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A Diamond in the Rough.

A diamond "in the rough"
Is a diamond, sure enough,
And, though yet it may not sparkle,
It is made of diamond stuff.

Of course some one must find it,
Or it never will be found,
And then some one must grind it,
Or it never will be ground.

But when it's found, and when it's ground,
And when it's burnished bright,
That diamond's everlastingly
Just flashing out it's light.

O! teacher in the Sabbath school,
Don't think you've "done enough;"
That worst boy in your class may be
A diamond in the rough.

Perhaps you think he's "grinding" you,
And possibly you're right,
But it may be you need grinding
To burnish you up bright.—Selected.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

To Answer Questions.

So many have and are asking questions about church order that I will briefly answer a few through the ECHOES, and we will let this suffice until Elder Richards gets his tract printed on this subject.

Question. Can a letter be granted to a member of a church on a majority vote, without an investigation as to the

objection of the objectors. No. If there is only one member who votes against granting a letter to another member, that one vote is sufficient to stop the issuing of a letter until the church can look into the objection and determine as to its merits.

Question. Must a clerk issue letters on the demand of the Elder? Answer. Never. The Elder has no such right. Not even the president of the conference has the right to order letters granted to members. The church to which a person belongs has the only right to say whether he or she shall have a letter and then all objections must be cleared up before the clerk can give the letter and state the truth; that the member is in good and regular standing. Great care should be taken in granting letters, lest we should cause a sister church trouble by recommending persons who are not worthy of a place among God's people. Let us be true to our brethren and sisters of other churches.

G. F. Watson.

Missionary Convention Sabbath, November 17th.

It has been decided to hold a missionary convention Sabbath, November 17th, in all our churches throughout the middle west. This includes all territory embraced in the Central, Northern, Pacific and North Pacific Union Conferences. The principal reading for this convention will be by Elder M. C. Wilcox, editor of the *Signs of the Times*. The subject, "Signs of the End; Their Meaning to Me." This reading no doubt will be thrilling in the extreme.

The second reading for the occasion will be by Brother H. H. Hall on "How I Can Tell Their Meaning to Others."

This second reading deals largely with the resources at our command for carrying the message to those who know it not. The reading of these articles will perhaps consume forty minutes, thus allowing ample time for free discussion and formulation of plans for active service. This convention will serve to swell the tide of enthusiasm in the great missionary campaign we so earnestly begun two years ago and promised to wage until the message we love dearly has gone to the world. We understand that plans are being laid to hold this convention in the eastern part of the United States on November 10th. There are ample reasons, however, for the west and middle west placing it a week later, or November 17th.

Readings for the convention will be sent to all the churches in due time. A sufficient number will be sent to your tract society office to supply the isolated members. If you fail to get one, please write for it.

James Cochran,
Secretary Campaign Com.

Ministry of Healing.

Some have written to me, asking about what was necessary to do in order to canvass for Ministry Healing. I will say in answer to these letters, and to others that desire to have a part in selling this book to relieve the indebtedness that is upon our Sanitariums:

The plan is that each individual shall pay \$1.50 per copy for the book, and the book is sold for \$1.50 per copy. In this way every person gets his money back, and all that he is out is his time in selling the book. Where one hundred pounds or over are ordered to one address, the publishing house pays the freight; but where they are sent in smaller quantities,

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those ordering will have to pay the charges. Where one copy is ordered by mail, the postage is fifteen cents. The book weighs about one and one-half pounds, and I think the better way would be for each church to club together and order one hundred pounds or more sent to the librarian.

At the Palisades church, they have taken seventy-seven copies. Will not other churches follow their example, and send in an order for at least one hundred pounds? Now is the time to sell these books. Many people will buy them for Christmas presents. Every Seventh-day Adventist in Colorado could easily dispose of ten copies between now and Christmas. This would mean that about \$1,725.00 of the debt that is on the Colorado Sanitarium at Boulder would be lifted, and some of the indebtedness on other sanitariums, that are owned by the General Conference.

