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GENERAL ARTICLES.

OUR CHARACTER SEALED.

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30.

The questions that would naturally arise in one's mind are: What is it to "grieve the Spirit of God?" and: What is meant by being "sealed" by the Spirit?

There are many ways by which we may grieve God's Holy Spirit away from us. Any thing that we do contrary to his will, grieves him, just as we are grieved by the disobedience of our children. The verses following tell us how we may avoid grieving the Spirit of God. I quote all of verses 31 and 32: "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." There is much to consider here if space would permit. One thing is certain: if these admonitions are carried out, the Holy Spirit will never be grieved.

What is sealed? and, What is the

seal? Our character is that which is sealed; upon this the Spirit of God is stamped. Character is the only thing that we can take from this world to the next. The name of God is the seal. Rev. 7:3, and 14:1. Will the Lord place his name upon us while we are in sin? Read verse five: "And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God." We are living in the time when God is sealing his people; how important then that our character be such that God can place his name upon it.

I hear some one say: "I thought the Sabbath was the seal." The Sabbath is the sign of the seal, but not the seal itself. We might outwardly observe the Sabbath as long as we live, and never have the seal of God placed upon us. We would only be hanging out a counterfeit sign. This is illustrated many times by those selling spirituous liquors; you will often see displayed over their doors, in large letters, the words: "Soft Drinks," "Drugs," "Pool Room," etc. Thus it is plain to be seen that the sign is not always an index of the character.

A noble character is not something that we inherit; it does not come to us by chance. It comes to us only by earnest, individual effort through the merits of Christ. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Let us remember that every day we are forming character for time or eternity. That character is formed by the little every day acts of life; it may be but a word, a look, or a smile, yet it all has weight in deciding our destiny for weal or woe. How vital to our interests it is then that our words and acts

shall be those that build up and not those that destroy; such as shall encourage and not discourage the one who needs our help.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, in honor preferring one another."

C. H. Bates.

SCATTER OUR PUBLICATIONS.

It is certainly well-pleasing to the Lord to have the work of the gospel carried in a systematic and well-balanced manner. All branches of this great work need attention, and not a single branch should be neglected. A very important work is that of getting our publications before the people; and yet how few are engaged in this grand work!

We are told that if there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people, and what seems so strange is that so few of our people are engaged in this work; but we have received a cheering message to the effect that the canvassing work is to be revived. We should praise the Lord for this and take courage.

During the year 1903 there should be scores in every Conference selling the bound books containing the message of the soon-coming Savior. The world is to be warned, and the Lord expects his people to accomplish this work, and we cannot afford to disappoint him. The call to-day is, "Go work in my vineyard"—work for souls, spread the light of truth everywhere. Will you not respond to the call to take hold of this work at once? You could not become a recruit for a better work, and the wages are sure the reward most sweet and blessed.

E. T. Russell.

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FIELD REPORTS.

SALIDA.

The little body in this place is rejoicing over the addition of four precious souls to their number on Sabbath, April 18th. At that time Dr. Hills was with us for the purpose of ordaining the newly elected elder and deacon. After the ordination services we repaired to Wellsville Hot Springs, and in that beautiful pool these four were buried and resurrected in commemoration of the burial and resurrection of our dear Lord. Oh, may his guiding Spirit, which has brought them thus far, guide them and sustain them until his coming. We are all of good cheer and trust that the work done here may stand in the day that all work shall be tried by fire.

Geo. M. Alway.

COLORADO SPRINGS.

It has been some time since we have written to the ECHOES' family, but we have not been idle in the meantime. Our Cafe work is very encouraging. Many people are learning the value of proper diet.

The food sales are no small part of the work, as we have both a wholesale and retail trade.

Last fall we bought out the apartment rooms over the cafe, twenty in number, with two baths, and elegantly furnished. They are known as the Halcyon Rooms. Two of them have been fitted up for treatment rooms, the Boulder Sanitarium furnished an electric light cabinet, and we are prepared to give all the ordinary sanitarium treatments. Dr. Rice has rendered valuable assistance in getting the work started.

A cooking class is conducted every Thursday afternoon. Many who are interested in vegetarian cookery attend, and are doing good work.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Patterson.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Thinking there may be those of the ECHOES' family who did not take the General Conference Bulletin, and would like to know something about the meeting, I take pleasure in giving a short account of the same.

