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### GENERAL ARTICLES.

## THE TIME OF PERIL.

Thinking that possibly the following communication from Eld. Allen Moon, chairman of the Religious Liberty Bureau, may be of interest to the readers of he Echoes from the Field, I quote the following:

"In answer to a telegram from Elder Daniells, I arrived in Washington on the 11th inst., and remained there one week. I found that the special Sunday bill, (H. R. 11,819,) had been favorably recommended by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, had been favorably recommended by the House Committee on the District of Columbia and had passed the House of Representatives with very little opposition on the part of the members, and up to this point no effort had been made on the part of our people to inform any of those having the bill in charge of the real tendencies of this class of legislation, nor of the ultimate terrible results that would follow. It was at this point in the proceedings that the telegram was sent from Washington. I found on arriving at Washington that with some of the old members of the Senate the agitation of this question years ago had lost its force, and many new members had been enstalled, so

that at the present time there is abundant evidence that if this bill should come before the Senate for action it would receive the majority vote of that body. Immediately, we set to work, by letters, petitions and literature, to call attention of Senators, and especially the members of the committee, to the nature of the bill. This work had the effect at least to cause some of the members of the Senate committee to enter upon the investigation of the question, and when the day came for the meeting of the Senate committee, Friday, the 15th, an effort to recommend the bill for passage resulted in a tie vote. After considerable discussion, it was decided to defer the action on the bill until the regular meeting of the committee on Friday, the 22d. Several of the brethren in Washington church were enlisted in circulating petitions among professional men and trades people of the city, and this work will be continued until some disposition is made of the bill, or until Congress adjourns without a final disposition of the measure.

"I find that a great majority of the members of the house are new members, having been elected since the agitation of this religious liberty question in Congress, and besides the enemy has one of the most tireless workers, one of the most Jesuitical characters in all this land constantly in their presence, holding up before them a false issue and deceptive purpose of civil government, leading them to believe that by the pursuance of a certain course they are affording protection to the institutions of the land. That this agent of his Satanic Majesty is also the agent of his great engine upon earth, the Papacy, there is now no room for question, and there seems to be a perfect agreement between this individual and the body referred to.. That we have permitted this state of things to exist in

the very face of the prophecy and the Testimonies, without sounding the warning, to my mind is utterly inexcusable.

"The people are in large measure unwarned, and yet it seems that the fulfillment of the Word of God is right at our door. It may be that the Lord will overrule and deliver us from this curse for a little time, but ought it not to be a warning to us to take up the message that God has given for this time, saying, 'If any man worship the beast or his image, and receive this mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.' We have not been saying it, shall we take up this saying now, and go to the people with it. If so, plans for the campaign ought to be be laid at once."

The letter quoted above ought to be considered a call to action by every loyal Seventh-Day Adventist. As individuals we ought to take hold of this work energetically, and push it until the final consummation. To rest quietly now when Satan is working with all his power, realizing that he hath but a short time in which to bring upon the world his master deceptions, is to imperil the lives of God's people as their lives were imperiled in the days of Mordicai. We should bestir ourselves, and not hold our peace. To hold our peace now will mean destruction and not salvation.

E. T. Russell.

### SUMMER NORMAL.

The second annual session of the Central Union Normal Conference Summer Normal for Christian teachers will convene in Atchison, Kansas, June 21 to August 16.

A private college building having four rooms and a large lawn full of beautiful shade trees has been secured for class work. This building is located in one of the best portions of the city, and is occupied at present by a select school known as the "College Preparatory School." Suitable homes for the teachers will be provided by renting large vacant buildings and the necessary furniture.

The following are the principles which, by the Central Union Conference Committee and the Educational Advisory Board, were adopted to govern the plans and work of the Summer Normal.

- 1. Every church school teacher should be a home missionary in the true sense, and as such, be able to train the youth in the best methods of work for each other, and for the young people of the world.
- 2. Since the vitalizing principle of church school work is well directed personal effort combined with the best methods of class work; and

Since our teachers are young people who have had very little training or experience in such personal work, and therefore do not know how to lead out in it; therefore,

We realize the need of giving our teachers such training and deem it advisable to locate our Summer Normal in a small city, connecting with it a series of revival meetings and evening lectures.

- 3. That all the students in attendance should spend some time in personal work, distributing literature, visiting the people in their homes and praying with those who need help.
- 4. That special attention should be given to working with the children and youth of the city, thus giving the teacher practical experience in applying the methods they are studying.
- 5. That the instructors in the Summer Normal should bear the responsibility of this work, unless the conference in which the school is located should choose to connect one of their laborers with the school to assist in this work.

