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"Thou must be true thyself,
If thou the truth would'st teach;
Thy soul must overflow, if thou
Another's soul would'st reach."

GREETING.

Another year with its burdens, its duties and its privileges is gone, and with it all the opportunities it brought to labor for the Master, to comfort, to help and to encourage those for whom Christ gave his life. These lost opportunities may rise like phantoms before us to remind us of our unfaithfulness, but they can be of use to us only as they become an incentive to renewed earnestness and deeper devotion to the work which God has given us to do. To dwell upon our unfaithfulness and our mistakes is to become discouraged for future efforts, and God would have his people to be "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

A little time is left us in which we may still labor earnestly and unselfishly for others, so let us say with Paul, "This *one* thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Let us draw near to God that he may draw near to us. Unless our work be wrought in him

we labor in vain. Oh, may we seek him as never before until he come and rain righteousness upon us, that our lives may reflect his own glorious character, and the people who sit in darkness see the light of life which is risen upon the people of God who delight to walk in all his ways.

May God bless us that we may be a blessing during the year before us and may his own will and work be accomplished in, and through us that his name may be glorified in his people.

BERTIE L. HERRELL.

THE COMING WEEK OF PRAYER.

The season of prayer to be held by our people January 9 17 should be made an occasion of greater importance than any former occasion of the kind ever held by this denomination. It should prove of very great blessing to our people. We never needed a week of prayer more than at the present time. Our own people need the help and the blessing it is intended to bring to them, and the great wide world, which God has sent us to save, needs at once the blessing and salvation of this message.

Never in the history of this people have the barriers been so entirely removed, the doors so widely opened, and the call so urgently sounded, as today. There is scarcely any nation in the world that we do not have very definite knowledge about, and to which we could not readily go with this message if we had the workers and the means. During the coming season of prayer one of the chief burdens of our people should be to plead with God to show us how to answer the calls that are coming to us from all parts of the world. If

our people would give themselves up to fervent prayer in behalf of the evangelization of the world, we would see the beginning of a new order of things. We would have volunteers as never before for foreign lands.

Is it not a remarkable thing that the Lord has gone before us and so prepared all lands for this truth, that calls are coming to us from all of them for help? A few years ago we had to pioneer these countries, and secure a foothold by hard labor. No one knew of us, and no call came to us except the mute appeals of countries in darkness without this light. But now all this is changed. These fields are ready for us, and most earnest pleadings come to us for help. What does this mean? Why is the world laid at the feet of our church? Why are scores of earnest appeals sent to us from all parts of the world to give them this message? This is a marvelous thing. It should stir the hearts of our people. This is a fulfilment of the promise made in the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah.

The coming week of prayer should be a season of consecration to God and earnest prayer in behalf of the extension of this cause. Clear-sighted, enthusiastic, sturdy service in gospel evangelization is what is needed to-day. This is the call of the hour, and it can only be answered by the coming of the toilers. Can not the coming week of prayer be made to arouse our people on this point, and give them new views of this great problem?

A. G. DANIELS.

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THE CONFERENCE.

The twentieth annual session of the Colorado Conference was held in Denver December 25-31. Ninety-one delegates were present, showing quite a good representation from the churches.

We were very sorry that, owing to sickness, our beloved president, Elder G. F. Watson, could not be present with us at any time during the whole session. We trust that the Lord will soon restore his servant to health and strength, that he may be able to take up again the work which the Lord has given him.

This Conference was a great feast to our souls. The good and gentle Spirit of God was manifest in all the Conference meetings as in the preaching services.

Sabbath, December 8th, was a good day. After a very earnest sermon by Elder Russell a call was made for those who wished to seek God to come forward. About fifty responded, among them many of the young people who gave themselves to the blessed Saviour for the first time. May all these dear souls be "kept by the power of God, through faith, ready to be revealed in the last time."

With the Spirit of consecration came the spirit of liberality, and when a call was made to lift the remainder of the long-standing Conference debt, God's people cheerfully responded with cash and pledges until the whole amount, one thousand dollars, was raised. God wants his cause, and all of his people out of debt, that we may all together sing the song of jubilee.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

Recommendations of the Conference Committee Concerning Laborers.

That Wm. Kennedy and W. F. Hills labor in Durango and vicinity.

That L. A. Spring labor a month at Fruita then go to Gunnison.

That G. M. Alway work at Leadville for a short time then go to Fruita.

That H. A. Aufderhar spend a few weeks at Arvada then go to Wray and labor in that vicinity.

Toat Mrs. Minnie Proctor make Albuquerque, New Mexico, her field of labor.

