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GENERAL ARTICLES.

AN APPEAL IN BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON, D. C., CHURCH.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

I have been pleased to learn, through reading the *Review*, and from letters from Elder J. S. Washburn, that a church-building in Washington, D. C., formerly known as the Central Methodist Protestant church, has been purchased by the Second Seventh-Day Adventist church, of this city. A house of worship was greatly needed by our people in the section of the city where this property is situated. The purchase of this church will provide a suitable place in which witness can be borne to the truths we advocate. The building will stand as a memorial for God.

This property must now be paid for. Some payments have already been made, but a large sum must yet be raised to complete the payments. We therefore ask those who have means, to act as the Lord's helping hand by doing something to help to free this church from debt. Every penny given will help. If all will give what they can the indebtedness will soon be liquidated. We pray that those who can help in this enterprise may be constrained to do so by their love for

Christ. We regard the purchase of this church property as a wise step, and your co-operation in assisting the brethren there to pay for it will bring you into harmony with the beneficent purposes of the gospel.

In the place of spending money for selfish pleasure, let every one deny self and lift the cross. God's blessing will follow. Do not all of our people desire to share in the privilege of paying for the house of worship in Washington, D. C.? If every one of the believers in this country would give something, the necessary sum would be raised, and the amount given by each would scarcely be missed. Let us help our brethren in the national capital, for they are too poor and too few in number to bear the burden alone. Those who share in this missionary enterprise by making gifts large or small, according to their ability, will ever after feel a deeper interest in the progress of the Lord's cause in Washington. Those who respond to this call, making gifts to the Lord for the purchase of this church property, will receive rich blessing for so doing. Mrs. E. G. White.

THE SABBATH IN CREATION.

The majority of people if asked the question, "When did God finish His work of Creation?" would unhesitatingly answer, "At the end of the sixth day."

Undoubtedly this is a wrong idea, as the work of creation was not completed until the end of the seventh day.

We read, "And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made." Gen. 2:3, thus giving us to understand that there was something made on the seventh day, and there was, and that was the Sabbath.

But one says, "Did not God rest on the seventh day?" True, and it was by this act of resting, blessing and sanctifying that the Sabbath was brought into existence and so became as truly a work of creation as anything else that was made. The numeral seven is used in the Bible as a symbol of completeness and is taken from the complete period of creation; viz.: seven days. We also find in Mark 2:27 that "The Sabbath was made," and so he who attempts to abolish the Sabbath is attempting to destroy part of God's creation.

Geo. M. Alway.

A CALL.

We are told in *Testimony*, Vol. VI, page 332, that a great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies into this work. Dear reader, do you belong to either of these classes? If so will you respond to the call? Have you once been in the canvassing field and allowed something to discourage you and drive you from your work? If so, will you return?

Are you among the number who have never been in the work and are now called upon to volunteer? The call of the hour will be answered by the coming of the man. When God makes a call it will be answered by somebody. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord will impart a fitness to us as we put the armor on. We would be glad to correspond with any one who would like to enter this work. G. Phillips.

FIELD REPORTS.

JUST OVER THE LINE.

I am just over the line of Eastern Colorado, in the valley of the Frenchman river in Nebraska, and often I long to see the old Rockies and to meet with friends once more.

Since the death of our dear Reporter, the *Echoes* is the best little paper I have to read; I hope it will not die. Each issue is like a letter from home.

When I read of the church in Cripple Creek, where Elder J. B. Wilson and I spent most all summer in "breaking ice" some years ago, it gives me much courage to go on; some times sowing seed, sometimes gleaning fruit. My prayer is that the work will soon be done and that all may enter into rest. Until then, may God's blessing rest on the *Echoes* family.

Geo. H. Smith,
Palisade, Neb.

TELLURIDE.

Dear *Echoes*:—

Our little company was greatly cheered by the decision of the Conference to locate a Bible worker here for a time, and we are anxiously looking forward to her arrival, trusting this may be a fruitful field.

We greatly enjoyed the week of prayer, and all seemed to receive a better understanding of their privileges and duties. Our annual offering was \$26.70; \$7.00 was donated for the Sanitarium in England, and we also added our mite to the Washington, D. C., church fund, esteeming it a privilege to help in this grand work.

Brother Phillips made us a short visit which was greatly appreciated by all. Plans were laid, and March 3, 4 we joined the canvassing army, taking fifty-six orders.