A Christian education develops Christians. A Christian is a disciple maker, a soul winner for Christ. Class work which causes a student to be satisfied to know he is receiving something good, but does not waken a desire to at once give it to others is developing a wrong character. Our normal work should be an inspiration to the students to at once begin helping others to be Christians. They should be given opportunity for and instruction in doing personal work. For this purpose a series of tent meetings will be conducted by competent workers, as a part of the normal training. An excellent corps of experienced instructors will have charge of the class work, which embraces all the common branches. Every school teacher and every young person who desires to prepare for church school work should attend the Summer Normal. The announcements are almost ready to mail. All desiring announcements or further information should address their State Superintendent of church schools or B. E. Huffman, Educational Secretary, 821 W. 5th St. Topeka, Kansas.

## FIELD REPORTS.

### PAONIA.

The work at Paopia has reached a very interesting and encouraging stage. Our Sabbath-school and meetings are increasing in numbers from Sabbath to Sabbath. As a result of Brother Frederick's Bible work, which has been carried on through the winter, some of the best people in Paonia have accepted the truths of the last message, and are keeping all of God's commandments. One of the foremost business men, a lumber merchant, and his wife, who is a school teacher, are among the number. This man has lately sold his business, that he might obey the truth unhampered. The Lord has greatly blessed Brother Frederick's work, and we confidently expect the truth to gain a permanent footing here. I am convinced that house to house work is THE method. In this way I think a greater number of people, who would accept the message, may be reached than is possible by any other one method. In addition to the work mentioned, we have spoken to appreciative audiences at two of the school houses in the country on Sundays, and have had some very pleasant interviews with some of these people in their homes studying the truth for this time.

Notwithstanding all this, the emisaries of Satan have been at work. Not one of them was ever known to be idle. Antinomianism is abroad, but God will have a people that will represent him in spite of all the hosts of wrong. It is gratifying to see how quickly these people grasp the truth. Recently an active member of one of the churches here called on one of our new ones and expostulated with her as to the change she had lately made in her religious practices, but he soon found himself transformed from an instructor to a pupil..

We thank the Lord for victories already gained, and ask that the dear brethren will remember the work here.

We expect Elder Watson here May 14-27, and we invite those from other places to attend the meetings.

C. M. French.

### DELTA.

The first Sabbath-school convention of the Delta church was held in Delta, Sabbath, April 16th.

Two general fields of study, in which the Sabbath-school has an important part, was engaged in; The Plan of Redemption, by the older members, and Christ our Saviour, by the children.

Among some of the topics presented and discussed were the following: "Influence the Sabbath-school should have upon its members of all ages," "Influence it should have upon those not members," "Improvement from the standpoint of a pupil," and "Importance of the daily study of the Bible." The convention was well attended, and all the topics were presented with life and earnestness.

Anna M. States, Secy.

### Union College Summer School.

It seems quite clear to the board of managers of the Union College that we cannot carry out fully the instruction we have received on the subject of education without conducting work during the summer. It has therefore been arranged to conduct a school during the coming summer provided there are enough students who desire to take work to warrant the employment of regular teachers.

The courses of instruction which are offered are Bible, Common Branches, Agriculture, Horticulture, Printing, Wood and Iron Work, besides special studies which are offered in the regular college course which students may desire to take up.

Full credits will be given for all satisfactory work done. Students will not be encouraged to take heavy work along purely literary lines, hut to spend considerable time in manual labor on the college farm or in the college shops. They will thus be enabled to pay a large part or the whole of their expenses, and to receive credits on their tuition for next year.

This is not intended to take the place of normal work for church school teachers. The summer normal for teachers is to be conducted at Atchison, Kan., under the direction of the Educational Secretary of the Central Union Conference.

Will those who desire to take work in the Union College Summer School correspond with the president of Union College immediately. There are opportunities for faithful young men to take up Bible and agriculture and to earn considerable of their expenses for next year.

Let any who desire to take up special lines of work, such as music or the studies offered in the regular college course, correspond with the school at once, as we must know what is desired, and what we can arrange for in this line. Address:

L. A. Hoopes. College View, Neb.

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

How to Properly Conduct the General Exercises of the S. S.

#### By Anna Hibben.

In order to better understand just what is meant by this subject, let us define some of the words. Properly means suitably, agreeably, to please; conduct to guide, direct or manage; exercise to keep busy; Sabbath rest, refreshment, blessing; school a place of learning, or training the mind. Therefore, the subject under consideration is, how to manage in an agreeable, pleasing way to keep the mind restfully, refreshingly busy during the time not occupied by the classes. The solving of this difficult problem is a task for which I feel incompetent.

