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The Bright Side.

There is many a rest in the road of life,
If we only would stop to take it,
And many a tone from the better land
If the querulous heart would wake it!
To the sunny soul that is full of hope,
And whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth,
The grass is green and the flowers are bright,
Though the wintry storm prevaileth.

Better to hope, though the clouds hang low,
And to keep the eye still lifted;
For the sweet blue sky will soon peep through,
When the ominous clouds are rifted!
There was never a night without a day,
Or an evening without a morning;
And the darkest hour, as the proverb goes,
Is the hour before the dawning.

Better to weave in the web of life,
A bright and golden filling,
And do God's will with a ready heart
And hands that are swift and willing,
Than to snap the delicate, slender threads
Of our curious lives asunder,
And then blame heaven for the tangled ends,
And sit and grieve and wonder.

—Selected.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

Our First Love.

"I am somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love."

Never in our experience as Christians should there come a time when we could not say that we were living nearer the Lord, and our hopes were brighter, than when we were first converted.

The Christian life is a life of progress in the divine life. While he will not boast of the progress made, he will be able to look back on his past experience and see when victory after victory has been gained, every one of which has left him stronger to meet the enemy of all righteousness.

Whenever I hear of anyone leaving the truths of God's Word, it brings a sadness over me which is hard to describe. In 2 Timothy 4:10 we have the following: "~~For Demas has forsaken me—having loved this present world.~~" The record of Demas is a sad one. He was at one time associated with the apostles in carrying the gospel to every part of the then known world; but for some reason this servant of God laid down the armor, and we are not left in darkness and doubt as to the reason. Notice the latter part of the verse, "having loved this present world."

Dear reader, does the love of this present world have anything to do with your present spiritual condition? Do you long for this present world more than for the world to come? Remember, you are not the first to be found in this condition. We have the experience of Demas and many others before us.

What does it mean to lose one's first love? There must have been a love that we once had that we do not now possess, and can it be true that such can be our condition? Do we love our companion now less than we did when we were first united in marriage? You should be able to answer, "No, from the fact that we are better acquainted with each other." This being true, how much greater should be the love of the dearest friend on all the earth—the one who gave his life for us; and this love should increase and deepen, the better we become acquainted.

Timothy, in writing to his fellow-workers, leaves this encouraging testimony: "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." When you first gave your heart to the Lord, did you commit the keeping of the same to him? If you answer, "Yes," then I would ask, "Is he keeping it better than you could keep it?" And is not your experience in the things of God richer and brighter than they once were? Remember that we only do the committing and God does the keeping. Is God able to keep us? The above statement abundantly proves that he is; but you might reason thus: He says he is, but is he really able to do it? What evidence have we that he is able to do it? When we receive a promise from a man that he will pay us a certain sum of money or perform a certain obligation at a certain time, we at once begin to question his ability or his financial standing to see if he is able to do as he has promised; but when I consider all these things I am reminded of the words of David when he said: "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord who made Heaven and Earth; He will not suffer thy foot to be moved." "Behold he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

Do you realize, dear fellow-Christian, that the One who has promised to keep you is the maker of the Heaven and the Earth? Do you think there is power, then, sufficient to keep you from falling, and not only keep you from falling, but at last to present you faultless before his throne? Remember, the One who has promised to keep us does not go to sleep and forget his poor, trusting saints here upon this earth. "He that keepeth

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Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." Then let no trusting soul become discouraged. We have every reason for rejoicing. The promises of God are abundant, and if we let them, will lift us above the trials and difficulties of this life, and finally give us a home such as described by the apostle when he said: "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard; neither hath entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him."

C. H. Bates.

FIELD REPORTS.

Las Vegas.

I have just finished my delivery of books in Las Vegas, New Mexico. In about 240 hours, I took orders, sold and delivered \$181.25 worth of our good books at retail price. In summing it all up, I find that I have earned nearly \$3.00 per day, counting eight hours for a day's work. Las Vegas is counted a hard field. I was told that times there are not what they were a year ago. I formed the acquaintance of many good people there, and expected to go forward with the Bible work this winter, but have been called to another work. Las Vegas is a needy field, and the few sisters there are earnestly calling for help from this conference. I believe that a spirit-filled, persevering worker could gather a harvest of souls there. I trust that a good worker can be sent, as it is a neglected field.

J. J. Jobe.

Denver.