Ella N. Adams.

"MAN OVERBOARD."

David Paulson, M. D.

We certainly would not hesitate to rescue a man who had fallen overboard in the middle of the ocean, but there are a hundred thousand prisoners in this country who have either fallen overboard or else, like Jonah, they have been thrown overboard, and the same God that was interested in Jonah when he was cast into the sea is interested in these men. Are you

seeking to help them or to save them? God looks down from heaven to "hear the groaning of the prisoner." Ps. 102:20. We can be used as instruments in God's hand to save these despairing, helpless men and women who have been cast overboard and for whom society has no pitying glance.

If we had been born of the same parents and brought up in the same environment as some of these prisoners perhaps some of us would be behind prison bars to-day. If they had been given the same opportunities that we have had perhaps they would have filled them far more acceptably than we have filled them.

In April we shall send a cheering gospel message of hope in the form of a copy of *The Life Boat* to be placed in the hands of practically every prisoner in the United States.

Prison officials without exception are interested in this effort and will assist us all they can. Will you interest your friends in this plan? The prisoner must have the gospel as well as other sinners.

HEALTH FOODS FOR ADVENTISTS

God has told us many times that he designed the health reform work to be the entering wedge to the third angel's message. And this it has proved to be, as may be seen by the success that has attended the medical missionary work in its various branches. For our own people it has taken slaves to health destroying habits and made comparatively healthy men and women, capable of efficient service in the Master's vineyard. But not one-tenth has been done that might have been, and God now calls upon us to delay no longer. Will we heed the command to go forward? Will we in our own lives accept every precious principle, and stand as living witnesses to the saving power of these principles? Not only is a vegetarian diet more healthful, but also cheaper. Especially to members of our churches who through the local tract societies can secure a discount of forty per cent on the various cereal foods prepared by our Health Food companies. This after paying the freights would furnish you these foods much cheaper than food now used in many an Adventist home. Brethren, club together and send through your librarian for the foods

you need, and not only receive a blessing yourself, but by your example and influence induce your neighbors to conform to God's ways. Price lists or any information gladly furnished by Colorado Sanitarium Food Co., Boulder, Colo. C. L. Burlingame.

"The way to heaven.—You have only to turn to the right and go straight forward."

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Shall we have a church school in connection with our church next fall? Yes. Why? Because the Lord has repeatedly told us that schools should be established wherever it is possible, and that the salvation of our youth and children depends largely upon this work. Study the following:

"Work as if you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting, corrupting influences of the world."

"We are far behind our duty in this important matter. In many places schools should have been in operation years ago. All the youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God."

"Our church schools are ordained of God to prepare the children for this great work."

Brethren are you planning to co-operate with God in this work? Will there be a preparation on your part now to make a church school possible in connection with your church the coming school year? The way to have a successful school is to begin now to plan for it, then work for it constantly until you get it, and then support it faithfully with your prayers, your means, and your brotherly sympathy and counsel.

Are you going to have one? Write me about it. Your Brother,

E. E. Farnsworth,
Gunnison, Colo.

"'Twas an unhappy division that has been made between faith and works. Though in my intellect I may divide them, just as in the candle I know there is both light and heat; but yet, put out the candle, and they are both gone: one remains not without the other. So 'tis betwixt faith and works."

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

WHAT IS THE GREATEST PRESENT NECESSITY IN OUR SCHOOL, AND HOW SHALL IT BE PROVIDED FOR?

The greatest present necessity in our school is application. We fail to apply ourselves to as careful a study and preparation of the lesson as we should. Thus we lose much of the significance of the scripture under consideration. We are admonished to "Study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." "Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus," that it may elevate the highest as well as the lowest worker in our Sabbath-school, so that Jesus will not be ashamed to acknowledge them as His co-laborers.

"The Bible lessons that are taught in our schools are of far greater importance than many now discern. These children will have to meet, in the near future, the heresies and fables that abound in the Christian world." "Our work must stand the test of the Judgment. The youth in this age must be fitted by the grace of Christ to meet and overcome evils which have been introduced into society. They will have opportunities to use all the knowledge and influence that they have acquired, and will need wisdom from above to stem the current of evil that surrounds them. The supporters of error and unscriptural doctrine are numerous; the world at large is leading them to forget God and to despise His claims. The law of God is trampled under unholy feet. Every youth is responsible to God for his opportunities, and for the precious light shining upon him from the scriptures."

