

# Echoes from the Field.

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# GENERAL ARTICLES. Work in the Homes.

Dear brethren and sisters of the Colorado Conference: Once more by the good blessing of a kind, heavenly Father, I am able to address you through the columns of our State paper.

Another year with all its burdens is here, and already one twelfth part of it is gone. I have asked myself the question, as no doubt you have, "What have I done during the first month of this new year to advance the cause of truth, that is to usher in the grand and glorious coming of the King? Or it may be you have asked, "What can I do in this great work?"

Beloved, there is much to do, and there is much that you can do. Here are our good papers, laden with the truth for this time, and the only truth that will bring the end of sin, and the One whom we long to see. Have you ever gone to your neighbors with the grand old *Review*, Signe or Sentenel? Every family in the Conference should be visited with these messengers of truth. Much of this work could be done by the laity, and a rich blessing would come to the doer.

I am sure that our Conference workers are not doing as much of this kind of work as is our great privilege. Especially is this true of those of our workers who are working in our cities and towns. No worker should feel that his work is done until he has done all in his power, to leave in every home possible, some iock, paper or tract, bearing the straight message of truth, declaring the return of our blessed Lord, and the preparation needful to meet him with joy and not with grief. We hope that our city workers will see to it that this will not be left out. Please do not be satisfied with mere sermonizing, or Bible work, but place in the hands of every soul possible, something they can study.

Try it dear fellow worker, and you will find your work will be much more fruitful.

GEO. F. WATSON.

# OOLORADO CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

(Continued from last issue.)

Brethren Phillips, Hardesty and Elder Wilcox were named as the committee, and the following recommendations were offered at the next meeting: That the business of the State Society with all local churches be placed upon a strictly cash basis; that all tried, faithful canvassers be trusted for one bill of books on credit, to be paid for before any second order is filled: that those canvassers who have proved unfaithful or tardy in paying past accounts, be furnished becks as in recommendation II, with the addition that some reliable member must vouch for the payment of the account: that new canvassers be required to furnish to the State Society a recommendation from their local church or society.

Motion was made by Elder Russell that three reliable and faithful workers be selected to work in such foreign fields as might be deemed best by the Conference Committee in connection with the Mission Board. Carried.

The churches of Howard and Hillsboro being disbanded, a motion prevailed to drop these from the Conference roll. The Alma and Fort Morgan churches were spoken of as needy fields, and it was thought that some labor might be bestowed in these places to good advantage.

Elder Russell spoke in behalf of the needy foreign fields and recommended all the churches in the Colorado Conference to adopt the ten cent a week plan. This recommendation was adopted.

Many needy fields in the Conference were mentioned, and pleas were made by various ones for laborers. These were referred to the Conference Committee.

On account of the illness of Elder Watson, our president, and Elder L. H. Proctor, a motion was carried to extend to these ministers in their illness our heartfelt sympathy.

Motion to adjourn sine die carried.

WATSON ZIEGLEB, Chairman, ELVA GREEN, Sec.

# FIELD REPORTS.

### Fruitdale.

I commenced meetings at this place a little over two weeks ago. The attendance has been fluctuating, sometimes the school-house has been nearly crowded, at other times there have been only a few present. Several are interested in the truths that are being presented, and it is our prayer that quite a number may take courage and choose the Lord's side.

S. F. SVENSSON.

# Trinidad and Roswell.

On my way back from Conference I spent two weeks at Trinidad. Colo., and held about twenty meetings. Twelve came into the church and were baptized by Elder Hoover. Heree united with the church by letter, and two backsliders were reclaimed.

Here, at Roswell, the Baptist minister is doing all he can to tear down the work we have done. Thus far, however, he has helped instead of hindered.

M. D. WARFLE.

### Farmington.

I thought I would write a few words to tell you we are rejoicing in the love of Jesus during this week of prayer. Though there has been no outward display, no show, yet we could feel the Holy Spirit working in our hearts, and especially was this true on Sabbath as testimonies were borne. There was a spirit of reconsecration and willingness on the part of each member to work.