The week of prayer was a season of refreshing for the Denver church. The meetings were well attended and the readings were very helpful and inspiring. Sabbath, the 22nd, was a glorious day. The Lord came very near, and when an invitation was given about twenty-five anxious souls came to the front—among his number were many who had just given their hearts to God. Songs and praises ascended to heaven from all who were present. Last Sabbath, seven precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Among them was a mother and three grown daughters, who had just accepted of the message in all of its fullness, and our dear brother Graham, for whom many earnest prayers and entreaties have been offered. Oh, we do praise God for what he is doing. Many others are soon to follow in this solemn ordinance. I am sure that the time has

come when God's people are to expect and prepare for great and glorious things. We have only put out a few copies of our tract "How Esther read her Bible," but the most encouraging returns are coming in. Our good people throughout the Conference are ordering the tracts faster than we have been able to get them printed. We have therefore not been able to get many for our own use here, but we are very glad to see the orders coming in, and pray that our people will continue this work until every house in this Conference will have a copy. Our canvassers and churches are taking them by the thousands.

G. W. Anglebarger.

Boulder.

As I will soon leave Colorado to take up work in Arizona, I will take this opportunity of telling the readers of the ECHOES good-bye. It is not without feelings of sadness that I leave this conference. The Lord has shown me in no unmistakable way that I should accept of the invitation that has been given me to labor in that field. While I have been here I have learned to love the people of Colorado dearly. My work and association with the Conference Committee, and those employed in the office, has been very pleasant, and they will always have a warm place in my heart.

I am thankful for the way in which the Lord is blessing the canvassing work. During the past four months our sales have averaged nearly one thousand dollars per month, and with the present outlook, they ought to average this much or even more the coming year. We have about fifty prospective canvassers, besides the regular canvassers that are now in the field. Let us give God the praise for what has been accomplished, and seek him earnestly for his blessing during the coming year.

My successor is now here, and any communications regarding the canvassing work should be addressed to J. J. Jobe, 1112 South 11th St., Denver, Colorado. Brother Jobe is a man that has had a long experience in the canvassing work. He has canvassed for nearly all of our large books, and many of the small ones. He is just the man for a field like Colorado, for he can go right out into the field with the canvassers, and give them the help that they need. I am glad that I can leave the work in the hands of one that is a conscientious, God-fearing man, and that he has had such a long experience in the work. And now, in closing, let me ask the prayers of all as I go to my new field of labor. A. G. Bodwell.

An Important Announcement.

We wish to announce at this early date the plan proposed by the General Conference that all of our people throughout the world shall hold a Young People's Day service Jan. 26th, 1907. We quote the following from a letter recently received from Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Secretary of the General Conference Young People's Department: "I think we should occupy the strategic position of anticipating all excuses by placing this service upon so high a ground that it cannot be affected by local conditions. Churches that have no Young People's Societies, or even no young people, should feel it their duty to carry out the program as fully as possible. They certainly should have sufficient interest in the whole army of our young people—the flower of the flock of God—to hold a service that will bring them in sympathy with the young people's movement, and to engage in a service of prayer in behalf of those who are earnestly seeking to do the will of God, not forgetting those who are halting, almost persuaded, yielding to temptation—drifting. There is power in prayer. By the prayers any sympathies of the churches, by the exercise of large faith in the Divine resources available, many of our loyal young people will be inspired to greater Christian endeavor, and many whose ears are now turned to hear the voice of the world may yet be won to allegiance to the Saviour."

We shall make further announcements in regard to this later and will be glad to give further information to any who may wish it. We print the program in this issue of ECHOES so that all will have plenty of time to prepare for this important service. We trust that God may richly bless in this effort and make it the means of strengthening the young people's movement and bringing about the fulfillment of Mal. 4:5-6.

Meade MacGuire.

The \$150,000 Fund.

In looking over the missionary enterprises that are to be helped by this fund, we find them all to be both needy and worthy enterprises whose interests must come close to the heart of every believer in the message. If we were to try to single out, among the many fields and institutions, those among which to divide this special fund, I do not see how we could make a better selection, or a more wise division, of the money.

Nashville, Huntsville, Graysville, At-

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Ianta, Washington Sanitarium, *Review and Herald*, Pacific Press; The British School, Nova Scotia, Scodsborg, Denmark, West Indies, Chile,—what an array of names of needy fields and institutions! What strategic points to strengthen and make centers of great influence in heralding the everlasting gospel to the world! To only think of these many centers of light is to send a thrill of enthusiasm through our hearts. God help us to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of this glorious work, and hasten the glad day when the work shall all be done and the home coming be ours! How our hearts long for the home coming! "Then the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly." But before he can come, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come."

This special fund is to hasten this work by many months, perhaps years. The division of the funds is made according to the actual needs in each field named, and in counsel with those in charge of the work in each place and the Mission Board. It is therefore a wise and just division that is to be made.