Now, brethren and sisters, let us make a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and lift this burden of debt. If we do we will have the blessing of God in so doing.

Order all books from the Colorado Tract Society, 1112 South 11th Street, Denver, Colorado.

A. G. Bodwell.

FIELD REPORTS.

Durango.

The work is moving off nicely here in Durango. I am holding Bible readings at the homes of the people with a good interest to hear the truth. Some are much interested. Our Sabbath school now numbers nineteen. We believe it will continue to grow.

My courage in the Lord is good. The truth looks brighter and more precious to me than ever before. Pray for the work here.

C. H. Bates.

Aspen.

October 13th I reached Palisades and found our campmeeting progressing nicely. I remained there until October 24th. The meetings were excellent, and our people were greatly blessed.

The canvassing work received its share of attention, and some will start to canvassing near Palisades.

From Palisades I went to Glenwood Springs and spent last Sabbath with the company there. On Sunday Brother Bradley and I took the train for Gypsum, reaching our destination at about 4 p. m.

Sunday afternoon. We at once started for the country, and began canvassing. The second person that I canvassed was quite a wealthy man and an old settler. The Lord gave me his order for a full morocco. Before we went to bed we had canvassed five persons and secured three orders.

The next morning I had a few minutes before train time, and went out with Brother Bradley again. He canvassed a man, and at the close of his canvass I gave the man a short re-canvass and the Lord gave us his order for a full morocco.

It does my soul good to get out into the field with our faithful canvassers and do practical work. The Lord is so good to us when we put our trust in him. He has gone out before us to prepare the hearts of the people to receive the message contained in the printed page. Where are those that will consecrate themselves to this work?

A. G. Bodwell.

Hygiene and Longmont.

Our church school commenced on October 15th with a good degree of interest, and with a promise of a good school. English and German will be taught by Brother and Sister Schmidt, the teachers. The Hygiene Young People's Society gave a very interesting exercise on the evening of October 13th carrying out the Ingathering-Harvest program as given in the Youth Instructor.

The Ni Wot church held their ordination meeting and quarterly service on Sabbath, October 6th. The Spirit of God was present and it cheers our hearts to meet with this little company of light-bearers. May they ever so live that the Lord may own and bless them. Quarterly service at Hygiene will be held Sabbath, October 27th.

On October 13th the Longmont Young People's Society gave the Ingathering Harvest Service, which was interesting to me. Also to see the interest the church school teacher there had taken to instruct her pupils in the things of God.

H. A. Aufderhar.

Our Letter From China.

Kulangsu, Amoy, China.

Your letter of June 10th received here several weeks ago, but we have been so busy that it has been hard to find time to answer it.

Since receiving your letter, Elder B. L. Anderson, Elder Keh and I went for a trip to the city of Tssan Chin, a place of about one hundred thousand inhabitants,

situated about seventy miles from Amoy.

The work that has sprung up in that city is only another evidence to me that the coming of the Lord is near and that he will work in mighty power in these last days to carry this message of warning into every nook and corner of this old world.

For sometime there have been a number of men in that city who have been inquiring into the Sabbath question, the inquiry being originally started by Elder Keh's tract on the Sabbath.

A little over three weeks ago we went to see these brethren, but being pressed for time Elder Anderson and myself left without seeing many of them. Elder Keh, however, stayed over Sabbath and Sunday and came home with good news. He preached on Sabbath and an old elder of the Presbyterian church came to hear him. The day before, this elder had asked the Lord to grant him a sign to help him decide which was right, Sabbath or Sunday. He said that when he went to hear Elder Keh, if the Sabbath was right, for the Lord to let him hear the sermon, understand it and receive it with a joyful heart, but if not to cloud his mind so he could not understand. He came, heard, understood and left rejoicing in the truth. Besides this, a deacon of the same church took a public stand for the truth and a number of others are standing with them.