Every member of the school should work to bring about the very best results. "Superintendents, officers and teachers should never scold nor complain before the scholars; if you wish to influence the school for good, put away the whip, and exert a heaven inspiring influence, which will carry the minds of all with you."

Secondly, How shall this need be provided for?

Wisdom is the principal thing. Prov. 4:7; therefore if we possess the spirit of wisdom, we will be prepared to make the application necessary,

and will make it. Thus the great demand for more Sabbath-school teachers will be met, and the school will be blessed in the hands of God.

G. W. Anglebarger.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION AT BOULDER.

On account of the deep snow and cold weather, the Sabbath-School Convention was not held here until February 28. We tried to follow the outline given in *Echoes*. Papers were read on the different subjects and all took a lively interest in the discussions. It was a banner day for the Sabbath-school here, and we feel that the good instruction that was given to us by the papers and the discussions will have a lasting effect for good on all who attended.

We had a forenoon and afternoon session, both of which were well attended. A committee on music had arranged for a large number of songs, quartettes and duets, which gave variety to the program of the day.

We arranged for different persons to lead out in the discussions of the papers, after they had been read; and these began their work without waiting to be called on by the chairman. Thus the meeting was kept on the move, and but few knew that any had been appointed beforehand for that purpose. We liked the plan very much.

In the discussion of the different papers, we asked the school to push along the good points of the papers, as well as the points on which they might differ. As a result there seemed to be a liberty of feeling seldom seen in such meetings, and all felt sure that the Lord was indeed with us in the studies of the day.

In our Sabbath-school we have adopted the plan of having the secretary read her report, after the opening prayer, without announcing her, neither do we ask for the approval of the minutes read. All corrections are made to the secretary privately. We believe this is one way to get out of the "old rut."

We suggest that conventions be held three or four times a year, but the program be shortened so that it can be used in a session not exceeding two and a half hours. Thus the school will not become tired out.

May the Lord bless the Sabbath-school work in Colorado.

R. M. Rockey.

CONVENTION OF LONGMONT SABBATH-SCHOOL HELD FEB. 21, 1903.

Sister J. W. Hamilton led out on the important subject, "The Effect of Home Training on Sabbath-School Pupils."

Training must begin where life begins, at home. Early and lasting impressions are made on the white page (brain), hence the importance that its surroundings breathe forth an atmosphere of the love of God. Parents must therefore know of this love for themselves.

There will be no dull Sabbath-school scholar when once the pupil's mind becomes interested in this fathomless subject.

The first twelve years of Moses' training put him where the Egyptian courts could not move him.

Papers were also read and discussed on the following subjects:

"The Needs of the Sabbath-School and How To Supply Them."

"How Shall We Supply Teachers for Our Sabbath-School?"

"How To Make the Teachers' Meeting More Interesting and Practical?"

The following are a few of the many thoughts presented:

The workers may with earnest painstaking effort, diligent application and prayer, rely on God for help.

Wisdom and tact must be cultivated in order that every exercise of the school may make us better acquainted with our heavenly Father. The truth of God must be presented in an attractive manner.

More of the missionary spirit should be taught in our Sabbath-schools. The crying needs of other countries can be presented in appropriate missionary exercises and all encouraged to practice self-denial.

Teachers must not only be teachers when before their classes, but all the week their lives may illustrate the truths of God, and thus make a lasting impression upon the minds of their pupils.

To close, Sister Mary Rice and class gave a very interesting exercise regarding Chili as a mission field, thus helping us to realize the need of workers and the important part the Sabbath-school fills in training them to do God's service in regions beyond.

All felt that a profitable day had been spent in the discussion of these important subjects.

Carrie Rousseau.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

"They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts."

Brother States spent last Sabbath with the Idaho Springs Church.

Brother Mackintosh has just closed a series of meetings at Hooper, Colo.

"People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after."

Brother T. J. Landrum and family, of Fort Morgan, have gone to New Mexico to reside.

Brother Phillips spent a few days last week in and about Greeley, in the interest of the canvassing work.

Elder Aufderhar expects to remove his family to Fort Morgan in the near future, as that will be his field of labor for the summer.

An interesting Sabbath-school teachers' normal class has been organized in the Denver school, and is being conducted by Mrs. Ruth Olson.

During the absence of Elder Anglebarger, who is attending the General Conference, Elder F. M. Wilcox, of the Boulder Sanitarium, is conducting the Sunday evening services in the Denver church.