May God bless, not alone our little company here, but the work everywhere is my prayer.

# AMANDA CAMP.

### Pagosa Springs.

Brother Kennedy came to ns the latter part of the week, and held the readings with us. It was the first time the Church at Pagosa had enjoyed the blessing of such a privilege.

We also celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house and had a blessed good time. We all received a rich blessing, and pray we

may have such meetings again, We want an interest in the prayers of God's people.

We hope we shall have a tent here next summer, and we feel that a good work can be done.

MRS. A. C. STOTTS.

#### Wray.

We did not hold any meetings during the week of prayer. Owing to the smallpox scare, the city authorities would not permit any public meetings. I cannot see how any one can read the calls for help, and not go out into the work. Though the calls are always for young men and young women, I believe the time is coming when the older hands will also be called into the work, as they are the ones who will slay until the last sheaf is gathered from the approaching storm. So sure as the sun sets in the West and rises in the Eist, so surely will this work be finished in this generation, and as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be with the people of this day. They could not see the oncoming flood until it was everlastingly too late. Neither will this generation see that the "end of all things is at hand," until it is too late. May God help us one and all to be faithful, and work while it is called to-day, that they may be without excuse.

B. E. PARKINS.

# Crawford.

I was with this church through the week of prayer; and I very much appreciate the pleasant and profitable association with its members. I think I never enjoyed a series of readings better. I heard the same articles read in the church at Denver, at the Conference, but I did not get the force of the thoughts presented as at our little gatherings here. Indeed the whole church was filled with new life, as their excellent testimonies and prayers and songs of praise showed. The good spirit of God was manifestly present through all the meetings. Resolutions were expressed, which, if lived out, will result in gathering in souls and saving the church in the new

earth. It was agreed by all that we are living in a most interesting time-a time when, in view of the signs of the times, we need men and women who are filled with zeal for the Lord of Hosts and his work. May the peace of God abide with this people.

I am now at Paonia, having entered the canvassing work. C. M. FRENCH.

#### Meeker.

When we arrived in Meeker in June, 1902, we found L. H. Proctor and wife laboring earnestly, as they had been for many months, to establish a center from which the truth might reach all the surrounding country. Meeker seems to be the natural key to all northwestern Colorado.

Elder Proctor had, with some assistance from the brethren here, erected a neat, commodious church in which a good Sabbath-school and weekly services were held.

About the first of July Eld. Anglebarger and wife came over to Meeker and a complete course of lectures was given. The labors of both ministers were earnest and effectual, and much appreciated by the people.

A meeting of the company was held August 17, and a church of eighteen members was organized. Since that time eight more have joined the church, and six are letters from awaiting other churches, making a total of thirtytwo members. Others are waiting baptism.

Elder Anglebarger left us soon after the organization, but Elder Proctor continued laboring in and around Meeker until December 1st, when Eld. Watson came. Sunday, December 7, the dedicatory services were held. There was an excellent attendance from the outside, and at each meeting held while Elder Watson was here, from seventy to one hundred were present. The spirit of the Lord was present and a number, though unbelievers, recognized that God is with us, and we are his peculiar people.

Much regret was expressed that all our ministers should leave Meeker, and we are sure that there are honest souls here who will yet accept the truth. This is a place where Matt. 24: 12, is especially applicable. Brethren and sisters, pray for God's blessing upon the cause in Meeker.

MEADE MACGUIRE.

# THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONSOLATION.

The night is mother of the day, The winter of the spring; And even upon old decay The greapest mossee cling. Behind the cloud the star-light lurks; Through showers the sunbeams fall; For God, who loveth all his works, Hath left his hope with all,

### The Convention.

For the benefit of those who may have missed it, we publish again our suggestive list of subjects, for the program on Convention Day, February 14th. We are glad to note the deep interest that is being taken in this work in many of the schools, and we hope that not a single one will fail to enjoy a blessing on this day.