One week ago today we went back and stayed over Sabbath and Sunday, and such a time as we had! Morning, noon and night, the people came to inquire, and after we had studied for two or three hours with them, they would collect into little groups of two or three and continue to study and talk while we prepared our meals. Sabbath, I spoke on the second coming of Christ and the preparation to meet him, dwelling especially on the thought in Jno. 17:19, that if the love of Christ were in our hearts we would consecrate our lives to God that others might through our consecration, obtain salvation. There were about thirty present and as I spoke to them: the presence of the Holy Spirit was plainly manifested in our midst. In the afternoon at three o'clock, Elder Keh spoke to them on the subject of Baptism and at the close gave opportunity for those who desired baptism to say so. Two old men responded, one the old Elder I have before mentioned, who is sixty-five years old, and another old man of seventy-six years of age. As they were anxious for immediate baptism, after questioning them and telling them what this step

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meant to them and to others, we repaired to the river outside the city walls, where I baptized them. The scene was a solemn one as these two old men entered the watery grave, and the others who were present were deeply impressed. While I changed my clothes in a neighboring thicket they held a short prayer service, many of those present taking part. There are eight or ten who have fully decided to keep the Sabbath in that city, while many more are in the valley of decision.

Sunday was a busy day, and so fully was our time taken up with talking to those that came in, that we didn't get a chance to eat our dinner until eight o'clock that evening.

Surely the field is ripe for the harvest, but oh how few the laborers! The time has come for our strong, consecrated workers to come over here to China and help gather in the precious sheaves. Delay is dangerous, yes, fatally so, and this year should see many on their way to this needy field. Let their State conferences send them out and support them here.

Last year, Iowa, with only about half as many workers, had over four hundred embrace the truth, compared with two hundred the year before. Let every State divide her workers and tithe with the foreign field and this work will soon be done.

Your brother,
W. C. Hankins.

Canvassers' Testimony Meeting.

We have some very encouraging words from Brother Archie Truman regarding his delivery.

"Dear Brother Bodwell: I received your letter Friday, and was very glad to get a few lines from you again.

"In regard to my delivery, I am glad to state I was happily surprised. It is hardly possible to make a complete statement now, as I left a few books with friends to be delivered. However, I am rejoiced to say that not one of my subscribers refused to take his book. There were a few who did not have the money to pay for same at the time, but wished to have it delivered later. Quite a number had moved to different parts of the State, whose orders of course I lost. You know my delivery came just before the people had realized a cent from their beets or grain. If my delivery could have been placed one month later, I think that every subscriber would have had the money ready. I feel very thankful to the Lord for the experience, which

I now feel was in itself worth the effort.

"I suppose a number of new workers are now in the field. I pray that the Lord may bless them abundantly. I am in school again and enjoy my work very much. Remember me in your prayers."

Brother Stevens is able to be at work again, and the following is from him:

"Your letter just received and I was indeed glad to hear from you, but am somewhat surprised to hear that you are way over there. I thought that you were holding an institute at Hygiene this month.

"Dear brother, I have often thought of you and wished that you could be with me for awhile in my delivery, to see how you would handle some of the objectionable things that I have had to meet the past week; but, notwithstanding these difficulties, the Lord has blessed me.

"I started to deliver in the vicinity of Wellington last Monday, and I had some good times there. I distributed a number of tracts, and had several good talks with the people. The power of God was manifest in softening the hearts of the people.

"One man told me not to open the book, but to go on, as he would not have it at all. I waited a little while, and then began talking in a mild tone of voice, telling him how the books had been lost, and how the publishing house was burned. He listened a moment, and then said that he didn't have a dollar, and had checked out his last check at the bank, but if I would leave the book with him that he would leave the money for me at the bank in a few days.

"Another man was so angry that he could hardly control himself, but he paid me and took the book with little trouble. I left him in a good humor.

"One old lady took the book, and was so glad to get it. She was afraid that I wasn't going to come with it. She said that she liked the Seventh-day Adventist books better than any that she had ever read.