There were in all one hundred and fifty-seven delegates present from the various parts of the world, besides many visitors. The number of dele-

gates was not so large as in former years, but there was no lack of interest manifested on the part of those present.

From the very first the thought of every speaker was the finishing of this great work of preparing the way for the return of our departed Lord, and this work to be finished in this generation; not only was this talked of by all, but plans were laid that, if carried out, will bring that glad day.

But for us as a Conference, to hail that glad day with joy, we must be in the forefront of the battle with our sister Conferences; and this not only means for the ministry to work, but every one who loves his appearing.

I have reason to believe that many hearts were more fully set on seeing this work close up than at any Conference I ever attended.

One blessed feature of this meeting was the freedom of all to speak their minds on all subjects. Come, beloved, let us labor as never before to bring the end of sin, and usher in his coming, whose right it is to rule.

G. F. Watson.

THE BOOK WORK.

A GOOD REPORT.

I am much pleased with the condition of the canvassing work in Colorado. The reports which we receive from the various parts of the State are very encouraging. We now have three faithful and tried canvassers working in Albuquerque, New Mexico: one in Trinidad, Colorado; one in Colorado Springs; one—a young lady—in Grand Junction, where a second will soon join her. This last one is a beginner, but is doing good work. We have one young man canvassing for "Home Hand Book," near Boulder, with good success; one at Fort Morgan, who is doing good work; one at Greeley, and another who is about to take up the work there. An old and experienced canvasser will soon leave Hygiene to canvass in the mountains. All the workers are doing well. One man reports eighty-four dollars' worth of orders received in one week; one, eleven solicitations and eight orders for "Home Hand Book"; another, seven solicitations and six orders; still another—a young lady—eight solicitations and five orders for "Great Con-

troversy." We have two faithful laborers in Denver, and a third about to commence, besides that which I am doing.

The prospect is bright for the canvassing work this summer. All we need is consecrated men and women. We could locate one hundred in good territory this summer. Who will respond? We shall not be satisfied till we see the precious printed page scattered like the leaves of autumn.

All our canvassers are handling large books, such as "Home Hand Book," "Great Controversy," "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," and "Patriarchs and Prophets." Of course, they all handle small books for helps, but all are making a leader in the large books. This is as it should be—I speak from experience—I know it is far better for the canvasser, the people, the Tract Society and the publishers to handle the large books.

I shall be glad to correspond with any one who may wish to enter this good work.

G. Phillips.

WHO WILL RESPOND?

We are pleased to note the new start the book work is taking in the Colorado Conference. We trust that many more will decide to give their cooperation and assistance to the revival of this branch of the work. This people is raised up for a special purpose—to cooperate with God and the angels in giving the last message of mercy to the world. So every one who espouses this cause has his work to perform. All should leave behind their former worldly aspirations and press forward to the mark of their high calling. The ability with which God has endowed each one should be utilized, and when used it will develop and grow.

We need both the ambitious youth, and men and women of experience, to join with us in the canvassing work. The Lord says: "Call for laborers. I will enable them to work for me with definite results." The qualifications are faithfulness, diligence and entire consecration. Christ gave all for us and "had not where to lay his head." Can we not share in his self-denial in this all-important work? Who will respond to-day? All who will join us in this most precious ministry should correspond with your state agent, G. Phillips, 1112 S. Eleventh street, Denver, Colo.

C. W. Hardesty.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Teach us to work! When work seems vain,
This is half victory over fate—
To match ourselves against our pain—
The rest is done when we can wait.

—Selected

A PRACTICAL PAPER.

As this plan has not yet been put into practice in our school, I will write simply about the Home Department, leaving to some one in a future Convention to suggest how it may be made "more practical."

There is a work of this kind to be done in most schools; perhaps there are not many where there is so much as in this place. The Lord is ready to bless both work and workers, but we cannot accomplish anything by talking over the matter, saying: "It is a good work; we should take it up," and then stopping there. We must get to work. Let us appoint some one, or ask some one to volunteer to make a business of this work. Then let that person go every Sabbath to those who for any reason are not able to be with us; take them a lesson paper, or give them the lesson scripture; talk the lesson over, or study it with them.

This work should be done regularly, a record of the class should be kept, and perhaps donations taken. These members should be made to feel that they are a part of the Sabbath-school, even if they cannot be present. Other ways of doing good will suggest themselves when we begin. Shall we neglect these little opportunities for helping others?