#### PROGRAM.

1. How Shall We Secure a More Thorough Preparation of the Lesson?

2. What is the Greatest Present Necessity in Your School, and How Shall it be Provided for?

8. How Shall We Meet the Demand for More Sabbath-school Teachers?

4. The Value of Written Work in Reviews and Recitations.

5. The Home Department. How Can we Make It More Practical?

6. How to Make the Teachers' meeting more Practical and Instructive.

7. The Kindergarten. Demonstration of Class Work.

It is well, in addition to the appointment of some one to write on each topic, to appoint a second one to lead out in the discussion of the paper after it is read.

When your Convention is over send us a report promptly, and do not fail to forward the papers for publication.

## Correct Reports.

There is still some confusion in the matter of reports, and as to what disposition should be made of the Sabbath-school funds. Some secretaries are sending their

collections direct to the State treasurer, notwithstanding that we have dropped that plan almost a year ago. Many of the mistakes made are due to the fact that the new officers have not been instructed as to the details of their work. It is just as much the duty of out-going officers to see that their successors are made familiar with every particular of the office, as to fill that office during the term for which they were chosen.

If the time has come for you to surrender your burden to another be sure that other understands definitely what that burden is.

Let every secretary read carefully the "Instructions for the Secretary" on the bottom of the Quarterly Report blank. The Sabbathschool secretary should keep the donations through the quarter as usual and at the end of the quarter, after having paid all outstanding indebtedness, turn over the balance to the church treasurer. Make out your report in triplicate. Turn over the quarter's balance to the church treasurer, having him fill out and sign the receipt in each report blank. Leave one copy with the church treasurer to be forwarded by him to the State treasurer with the money. Send one copy to the State secretary, Mrs. Bertie L. Herrell, 1112 South 11th St., Denver: and keep the third in the school records. We hope all superintendents and secretaries will study this carefully in connection with the instructions printed on the blanks, and see that the one who follows you thoroughly understands it, and thus avoid any further trouble.

DR. WILLARD W. HILLS.

### Daily Study of the Word of God.

A daily study of the word of God is highly essential to Christian growth. It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Man could not live many days without feeding upon the temporal food, neither can he live a spiritual life many days without the heavenly food. Thy words were found and I did eat them, and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of

my heart. Jer. 15: 16. The entrance of thy word giveth light. Ps. 11: 13. For one to have the temporal food in the house, and even on the table, would not benefit him; he must eat it. So with the spiritual food. We may have the Bible in the house and read it, but if we do not eat the Word, let it enter and digest it, we will not receive benefit and strength from it.

"The Sabbath-school affords a precious opportunity for the study of God's word." "Parents and children should devote time to the study of the Sabbath-school lesson." "Parents should set apart a little time each day to study the lessons with the children." We should impress upon the minds of the young the importance of seeking the full meaning or significance of the scripture under consideration.

"The Sabbath-school lessons should be better learned if possible, than the lessons of the day schools." "It is impossible to estimate the good results of one hour, or even half an hour each daydevoted to a cheerful and careful study of the word of God." "Make the Bible its own expositor, bringing together all that is said on any given subject." The Bereans were noble because they studied the Word daily. Acts 17: 11. G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

"The spoke in the wheel which creaketh most, doth not bear the greatest burden in the cart."

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

#### OBITUARY.

Died in Denver Colorado, January 9, of pneumonia Harold Sparks, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Sparks. Little Harold was only one month and twenty-eight days old. Like a beautiful little bud he only appeared for a short time and then was taken away. It was sad for the parents to give him up, but this is a tie that will bind their hearts to the throne of God. Services conducted by the writer at the home.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

# NOTES AND ITEMS.

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it."

Sisters Elva and Celia Green spent a few duys in Boulder last week visiting home folks, They report an excellent time.

Brother and Sister Lightner, of Denver, are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home. We trust their new found treasure will be a joy forever.

Miss Ella Kelso writes: "I feel that I cannot get along without our family letter, the ECHOES. Enclosed find twenty five cents for my renewal."