That Miss Lida Moore close her work in Florence then go to Las Vegas, New Mexico, to engage in Bible work.

That H. L. Proctor take up the work in Glenwood Springs.

That Elder Wilson remain in Pueblo.

That other laborers not mentioned remain for the present in their respective fields, and that the superintendents of districts continue unchanged for a while.

The following appointments were made for the week of prayer:

Dr. Hills to meet with the Alma and Leadville churches.

Watson Ziegler, Ft. Collins and Greeley.

H. M. J. Richards, Berthoud and Longmont.

H. L. Hoover, Trinidad.

H. Mackintosh, Alamosa, Bowen and Monte Vista.

Wm. Kennedy, Pagosa Springs and Durango.

W. F. Hills, Farmington, N. M.

H. A. Aufderhar, Wentz.

J. B. Wilson, Pueblo.

C. H. Bates, Victor and Cripple Creek.

C. M. French, Crawford.

G. M. Alway, Canon City and Salida.

Other appointments were made too late for publication.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

THE BOOK WORK.

A UNITED REPORT.

TO SCATTER TRACTS LIKE THE LEAVES OF AUTUMN.

In the *Review and Herald* of December ninth is an important article by Elder Daniels on behalf of the General Conference Committee, introducing a great tract campaign for the present winter. Four special tracts are being issued as leaders for this movement. Their titles are, "What Do These Things Mean?" "Signs of Our Times," "The Second Advent of Our Lord" and "The Gospel Remedy for the Present Day Isms: Spiritualism, Hypnotism, Christian Scientism, and Higher Criticism."

These tracts, as indicated by their titles, deal directly and plainly with the vital features of the Message. They take up the trumpet and tell to the world the glad message that Jesus is coming in the clouds of heaven, and that the Signs of the Times show that his coming is near.

PLAN OF WORK.

It is the design of the General Conference Committee that this

effort should be world-wide, and that every Seventh-Day Adventist should take an active part in it. There was a time several years ago when our tracts were sold in large editions of hundreds of thousands, when every church was astir, and all the people seemed to carry the burden for souls.

Tracts were scattered, Bible readings were held, and in many places this work was followed by Gospel meetings conducted by lay members in halls and school houses; and one of our ministers recently remarked that at that time nearly every church in his state had a great revival, and many were added to the church.

We call for a renewal of that universal effort. The church needs it for its own upbuilding, and an unwarmed world, still in darkness, cries mightily to God and to us for the light. God speaks to Israel, saying, "Go forward." A few cannot do the work. All Israel must march in order when the cloud lifts and directs the way. (See Numbers, 9:15-23.)

THE PUBLISHING HOUSES.

We believe that every publishing house in the denomination will bring out these special tracts, and use all their strength in advertising and pushing them. Copies will be sent to them for this purpose as soon as possible.

STATE AND UNION CONFERENCE PAPERS

Can advertise the tracts, publish reports and plans of work, and assist the *Review and Herald*, the *Signs of the Times* and other general papers in their effort to carry this campaign to every home and into every heart.

CONFERENCE LABORERS

Can take up the work, and advertise the tracts from the desk, and organize the people for work. Thousands of people are ready to work, but hardly know where to begin. Place the work in their hands and show them how to work.

TRACT SOCIETY OFFICERS

Can correspond with church librarians and isolated members, and help them to get started. In fact the success of this movement will depend largely upon the earnest, enthusiastic leadership of the tract society officers.

A SUGGESTION TO CHURCH OFFICERS.

The officers of each church should meet together, and devise

plans for a definite campaign to revive the tract and missionary work. Should not the old time Tract Society meetings be revived, with their songs about work, their prayers for the work, and their reports of work done? We believe they should. Let us all pray for a revival of good old methods.

SUGGESTIONS TO CHURCH LIBRARIANS.

1. Begin the tract work yourself with that earnest enthusiasm which you wish to see in all the members of the church. Your experience will give power to your words as you persuade others. Remember that the work in your church is not dead while you are working.

2. Counsel with the church officers frequently, and divide your work with them. This good work *multiplies* as you *divide* it.

3. Talk the work to every brother or sister or child you meet. Pray for its success constantly. At church, at home, and on the street, keep up the agitation. Say as did the prophet, "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."

4. Set yourself a definite task, to place some work, even though it may be very small, in the hands of every member of the church. Much of this effort must be private, individual work; but in no other way can you accomplish so much. One tract given away each week is much better than no work. This little work will lead to more. Plant a little seed, and it will grow if it has the life. This kind of personal work can be done without great ability. Let this be our motto—Something for each one to do.