Do we long for our Lord's return? Then let us all help to make up the \$150,000 fund that is to hasten on this glorious message of hope to the nations, peoples and tongues of earth.

H. M. J. Richards.

The Work of the Lord.

The canvassing work is the Lord's work and we are laborers together with him. 1 Cor. 3:9

Now the old year will be past and the new year ushered in before this paper reaches its readers. Yet we trust that many have resolved in their minds to do more in the Lord's work the coming year than they have the past year. And I would like to join all our good people in the Colorado Conference to this end. Most all are anxious and willing to do something, but it may be hard for some to decide just what branch of the work to engage in. To such as have consecrated their service to God, we would say: take up the canvassing work. It is a good work, and God has spoken definitely on this subject, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before

the people; thus leading them to search the scriptures." So you see it is an important work. Sowing the seeds of truth that will spring up and bring forth a bountiful harvest. And the canvassing work will develop workers for other lines of work too. God is now calling for volunteers, and also for the old canvassers to return. Let us obey the call.

J. J. Jobe.

Canvassers' Testimony Meeting.

We have a good letter from Brother Charles Innis. He has just started into the work at Ft. Collins. He says, "The Lord has been with me the past week, and has opened the way for me to take orders where I least expected to take any. I thank him for his loving watch care over me during this first week's work. I feel very much encouraged and like pressing on, and I want to work for the Lord every hour I possibly can before time for the Christmas delivery. I thank God that he has called me to the canvassing work. I want you to pray for me, and remember the other canvassers in the field, and may the Lord bless us all in our efforts to place the printed pages containing this blessed truth before the people."

Sister Cook, at Ft. Collins, sends in words of cheer and good courage. She had 100 orders, and delivered 104 books, thus making a delivery of over 100 per cent. Where right methods are adopted, success is bound to follow.

Brother Stevens is attending the Young People's Convention at Boulder, and reports a good delivery near Ft. Collins. He is in much better health than he has been.

A letter from Brother Bradley in Eagle County, shows how Jer. 16:16 is being literally fulfilled. "I did not make much of a showing on paper, but I had a good experience. I walked over fifty miles, some of it over steep mountain cattle trails; some of it was so steep that I had no path. I am going from Gypsum, down the Eagle river, and up the Grand Canyon to the stage road. I carry no weapon but the sword of the Spirit. It is the Spirit's sword, not mine. My work is to scatter the seed, and it is a fine thing to know our place."

The last word that we had from Sister Miller, she was delivering and expected to place 150 books in Grand Junction. Truly the Lord has blessed her labors there.

We have heard indirectly, that Sister Shide had closed up her work there, and would soon be over on this side.

Brother Scott has sent us a very encouraging report from Wray, where he has just finished his delivery. In his letter, he states that he delivered every book that he had orders for. This is certainly very encouraging to hear of our faithful workers delivering 100 per cent. and more of their orders.

We had an excellent letter from Brother Darby. He is canvassing now in Kentucky, and says that he finds it a very needy field.

Elder Gorbally made an excellent delivery and has gone to Iowa to take up ministerial work.

Brother Dennis is still working in Denver.

We have not received a report from Brother Shaw lately.

Mrs. Eva Rader is working near Rifle, and is placing the printed page in the homes of the people.

Sister Nellie Barnes reports a very successful delivery.

Brother Bates' son also, had excellent success in delivering, and is of good courage.

Brother J. E. Salle has taken up the work near Lamar, and is meeting with fair success.

Brother Watson and son are now making their delivery at Ft. Morgan and Brush.

Brother Charles Feith is meeting with good success in Colorado Springs.

A. G. Bodwell.

Young People's Day.

With the approval of the General Conference Committee, Jan. 26, 1907, has been set apart as Young People's Day, and all our churches are invited to observe it.

Early in January there will be a special Young People's Day number of the *Youth's Instructor* which will contain the readings for the morning session of the program. In a series of articles by M. E. Kern, appearing in some of the December numbers of the *Instructor*, suggestive helps are given on the topics for the "Three-Minute Papers," to be assigned to local members.

MOTTO: "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

MORNING SESSION

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Bible and Testimony Study, "The Work of Young People," Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth.

Reading, Mrs. E. G. White.

Reading, "A Place in This Message for All Our Youth," G. B. Thompson.

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Reading, "A Preparation for Work,"
Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.
Consecration Prayer Season.
Reading, "The Levant Mission Field."
Mission Offering.
Song and Benediction.

AIM: "The Advent Message to all the world in this generation."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening Exercises.