Miss Helen Bernice Bates arrived at her new home in Cripple Creek, Colorado, January 25. and was cordially welcomed by her father and mother. ECHOES extends congratulations.

Brethren Burlingame and Porter, of Boulder, were in Denver last week and made the office a pleasant call. Brother Porter left a nice book order preparatory to entering the canvassing, work.

Sister Celia McDonald has closed her work at Idaho Springs for the present, and has gone to Loveland to engage in Bible work at that place. She spent Sabbath in Denver *entrante* to her new field of labor.

We are anxious to receive from our churches and little companies reports of the week of prayer meetings. All, are waiting to hear what God has done for you. Please do not fail to send in these words of encouragement.

Sister Alma Moore write: "We are planning for Convention Day, and are looking for the same or even greater success and richer blessings than we experienced in the last one. Our hearts are made glad when we see the late converts taking an active part in this work"

Sister E. M. Knox writes from Fruita as follows: "We are but few who meet together here, but enough to claim the promises of God, and he fulfils his promises to our waiting hearts. Oh, we are waiting for our Lord's return, bless his name. Pray for us." Brother H. A. Aufderliar is holding meetings at Boxelder with an excellent interest. Brother and Sister Satterlee recently organzied a Sabbath school at that place which formed the nucleus for this larger work. Cannot others of our breteren and sisters do likewise?

If you receive an extra copy of ECHOES please open and read it carefully, for it contains a personal letter to you, and we have no better means of sending it to you. We expect to do much of our letter-writing through our Conference paper thus year. Keep close watch of it.

Since our last issue we have received about firty new subscriptions to ECHOES. Somebody has been working, and more than one, too, for they come from every part of the State. To day we received from Brother Alway, at Leadville, a list of ten names with these words: "Enclosed find order for \$2.50 to be applied on the accompanying list of ECHOES, with love to all the ECHOES family. Let the good work go on.

Two weeks ago Sister Buth Olson received news of the death of her Sister Mrs. Belle Gillas, who accompuied her to California hist spring. Mrs. Gillas were to Washington when Mrs. Lees and Mrs. Olson returned to Colorado, and her sudden death is due to apoptexy. Her body was returned to Denver for interment. We extend to Sister Lees and Olson and other members of the family our sincere sympathy in this affliction.

Sister Oldham writes that the little Sabbath-school at Timpas Valley has been discontinued, and that those who remain there are meeting with the Sabbath-schools at Rocky Ford and La Junta. There are only a few at Rocky Ford but some are just taking a stand for the truth, and have begun to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, and they need help. There is so much to do that we can only cry unto the Lord to send more laborers into his vineyard, for truly "the harvest is great and the laborers are few."

To the many friends who are making, anxions inquiries about Brother and Sister Watson we are glad to say, that both are well again, and that no other member of the family came down with the disease except Miss Daisy Chatfield who was staying with them. All are now fully recovered, and going in and out among ns as usual. Brother L. H. Proctor, who also had smallpox is entirely well, and although many others in the office and meetings were exposed, Ged in his infinite good ness protected from a general spread of the terrible disease. To him be all the praise.

From a letter received from Mrs Isabel Parsons, at Villa Grove, we glean the following: "Brother Mackintosh has been with us several days, holding meetings in the evening. Last night was the last. He would have remained longer had there been an interest. It seems strange that people can be so indifferent to their soul's salvation, but we were all that at one tfme. like We did enjoy the week of prayer readings, and though we were but few in number, we, I am sure received valuable lessons from them, and they gave us new contage to go on in the Master's work."

At our recent Conference meeting the matter of the Conference debt was presented by Elder Bussell and others, and a call made for funds to pay the remaining note of one thousand dollars. The response was hearly and general, and in a short time the entire amount was pledged. We have received on these pledges, something over four hundred dollars, and trust that others will forward the sym pledged as soon as possible that we may know the joy of singing the Inbilee song here in Colorado. We can scarcely wait until that time arrives, and we know it will be a glad day for Colorado., Send in your pledges, Brethren.

# Report of Canvassing Work.

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