These tracts will be ready by Jan. 1, when the Christ's Object Lesson work is supposed to be finished. Now is the time to organize and plan for the tract campaign.

E. R. PALMER, Secretary,
Gen'l. Conf. Pub. Dep't.

We were rejoiced to again have the privilege of meeting with all our Conference workers from the various parts of the State, and to know that God has been blessing them during the year that is just closed as they have faithfully tried to sow the seed for precious souls.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONVENTION.

Our last "Convention Day" was such a success that we are sure all who had a part in it will be glad that the second one is in the near future. Sabbath, February fourteenth, has been chosen as the day. We expect to have the program ready for the next issue. There are still a few schools that have not tasted the good things God has given us in our conventions; we hope they will accept the testimony of those who have received such rich blessings in the past, and that every school in the Conference will hold a Convention on "Convention Day," either alone or in conjunction with some other school.

New plans have been evolved, old ones have been revived, and still the Convention stands as the best means for the more perfect development of the schools. A good live Convention takes us out of the rut, shows us where we stand and what we need; brings out latent gifts and talents; stirs, encourages and invigorates us, and makes us active instead of passive. Some have said, "We do not know how to hold a convention; we have had no experience." Well, dear people, hold one and you will get the "experience." Do not let that word "Convention" frighten you. It is simply a council of Christians in which each individual may learn of God what he would have him to do. That being known, it only remains to ask him for power and wisdom to do it in a manner that will meet the divine approval. Conventions are a success just in proportion as this is appreciated by each one who attends. All may not have papers to read or have part in the discussion, but all may give prayerful attention, expecting God to reveal to them their individual relation to the work in hand. Another says, "There are only three or four of us." But remember that only two can claim the promise. Let every school swing into line and make this "Convention Day" one long to be remembered. Watch for the program. We would be very glad to correspond with you in regard to this work or any other matter of interest to the Sabbath School.

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A Plea for Echoes.

With this number the Sabbath-school page begins the third year of its history. The design, in setting apart this page for the Sabbath-school, was that every school and each individual member might be in touch with this department. This is the very best and cheapest way to reach you and to let you know what has been done and what is to be done. In its columns we are always glad to give space to reports, original articles, or any matter of interest to the Sabbath-school and we not only invite, but urge you to assist us in making this page everything that it should be. All these worthy designs and purposes will fail if *you do not take ECHOES*. This paper is not a money maker; it is published at an annual loss of not less than one hundred dollars. It is published for the benefit of the Conference, and every issue is like a letter from home. We need it in the office, you need it in the church, the school and the home. Through it we can visit each other and talk about God's work. You cannot afford to lose touch with the work in this great Conference. You are a part of it, and if you would go forward with it you must know the story of its happenings from day to day. ECHOES will continue to be published every two weeks, and while there is a deficit at the end of each year, we are so anxious to have it go to all, that the price still remains at the same low figure, twenty-five cents a year.

Brother Superintendent, will you not please take this matter up and choose some live and wide awake scholar who will place ECHOES in every family in your school without delay?

WILLARD W. HILLS.

THE BOOK WORK.

Institute at Grand Junction.

There will be a canvassers' institute held at Grand Junction, beginning January 11th and continuing two weeks. This institute will be held especially for the benefit of those in this vicinity who could not attend at Denver, and we sincerely hope that all who expect to devote all or a part of their time to the book work will attend.

A Bible lesson will be held each day which will be beneficial to all. The re-

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mainder of the time will be taken up in practical book work.

We are told that where we have one canvasser in the field we should have one hundred. Dear reader, where are the ninety and nine? Are YOU one of them? If so I pray God to help you to respond to the call, and to prepare for the work, then go out and work as if you were rescuing men and women from a sinking ship or a burning building.

God is now calling those who have once been in this work back into it. Have you been engaged in the canvassing work and allowed Satan to discourage you in some way to that extent that you have given it up? If so, will you now respond to the call and say, "here I am, send me."

We are told that there is still another call, a call for volunteers, those who have never been in the book work are to enlist now.

A few years ago when the President of the United States called for volunteers to destroy men's lives, there were more responded than were needed, and now, as the God of heaven, the King of the universe, the Saviour of men is calling for volunteers to save men's lives, I pray that God may stir the hearts of his dear people to action. May we, one and all, "hear the sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and like Gideon's army, stand "every man in his place."

As sure as there are now being prepared for us mansions in the heavens above, just so sure is there a place for us to fill in the work of God below. Is your place in the canvassing work? If so, will you fill it, do the work, and wear the crown?

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Four new churches were added to our Conference at its opening meeting.