"Another lady was so pleased with the book that she thanked me two or three times for it.

"In fact, the people seem glad to get the books. Surely the Lord has a care for his work, and as Elder White said, 'the earthquake had shaken the doors open.' I rejoice for the earthquake.

"I have talked with some about their souls' salvation, and they seem to want to live better lives, but they haven't been able to see anything in these other churches worth living for. It seems to

me that some of our young people might be getting a good experience and fitting, not only themselves, but others, for the final crisis.

"I am improving in health very rapidly, and I feel to praise God for the good experience, and many lessons that I received at our late campmeeting. It strengthened my faith so much; but I have had my faith tried severely the past week, and had I not been firm I would have fallen. God gave me the victory, and I praise his holy name."

Sister Cook, up at Ft. Collins, sends us in a nice report this week and says:

"Hope to do better after this. I am anxious to do all that I can in giving the light to others. Pray for us here."

From Wray, Brother Darby sends an encouraging message:

"Brother Scott got in Tuesday and had the same experience that you did in locating me.

"When I went to my territory Tuesday morning, I left word telling him where to canvass, but he went on my trail and found me at prayer meeting Friday evening.

"It is snowing here today, and there is nearly six inches on the ground now. I made eleven exhibitions Wednesday, and did not take an order, so I thought that I must get nearer to the Lord, and put self more in subjection. I fasted Wednesday and Thursday morning, and after eating dinner Thursday noon I started in, and took four orders before night. I felt the presence of holy angels very near. Friday morning I secured three orders and then rode into town for the Sabbath.

"Hoping that you had a fine time, and received a bounteous blessing from the Lord at the Palisades campmeeting, I am yours in the Master's service."

Brother Scott sends the following words of cheer:

"Well I have begun my labors as a canvasser, up here with Brother Darby. We have had quite a bad spell the past week, but have managed to take seven orders for Great Controversy and three for Bibles, and sold three Helps. We leave today and expect to reach our territory southwest of Wray, where we will canvass this week. I am very thankful to you for sending me up here, as this is a fine place. I am not discouraged in the least, for I would rather canvass fifty that don't want a book, than to miss one who does. I apply the parable of the wedding feast, which Christ gave, and that is, 'Go out into the highways, and search them out, one by one, and invite

them into the ways of life.' This is what we do if they are willing to receive these good books into their homes. Please pray for us that we will have a rich reward for our efforts this week and onward."

I had a good visit with Sister Miller the day before leaving Grand Junction. She had secured \$14.00 worth of orders for Great Controversy that day. Sister Shide has now joined her in the work, and is getting fairly well started.

Brother Shaw has started to canvassing in Grand Valley with Great Controversy, and Brother Cope will join him in a few days with Heralds of the Morning. We will look for a good report from them soon.

Brother J. J. Jobe is canvassing in Las Vegas, New Mexico, and sent us an encouraging report last week. Brother Jobe is an old, true and tried canvasser. He went out with me as my partner, when I first started into the work. He was in the work several years before I was, and from him I learned many valuable lessons. He has been in rather poor health lately, but trust that his health will improve. We will look for some good reports from New Mexico in the near future.

We are glad that our number of canvassers is increasing. This is as it should be. We have the promise of quite a number more entering the work soon. Now is the time to push the sale of our books for the holidays. The people will buy some kind of presents for their friends. Let us place these precious books laden with truth in their homes.

A. G. Bodwell.

The Longmont Church School.

The Church School at Longmont opened with an enrollment of thirteen, which has since increased to sixteen. They are so crowded for room that a new brick school room is being erected. Miss Hoover writes that under the circumstances they are doing excellent work. The first six grades are represented. The children take great interest in their work, especially their Bible lessons. Since the opening of school, which was September 10th, they have pieced three quilts which they expect to sell and use the money for missionary work. They are also planning to sell some of the *Signs*.

This school is an example of what can be done through faith and perseverance in following the counsel of the Lord when all work in harmony.

