower carnival.

Miss Nellie Brown, who taught the church school at Boulder last winter, has gone to Colifornia to spend the winter.

Mrs. J. W. Horner and daughters, Misses Nellie and Zoe, of Montclair, have been enjoying a camping trip to the mountains.

Elder F. M. Wilcox, of the Boulder Sanitarium, was in Denver last week looking after the work pertaining to that institution.

Mrs. Bertha Parker of Boulder spent Sabbath with friends in Denver. Brother C. H. Parker has been in the city for several weeks.

Elder G. F. Watson left Denver on the twenty-sixth of last month for an extended trip among the churches in the San Luis Valley.

Charlie States of Paonia has been spending a few days in Denver previous to taking up his school work at the Boulder University.

Mrs. F. E. Belden of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mrs. J. E. White of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting their mother, Mrs. H. C. McDearmon of Boulder.

Rasmus Peterson of Boulder is visiting in Sweden, where he will remain sometime, renewing old acquaintances and visiting the home of his childhood.

Miss Anna Hay, who has been for some time connected with the work at the Hygiea Bath Rooms, is spending a few days with her brother near Greeley.

Little Gladys Adams, daughter of Mart Adams and wife of Boulder, has been lying very low with typhoid fever. We hope she is recovering by this time.

Prof. R. M. Brown, formerly of Union College, spent a few days in Boulder on his way to the Pacific coast, where he goes to engage in school work.

Miss Jennie Bates, a Bible worker from Boston, Mass., who has been spending the summer at Boulder, visited her cousin, Mrs. G. F. Watson of Denver, last week.

We are glad to learn that the Colorado Sanitarium is full to overflowing with those who are seeking for health, and we are sure this is an excellent place to find it.

R. M. Rocky, former secretary of the Kansas Tract Society, who is now bookkeeper at the Sanitarium, was in Denver last week looking after the work at the Vegetarian Cafe.

A. H. Owen and A. N. Allen passed through Denver last week on their way to Greeley and Ft. Collins, where they hope to deliver about one thousand dollars worth of books.

Elder S. F. Svensson is working in the Denver church now endeavoring to build up and strengthen those who are discouraged. He will be glad to visit all who will send him their names.

C. N. W. Allen of College View, who came to Colorado to engage in the canvassing work during the summer, was taken ill with typhoid fever and returned to his home. We hope he is on the road to recovery.

When you have read the report of our Spanish work at Manzanares, and its earnest plea for help, will you not at once respond with a liberal donation that they may be supplied with seats, and the work no longer crippled.

August 9 was set apart by the Salida church as "Children's Day," and a profitable Sabbath it proved to be. The exercises were entirely by the children who were all present, and took great delight in this special service for them.

The Denver Sabbath school enjoyed a pleasant outing at Berkeley Lake on last Wednesday, where a pleasing program was carried out by the children. All seemed to feel that the occasion was a most enjoyable one, and hoped we might have more of them.

The secretary of the Boulder Sabbath-school writes: "The Convention did us all good, I am sure. Some very good and helpful points were brought out on various subjects. I hope the Lord will help us to do better work after what we have heard."

"We had a glorious good time here Convention day," writes the secretary from the Fort Collins Sabbath-school. "The only difficulty was lack of time. It seemed as though one day was not half enough in which to discuss the important topics which were presented for our consideration."

Miss Elva Green left Denver Aug. 26, in company with her father, Bro. Elbridge Green of Boulder, for a few weeks visit with relatives in Chicago. She writes that they succeeded in giving her brother and family quite a surprise, and that they are having a delightful time.

We are pained to learn of the sad accident which occurred in one of the oil wells near Boulder, Aug. 25th, in which Henry Peterson was almost instantly killed. A cable rope broke, letting a thousand pounds of dirt fall upon him. He lived about two hours. We extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy.

From The *Morning Enquirer*, a Battle Creek paper, which some one has kindly sent us, we learn that the rebuilding of the Sanitarium is progressing nicely. "The construction of the building is entirely unique and different from any other, special pains being taken to give solidity, without impairing any of the artistic features, and at the same time to have a building as nearly fire proof as possible."

Report of Canvassing Work.

For five weeks ending Aug 23, 1902.

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