It is one thing to simply manage the Sabbath-school exercises, and quite another thing to manage it in such a way as to keep all the minds busy and that, too, without weariness, in a pleasurable way. There are many who can fill the place of superintendent in name—many who can go through the form cleverly enough; but they fail to give courage and hope, to inspire thought, to quicken energy, and to impart such life that the school shall become a living, growing power for good.

The Lord has told us that "our Sabbath-schools should be more interesting;" and to superintendents, He says, "Make your exercises interesting." In order to do this, he must first be interested himself; for how can one interest another or group of others when he himself has no interest, or puts forth no effort to become interested? Therefore the first essential for a successful school exercise is to select one for superintendent who "can fill the place in every sense of the word;" one who has zealous

enthusiasm and true animation connected with order, and who will make God his counselor that his mind may be impressed to use the very best methods, and follow the best plans to make his work successful; and not only tnat, but one who will seek for new methods by which to educate the youth. The instruction is that "the managers need to plow deeper." They need to put more thought and hard work upon what they are doing. They need to be more thorough students of the Bible, and have a deeper religious experience in order to know how to conduct the Sabbath-school after the Lord's order." "Careful plans should be matured. There should be thoughtful, prayerful study how to work to the best advantage."

Make every effort and exert every influence you can possibly command to have life and interest in the school. Let none become discouraged and say. we have no such material in our school. for He who has given the standard has also said: "There are minds among us who can invent and carry out, if they are only put to use." The persons possessing these minds may have limited educational advantages. They may be persons of few words, and of but little natural ability, but a love for the work, a willingness to labor in humility, a living faith, and a connection with Christ will enable them to awaken an interest, and draw out from both teachers and students precious gems of spirtual and intellectual truths; and thus, while educating others, they will be educating themselves. One benefit to be derived from such educators is, the pupils will not be awed by their display of profound knowledge, but will be willing to tell in simple language what impression the lesson has made on their minds, and the result will be a deep living interest in the school. A keen, sharp intellect may be an advantage, but the power of the educator is in his heart connection with the Light and Life of the world.

Having a superintendent after God's order, let us consider some of the methods that can be employed in the work, and some things which should be avoided. While there should be order and regulation, do not carry these to extreme. Labor to vary the forms in such a way as to rest and refresh the school. Instead of always opening with a song, occasionally re-

late a story that leads to a selection bearing on the subject, and they will sing with the spirit and with the understanding. Or, in opening, have a Scripture lesson either responsive or otherwise, followed by a suggestive song. Again, relate the experience of one of our composers, such as Fannie Crosby, followed by singing two or three selections from her pen. Sometimes open the school by silent prayer followed by an audible one. Thus in different ways, commence the school with a pleasing surprise. Arrange variation in the singing during the exercises. Occasionaly have a solo or duet or quartet, but avoid enlisting those who would do it only for show,or consuming time in that way for display, as it does no good, and may do harm. In closing with a familiar song, have those on one side of the house sing a stanza and the

# (To be continued.)

TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL.

In reply to several letters of inquiry, I wish to state that this school will be held at Atchison, Kansas, begining about the fifteenth of June, and will continue about eight weeks. The printed outline will soon be ready and will be mailed to all interested ones. The best educators we have among us have been secured to lead out in the work, and I am sure no teacher can afford to miss this opportunity. We are yet in need of several good teachers to attend this school and be ready for a church school this fall. May the Lord impress hearts to take up this work.

E. E. Farnsworth.

### A Request.

I very much desire the correct name and address of every Seventh-day Adventist living in the following named counties: Garfield, Rio Blanco, Routt, Pitkin, Eagle, Summit, Grand and that portion of Larimer county lying west of the Divide.

These counties compose District No. 5, in which I am now laboring. Please state of what church you are a member. Send your own name and the names of others who may not see this notice.

L. A. Spring. Glenwood Springs, Colo.

### CAMP-MEETING FUND.

### NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder Watson and wife spent last Sabbath with the church at Boulder.

Brother Grant Adkins is spending a few days at home after an extended trip in his territory.

Messrs. Mudge and Harry Ziegler, of Ft. Collins, were in Denver last week visiting relatives.

Mrs. Daisy Martin, who has been a sufferer for years, was in Denver last week for treatment and medical care.