Brother John Kissinger died from small-pox, at his home in Meeker, Colo., six o'clock Monday evening, March 16. He was deacon in the Meeker church. We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope.

Elder Geo. O. States and son Charles spent a couple of days in Denver recently. We were glad to hear the encouraging reports that Brother States brings from the churches and isolated ones. He will labor in Greeley for a time.

Miss Blanche Murray of Eldora, Iowa, arrived in Denver Tuesday, March 24, and will spend a few days visiting in Elder Watson's family. Miss Murray may decide to remain in Denver for a while, and engage in her work of caring for the sick.

Brother J. H. Adams writes: "I never sold a book until the 3rd of this month and took thirteen orders in the first seven hours, and good ones. I want to sell more. We feel grateful for the measure of success the Lord has given us in the sale of these books, and the precious experiences more than paid for the time and labor."

Brother C. A. Frederick writes that sickness, muddy roads, etc., have combined to reduce their sales of "Object Lessons," yet they have resolved to keep up the work. He says: "I find that spiritual growth usually runs parallel with our work for souls."

Dr. Hills came to Denver the 18th inst., to lay before the other members of the committee the plans of the National Reform Convention just held at Colorado Springs, and to urge that something definite be done toward placing the Sentinel and other matter before the people at once.

Sister Ines Covert, secretary of the Victor Sabbath-school, says: "Our little school is growing and all seem to be greatly interested. We are anxious to do all we can to 'bring them in.' Our one thought is to interest outsiders, for we fully realize we must each be missionaries, that our school may be up to the standard."

W. S. Beverlin of Cedaredge, Colo., writes that they have recently organized a Sabbath-school there, which is steadily growing in numbers as the weather permits the little ones to attend. Plans have been laid for the organization of another school about eight miles south of Cedaredge, a little later in the season. We are very glad indeed to hear of this work.

Elder J. B. Wilson writes from Pueblo: "We are doing what we can with Object Lessons and we feel hopeful that our part will soon be finished. We are doing a good work in the distribution of tracts and the brethren here feel an interest that will make a good showing before long. My work is prospering and everything looks encouraging. I hope you will remember us here and ask the Lord to help us that we may do our part in the closing work now being done, to prepare the world for the coming Saviour."

On Monday the delegates and friends left us for the General Conference, which is to be held at Oakland, California, March 27th to April 13th. They traveled in two parties, Sisters Elva Green, Cella Green, Grant Adkins, Sutherland, Rice and Pierce going over the Colorado Midland, stopping off at Salt Lake en route. The other party, consisting of Elder G. F. Watson, Elder G. W. Anglebarger and wife, and Elder Watson Ziegler took the evening Colorado Southern for Dalhart, Texas, where they change to

the Rock Island, going by the way of El Paso, Texas, Los Angeles, California and the beautiful coast line route to San Francisco. We wish them all God-speed on their journey and pray that this important Conference may be blessed with an abundant measure of His Spirit.

Lida Moore writes from Florence: "We did not have our convention at the time appointed on account of stormy weather, so we held it one week later. We enjoyed the day, which was spent in listening to some most excellent papers and recitations, together with singing and prayer. Each one, including the children, had a part in the exercises of the day, and all did their very best to make it a complete success."

Once again we wish to call attention to the fact that our little paper is being used to a greater degree than ever before as the means of communication between the Conference and people. Through its columns you may learn what has been done, what is to be done, who is to do it, and when and where and how. In short you can keep in touch with the work. If you will take, and read the **Echoes** you will not only have an understanding of the affairs of the Conference, but you will do your part to save the time and money it would take to write personal letters to all. Let an effort be made to place the **Echoes** in every family in your school with as little delay as possible.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

OBITUARY.

Died, near Denver, March 9, 1903, of heart failure, Pascal Sparks, infant son of Brother and Sister Sparks. Little Pascal was born February 5, 1903, being thirty-three days old. It was hard for the parents to part with their little treasure, but they are comforted with the blessed hope. Services were conducted at the home.

G. W. Anglebarger.

Mrs. E. D. Davenport of Fairfield, Washington, formerly of Colorado, died at Spokane, Wash., of heart trouble, March 7, 1903, aged fifty six years. She died in bright hope. Words of comfort were spoken from John 14:1-5, by request.

W. H. Saxby.