We hear of the need of workers in foreign fields, and bewail the circumstances that prevent our being foreign missionaries, and doing some great work for the Lord, while perhaps the work that he had intended for our hands lies unheeded at our very doors. Or we excuse ourselves for the present by saying: "At some future time, when I am better prepared, I will work for the Lord." If we expect the Lord to use us some time, let him use us now. "The greatest service we can render our Savior consists not in accomplishing some vast work in some large field, at some future time, but in doing to-day, with our might, what our hands find to do." Mrs. J. A. Neilson.

"Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly."

ANOTHER STEP.

The Home Department is a move in the right direction, and we are glad to hear of so many new schools that are putting the plan in operation. This work has been neglected and we are much behind the place we should occupy, but we trust that all will enter upon this labor of love, with a zeal and energy that will bring the success that it so richly deserves.

We do not look upon the Home Department as the complete whole, but simply as a step in the making of our schools, that which they always should have been; strong, aggressive, and well equipped bodies of missionaries, for the giving of the "Advent message to the world in this generation."

There is one more step that should be taken at this time that will tend, perhaps more than any other, to bring our schools up to the proper degree of efficiency. This is a work for the members of the school and church. In almost every church there are those who do not have an active membership in the Sabbath-school. The elder and the superintendent should labor earnestly and in concert to secure the regular attendance at Sabbath-school of every such member. Let a list of these be prepared, and let certain ones be chosen to visit and labor with them until the desired result is obtained.

Besides this, a deeper interest should be taken in the active members of the school, and each teacher should visit, or cause to be visited, every member of his class who absents himself at any time. How often precious souls would be saved to the cause if they could be convinced, just at the critical time, that some one was interested in them. Find out why they are not there. Let them know you miss them; that you love them and want them there every time. No one can measure the result of systematic work of this kind.

We rejoice in the progress you are making in the Home Department. We hope every effort will be put forth to make it a success; but do not fail to carry on this work for the school and the church at the same time. There is no time now for sleep, not a moment for perfunctory service, for idleness; we must be thoroughly awake, and must labor with all our might while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Dr. Willard W. Hills.

A DEFINITE AIM.

It is conceded by all that an aimless course of life is a failure. It is so in all occupations and conditions. Without a definite aim, little good can be accomplished. If this principle, as applied to worldly pursuits, is of so much importance, is it not of infinite magnitude when we come to apply it to God's work? It is easy to see what ought to be done, but it is quite another thing to get at it in a definite way.

Calls for help are coming from all quarters of the earth, but the helpers cannot be supplied. Why? Because we do not have them. How shall we get them? "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9:38. But is this all? Will this prayer bring the laborers? No, by no means. We shall have to make them. That work has been intrusted to us under God. Christ made the laborers he sent out. The tenth chapter of Luke gives an account of the address of the Great Teacher to a class of seventy who had been under training, and who were to go out as teachers also. Then there was a class of specially trained men who were to take the lead of the work in the great harvest field.

Now, if there ever could be a time when laborers were needed more than at any other, we have reached it now; the demand is immensely great. I believe the time has come when every church elder, every Sabbath-school superintendent and teacher, and every church-school teacher ought to be a training teacher in God's hands for the training of those under them to do effective and definite work.

The whole body of the denomination must be active workers, but unless some definite plan is laid down by each church and school, and each individual in the church and school, and followed up with a definite object in view, the laborers and work will fall short. Each child and youth should be taught to have some definite aim in view, toward which he is to push with all his might. That which is most wrong with our children to-day is their aimless, objectless existence. Let us learn the purpose that God has in placing us upon this earth and go about fulfilling that mission without delay. Matt. 24:46.

There is a vast responsibility resting on us as parents and teachers. Our children must have our personal atten-

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tion in their training, and they must be trained to the end that they may take an active part in giving the last message. This training for service is a duty we cannot ignore and stand clear before God. Joel 2:15-17.

C. M. French.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Dr. Hills is holding a two weeks' meeting at La Veta. We hope to have a report from that place for our next issue.

Elder Jacob Kraft, formerly of Colorado, spent a few days in Denver and vicinity on his return from California.

Elder Herman, of Wisconsin, preached earnestly to the Denver church Sabbath morning, April 25th, from Rev. 14:6.

Mrs. Marcus Dailey and son returned from their California trip last week. She says little Marcus is much improved in health.