Brother E. L. Kenny of Trinidad reports an excellent church school at that place.

We are glad to say that Elder Watson is improving, though it may be some time before he is able to be out.

Miss Carrie Kerns and Miss Lilah States who are teaching the church school at Boulder report encouragingly of their work.

A church of twelve members, recently organized by Dr. Hills, at Victor, asked membership, and was received into the Conference.

The Sabbath-school at Arvada has just sent in its first quarterly report. We are glad to hear from these new schools. Are there not others?

Brother Hoover spoke in behalf of the little church at Clyde, New Mexico, ask-

ing admission into the Conference. This church was recently organized, and was unanimously received.

We are sorry that Elder Watson was prevented by illness from being present at any of the Conference meetings. The vice-president, Elder Watson Ziegler, presided over the meetings.

Elder Anglebarger preached an earnest sermon in the Denver church Sabbath, January 3d, from John 17:3. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated at the close of his discourse, and God came very near.

Brethren Marcial Serna and H. A. Aufderhar were set apart for the gospel ministry Tuesday evening, December thirtieth. Elder Anglebarger offered the prayer for consecration and Elder Russell delivered the solemn charge.

The district superintendents spoke earnestly of the work in their respective districts, telling of the victories God has given, of the efforts of the Enemy to hinder the work, and of the conditions and needs of the vast territories over which they have been placed.

Elder E. T. Russell was present during the entire Conference session giving valuable instruction on the various points introduced for consideration. None could fail to appreciate the broad-minded liberality that characterized all his work at this important time.

The little church recently organized at Arvada was presented for membership by Brother W. J. Kerr. It has a membership of twenty-one, is regularly organized and ready for work. This church is the result of the tent effort by Elder Ziegler and Brother Aufderhar.

From a clipping from a Laramie City paper we learn that Oliver C. Brown and Miss Eliza Pennock, both of Diamond Peak, were united in marriage October 20 by Rev. H. Warren Nice at his home. ECHOES wishes for the happy couple a long life filled with the joy of loving service.

Interesting reports were given of the work in New Mexico by Elders Hoover and Serna, showing how ripe is that field for the message, and how wonderfully God is working for that people who are so eager for the truth. Earnest appeals were made for workers that the truth might be carried to our long-neglected Spanish brethren.

Owing to the necessity for holding our annual Conference during the holidays, the week of prayer has been deferred, and will be observed by our churches and isolated members January 9-17. We have a few copies of the Readings left for those who may have been overlooked, and they will be forwarded to such upon application.

We wish the ECHOES readers a happy New Year, and trust that God may bless us together during the year to come.

Let us hear from you concerning yourself and the work that lies near you, as all are interested in each member of the ECHOES family, and we desire to keep in close touch with each other so that help may be rendered just when it is needed.

We were glad to see our churches so well represented at the annual Conference, and also to see that all were deeply interested in all lines of the work considered. The work was not confined to committees, but was done by a committee of the whole, much to the satisfaction of all. The officers were elected by informal ballot, and the fullest freedom was enjoyed throughout.

Elder Wilcox suggested that in the absence of Brother Proctor, Sister Proctor speak in behalf of the church at Meeker. She asked that this church of thirty-eight members be accepted as a member of the Colorado Conference. Elder Anglebarger also spoke for this church and it was welcomed among us to become an active part of the last message to the people in this State.

A second disaster has come upon us in less than a year after the first. Last Tuesday night, December 30th, the immense plant of the Review and Herald, at Battle Creek, with its half million dollars worth of books, plates and machinery, went up in smoke. The fire started from spontaneous combustion in a pile of rags in the basement, and the flames spread with such rapidity that nothing could check them. The insurance was for \$150,000. "We know that everything works together for good to those that love the Lord," and we pray God to enable each one to learn the lesson this trial is intended to teach.

Beginning with the first issue in January, 1903, the club price of the *Signs of the Times* will be 90 cents per copy per year. New rate sheet, and detailed reasons for this change, will be sent out in a few days.

DEAR ECHOES FAMILY:—We wish you a happy New Year. This is the ninth year we have taken ECHOES in our family and we could hardly get along without it, for it is just like a letter from all our Conference workers. You will find within twenty-five cents for my renewal.
L. E. CONROY.

Union College Bakery.

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Notice to Church Clerks.

Blanks have just been mailed to each church, and we hope these will be filled out as soon as possible after the close of the quarter. If the quarterly meeting is not held at the regular time, do not delay the report until it is held, but mail the report at the beginning of the new year, or as soon thereafter as possible. We hope to hear from each church promptly.
ELVA GREEN.

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