Mary L. Zener.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Begin at once to prepare for the Missionary Convention.

The Sanitarium Board held a meeting Wednesday, the 7th.

Elder Richards attended the Capitol Hill church in Denver last Sabbath.

Are you planning to attend the young people's convention during the holidays?

Elder Corbally is still taking remarkably large orders for our books in Denver.

We have just learned of the death of T. E. Jarrett, on November 2nd, at Salida, Colo.

Elder Watson arrived in Denver Nov. 2nd, and spent Sabbath with the Capitol Hill church.

Brother J. H. Parsons and wife and little daughter spent last week in Denver, visiting friends.

Brother Bodwell reported a successful trip to the Palisades campmeeting. He sold about \$100.00 worth of books and Bibles.

Mrs. MacGuire, who has been very ill the past three weeks, is improving, and we hope she will be able to return to the office in a short time.

Elder Alway and Brother Walker are still holding meetings in the court house at Lamar. Their attendance is not large, but a few are deeply interested.

Brother W. F. Hills writes that he had his shoulder dislocated several days ago. He is getting along nicely and is now located at Collbran, where he is engaged in the work.

Misses Edith M. Barnes and Zoe Horner started for California last week to spend the winter. The ECHOES joins with their many friends in best wishes for an enjoyable winter in the land of perpetual sunshine.

We have just ordered another large shipment of Bibles. It will soon be the time for presents and you could not give a nicer present than a handsome Bible. Send for catalogue or write and tell us what you want and what you desire to pay for a Bible.

Elder Leland writes an encouraging letter in regard to the work in Albuquerque. He says the church school is giving good satisfaction. They started with sixteen and now have twenty-seven pupils enrolled. They have been obliged to secure larger quarters.

Don't you think we ought to use 10,000 copies of the special *Watchman* in Col-

orado? The cover page will have a two color illustration of Christ on the Mount of Olives saying, "Verily I say unto you this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled." It will soon be ready.

Dr. H. C. Menkel and wife of Denver are planning to go to India as missionaries in a short time. Their decision to leave a good practice in Denver and go as missionaries to a foreign land was made the subject for very prominent notice in the Denver dailies recently. We are sure that the best wishes and prayers of all who are interested in the work will go with Brother and Sister Menkel.

A new edition of the little pamphlet entitled Brother Hill's Bible Class has just been printed. The matter has been rearranged with appropriate sub-headings. It is printed in large, clear type and has a neat colored cover. It is a pamphlet of 94 pages presenting the truth in a clear, forcible and entertaining way. If you have read it you will want some more. If not, order a copy at once. Price 15c.

"The End of the World," will be the subject of a special *Watchman* to be issued about the middle of this month. This will be a very attractive number with a handsome cover page, and will contain forcible articles by many of our leading writers. Missionary Campaign prices, when mailed to one address:

1 to 4 copies.....	5c each
5 to 24 copies.....	4c each
25 to 299 copies.....	3c each
300 or more	2½c each

A neat *Watchman* badge will be sent free, if requested, to any person ordering fifty or more papers to sell.

Canvasser's Institute.

There will be a canvasser's institute held in Hygiene, beginning November 10th. Let all that are expecting to attend be there at the very beginning. None of the canvassers that are in the field at work will be expected to attend. Arrangements will be made to accommodate those that come from a distance.

A. G. Bodwell.

Important Notice to Every Church.

We are making an effort to get in touch with all leaders of young people's societies, or some one in every church where there is no society who are interested in the young people's work. It is decided to acquaint these persons with the advance movements along this line. A few copies of the "*Educational Messenger*" containing the "Chats with Leaders" column and the lessons of the General Culture Course, will be sent. Will the leaders whose names may have been overlooked and to whom we have not written, please send in their names, and will the Sabbath school superintendents in those churches who have no societies please send in the names of the ones who are most interested in this line of work. Do it today before you forget it.

M. E. Kern.