Elder H. M. J. Richards has been spending a few days at Gunnison, assisting Brother E. E. Farnsworth in the work at that place.

Sister Scales, of Paonia, writes: "Find enclosed my subscription to ECHOES. I have taken the paper for nine years and would miss it very much indeed."

We were pleased to have Elder N. W. Allee, of the South Dakota Conference, with us Sabbath, April 18th. He preached an earnest sermon to the Denver church in the morning.

From a letter received from Brother Vargas we learn that eight Mexicans have accepted the truth at Black Lake, about fifty miles from Manzanares. Others are interested.

Brother F. F. DeRush of Greeley, Colorado, spent last Sabbath in Denver and met with the Denver church. He was returning from Grand Junction, where he had been on business.

Elders E. T. Russell and W. A. Colcord, of the Central Union Conference, spent a few pleasant hours in Denver on their return from the Conference. We were glad to see them again.

Hattie Adams writes from Telluride that the work is onward at that place—that they are enjoying the blessings of the Lord and hope soon to be with him. They distributed one hundred of the late special **Sentinels**.

Elder G. F. Watson began a series of meetings at Greeley, Friday evening of last week. He was joined later by Elder Ziegler. Elder States has been laboring at this place for several weeks. May God bless their united efforts.

Brother McCutchen, of the Texas Conference, and Brother J. E. White, of the Southern field, stopped in Denver a few hours enroute to their homes from the Conference. We were glad to receive a pleasant call from both.

Brother Wibbens writes that he has just closed a series of meetings at Amsterdam, Netherlands, in which three decided to obey the Lord. Let us remember our Brother who has gone from us to carry the light of truth to his own people.

Brother Einarson, who has long been connected with the canvassing work in Colorado, has at last decided to give all his time to this work, and we are glad to welcome him among us as a tried and faithful laborer whom God has richly blessed in his efforts for others.

The last of the Colorado delegation returned from the General Conference Sunday, April 26. All report an enjoyable trip and a precious experience throughout the meeting. May we not all take up the watchword, "The advent message to all the world in this generation"?

Sister Satterlee writes that the little Sabbath-school, recently organized at Boxelder, has not been able to meet during the past quarter, owing to rough weather and sickness. The superintendent, Brother Sorensen, is conducting a Sunday-school about five miles away with good success.

The Young People's Society of Denver sold one thousand copies of the **Life Boat** last month and over eight hundred during the month of April. They expect to take up tract work soon. We are always glad to see the young people take an active part in the missionary work. God bless them abundantly.

We glean the following from a letter written by Sister Parsons, of Villa Grove: "By having our school regularly at such an hour and conducted on the same plan as larger schools, we study our lessons better; and by getting them together we remember them, and I think it a good plan. We are

so glad the camp-meeting is to be near us and we all hope to attend. We are so alone in this respect, and so much enjoy being with those of like faith; we realize, however, that God is with us to instruct and to keep us continually, and to give us his rich blessings."

Sister Minnie T. Proctor writes as follows of the work at Albuquerque: I expect to begin work this week. We want to do considerable tract work. Our only desire is that we may be instruments in the Lord's hands of winning souls for him. Our courage in the Lord and in his work is good. We wish to be remembered in your prayers."

Sister Jessie Leedy writes thus of the work in Pueblo: "We are distributing the new tracts in the city; we have also a reading rack at the Union depot, and many are getting the truth from the papers placed there; the **Life Boats** are being sold and God is blessing our efforts, for almost every Sabbath we see new faces at our meetings. Pray for us here that there may be more to work in the great, white harvest field."

TO THE READERS OF ECHOES.

I take great pleasure in recommending to you Prof. D. D. Reese's book on "How to Punctuate." This little, but complete, work is in the reach of all, and can be had for the sum of forty cents. Send orders to the Colorado Tract Society, 1112 S. Eleventh street, Denver, Colo. G. F. Watson.

Canvassing Report.

For seven weeks ending April 25, 1903.

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Home Hand Book,				
Katie Berray	5		26.00	
Jennie Berray	4		20.00	
J. M. Becker	5		22.50	.50
Howard Welty	18	6	29.25	.25
Great Controversy				
Warren Hopkins	26	4	10.25	16.35
Grace Dowden	12	12	36.75	
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William H. Brown	37	42	53.75	39.00
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	288	285	\$497.25	\$67.85

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Chas. B. Plummer	51	50.11
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