Letter from the State Secretary of Young People's Work: 1. "Object of Young People's Societies." 2. "What Societies May Accomplish."

Three-Minute Papers, "What Young People Can Do." Assigned to Local Members: 1. Personal Work. 2. Sabbath-school Work. 3. Distribution of Literature. 4. Christian Help Work. 5. Bible Work. 6. Work for Other Young People. 7. Help for Mission Fields.

"Duty of the Church to the Young People's Society."

"Relation of the Young People's Society to the Church."

Closing Exercises.

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NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder M. MacKintosh has been spending a short time in Boulder.

Judge C. C. Holbrook and family spent Christmas with friends in Denver.

"It is the man who has done nothing, who is sure nothing can be done."

Brother M. O. Douglas and wife spent Christmas with relatives in Denver.

"You cannot reflect the Sun of righteousness, when your face is clouded with gloom."

Brother Olof Nelson, of Palisades, attended the Young People's Convention in Boulder.

Elder Wm. Kennedy and daughter Lillian from Palisades, attended the convention in Boulder last week.

Elder B. E. Huffman and Prof. M. E. Kern rendered valuable assistance in the Young People's Convention.

Miss Eunice LeMaster spent Christmas with her parents in Pueblo. She returned to Denver this week to continue her work in the office.

Brother W. J. Dorman, of Wray, called in the office last week and purchased quite a large supply of the tracts, "How Esther read her Bible."

Sister Ruth Knudson, who is engaged in Bible work in Pueblo, recently spent a few days in Denver and then attended the Boulder Convention.

Sister Spencer, of Grand Junction,

made the office a short call last week. She has been spending a few weeks at the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.

Brother J. J. Jobe and wife attended the recent convention. Brother Jobe has started in his work as State Agent, and needs the hearty co-operation and help of all our people.

Brother Enke, of Farmington, writes: "We enjoyed much of God's blessing during the week of prayer. All received new strength and courage, and seem better prepared to meet the foe."

Sister Jessie Glasgow, who teaches in our Palisades school, visited friends in Pueblo last week, and then attended the Young People's Convention. She resumes her work in Palisades soon.

Brother Bray writes from Silver City, New Mexico, that the work is opening up nicely. He has placed a large number of our books in the homes of the people, and has several interested readers.

Elder Leland is working for a short time in Clyde, New Mexico. He says: "There seems to be a good opening there now. At my last visit one new one decided to obey the truth. The Lord is working there."

A mistake was made in the obituaries in the last ECHOES, in the names of the deceased. Instead of John Edward Latham, it should be John Latham, and instead of Edward George Gerr, it should be Edward George Zerr.

We have been unable to get a sufficient number of "How Estee Read Her Bible" to fill all orders, but as soon as possible we will send to all who have

ordered. The churches are sending in larger orders than were anticipated, for which we are very thankful.

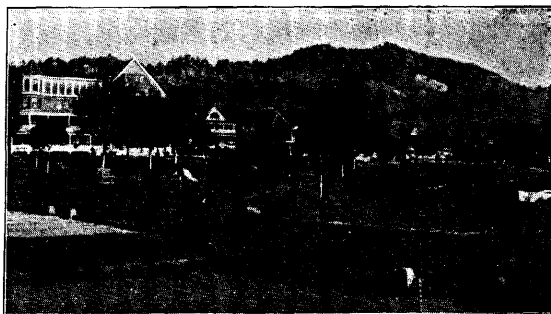
We regret that we are unable to fill all orders for Lesson Quarterlies promptly. 500 of our quarterlies have been lost in the mail, so we have been obliged to forward several orders to the publishers. We hope to receive a large supply in a few days, and will give orders prompt attention.

The young people of the West Denver church gave a missionary program the evening of December 23rd. For the past year, the young people have been supporting two native workers in India and a collection amounting to \$25 was given to assist in carrying forward this noble work.

Married, December 18, at the home of Sister Knapp in Palisades, Mr. Jack Watson and Miss Ada Fay Brown. About twenty-five guests were present to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Elder G. F. Watson. Several valuable presents were received and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Congratulations from the ECHOES family.

Obituary.

Died.—Charles Sylvester Ramsdell, the husband of Sister Mary Ramsdell, a faithful member of our church in Arvada, Colo., died of pneumonia, Nov. 27, 1906. He was 48 years old when death came to him. He leaves a wife, a son, two daughters and other relatives. The funeral was held in the Adventists' church in Arvada, conducted by Elder Anglebarger, assisted by the writer. Text, Amos 4:12. L. A. Spring.



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