Dr. Washburn, of the Place Sanitarium, visited his sister, Mrs. G. F. Watson, of Denver, last Wednesday. We acknowledge a pleasant call from him.

Elder Watson held quarterly meeting with the church at Canon City Sabbath, the 23rd, at which time Dr. Wade was ordained elder of the church

Sister Dailey and family, of Denver, have gone to California to spend the summer. The health of Miss Virginia made it necessary for them to make this change.

Elder Richards has been holding meetings at Ouray for the past few days. We have not as yet received a report, but we trust some are being led to a decision for the truth.

Mrs. S. F. Svensson was in Denver a couple of days last week. She reports encouragingly of the work at Idaho Springs, where she and her husband are laboring at present.

Mrs. A. T. Robinson left Boulder Thursday of last week to join her husband in Nebraska. We are glad to know that her health has been much improved by her stay in Colorado.

The Union College Messenger is the name of a paper that is soon to be issued in the interests of Union College. It will be a thirty-two-page magazine, issued semi-monthly. Price, 35 cents.

Brother G. Phillips passed through Denver on his way to Hygiene to assist Brother Farnsworth in a canvassers' institute to be held at that place. He gave the office a pleasant call, and reports the work in Missouri as being onward. Brother C. H. Bates writes that the work is onward in Cripple Creek, and that new ones are constantly taking their stand for the truth. He asks to be remembered in the prayers of God's people.

Elder Ziegler has been holding meetings in Ft. Collins for the past month with excellent results. A number have accepted the truth and will soon be baptized. We hope for a report soon.

Brother C. A. Frederick, of Paonia, was called to College View recently by the serious illness of his little daughter. For a time her life was despaired of, but she is gradually growing stronger again.

From a letter just received from Brother E. R. Hartman, of Montrose, Colo., we learn that he is laid up with a broken leg. We did not learn how he received the injury. We are also informed that he is the happy father of a daughter about a month old.

The Denver church had the privilege, last Sabbath, of listening to a most stirring and earnest discourse by Elder Richards, of San Francisco, Cal. May we heed the admonition to "be ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

The recent movement, in Washington, D. C., for Sunday laws shows us that "while men slept the enemy sowed tares." Is it not too bad that during this time of peace when we should have been wide awake, and laboring earnestly to place the true principles of civil and religious liberty before the people, we have been asleep? May we arouse and sound an alarm before it is too late.

We are constantly receiving large numbers of postage stamps as donations, and remittances for supplies, and are always willing to accept them providing they are not broken. A postage stamp should never be folded through the stamp. Please be careful to see that when you fold them you do not place the fold through the stamp, but through the space which separates the stamps from each other. We lose many stamps because they have been broken by being folded, and the parts become separated, and are lost.

### OBITUARIES.

Mrs. Mary E. Crooks fell asleep in Jesus at Bowen, Colo., February 3d, 1904. She was born in Ohio in 1846. About nine years ago she came to Colorado for her health. She gave her heart to Jesus, and embraced the truths of the third angel's message at that time. Her communion with the dear Saviour helped her much to be patient during her long sickness. She chose the hymns she wished sung, and the text, outlining the sermon she wished to have preached.

Malcom Mackintosh.

Reese—Died at her home at Crawford, Colo., February 25, 1904, Sister Mary Reese, in her fifty-eighth year. She accepted present truth about ten years ago, was a member of the Crawford church, and the Saviour was dear to her until her death. She leaves three sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. Words of comfort were spoken by C. A. Frederick.

B. T. Hutchison.

Sarah M. Baty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baty, born September 19, 1894, in Denver, died March 16, 1904, of dropsy. Little Sarah was a great sufferer for a number of months but bore it all with christian patience. We are comforted with the assurance that she sleeps in Jesus. The funeral was conducted at the home of Sister L. C. Gray and was largely attended by sympathizing friends.

G. W. Anglebarger.

Little Alvin Rufus Morton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morton, born at Wray, Colo., December 30, 1903, died March 23, 1904. Words of comfort were spoken from Jer. 31:16.

Watson Zeigler.

## CAMP-MEETING FOR 1904.

Shall we have one, is the question we asked you at our last meeting, and you all said, "Yes." Now do you know that when you say that, we understand you to mean that you will help us get the money. How can we hold a State meeting without money? I hope all our members will send us a small donation. We do not want to distress any, and if all will give a little we shall have ample means. We will not go in debt for this meeting, and you do not want us to, I am sure of that, so let us all give something to this fund, and do it now so we may know how to plan.

Please, dear people, let us know what you want us to do.

G. F. Watson.