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LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT!

Lead, kindly light! amid the encircling gloom
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step's enough for me.
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So long thy power has blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on.
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since and lost awhile.
—Cardinal Newman.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The General Conference offices and the Review office for the present are located at 222 North Capitol street, Washington, D. C. This is the historic house formerly used by George Washington as his capital home. It is only about half a block from the Capitol Building of the United States.

From the highest story of the office, looking south, as I write, that majestic structure is the object of prominence. The sun low in the west lights up the great pile of marble, and glitters from the lofty dome of glass and iron, painted white; and on the summit, dark and stern, with drawn

sword, stands the statue of Liberty, facing the east.

But a few steps across the grounds of the Capitol and National Library is the building used by Mr. W. F. Crafts and his associates as the headquarters of the so-called International Reform Bureau, the association well known to every Seventh-day Adventist as the society for uniting church and state, and ultimately binding the conscience of all the inhabitants of this country in a religious despotism.

Who brought the headquarters of the representatives of the third angel's message, and of the power that is seeking to destroy liberty, so near together, and so near to the actual seat of government of the United States? This is not chance. This move of the *Review* and of our headquarters to the capital city is of God.

From all parts of the country, and from foreign lands we hear one voice, saying that the move to Washington is the most significant, the most solemn, and yet the most gloriously hopeful of any move in the history of the work. It means that the end is in sight. From this city set on a hill, from this pinnacle, the light will flash to the ends of the earth.

Doubtless all the readers of *Echoes* are familiar with the fact that the Spirit of Prophecy has repeatedly stated that a sanitarium and training school for Christian workers should be built in Washington at once. In order to carry out this divine command the General Conference Council in Washington, October, 1903, unanimously voted that we call for \$100,000.00 with which to provide General Conference offices, the sanitarium, and the school.

We believe our loyal brethren will rally as never before to raise this money quickly so that the item of interest will not enter into the expense account. Shall we not see a new thing? Cannot the money be raised before the buildings are erected? Some of our brethren will be glad to give from five thousand to twenty thousand. A good number will give one thousand, and a large number from one hundred to five hundred dollars each; and we believe that every man, woman and child in all our ranks will desire to invest something in these most important institutions.

Twenty-five thousand dollars should be raised by May first, with which to begin the work. We believe that the good people of your conference who responded so generously to our appeal for help to pay for the Memorial church will do ten times as much for these more important institutions.

A list of donations will be opened in the *Review*. Send all donations to the treasurer of your conference.

Who among the readers of this paper will start the list with a donation of \$1,000?

J. S. Washburn.

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE MEETING.

We know all will be interested to hear from this meeting, and we have been hoping Elder Watson would get home in season to write a report for this issue; but he has been detained at College View, Neb., on business in connection with the Central Union Conference Committee and Union College Board, so we will wait till next issue for a full report. The business sessions passed off very harmoniously,

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and plans were laid which we trust will give an impetus to the work in this union conference. Elder E. T. Russell was again elected president, and Elder R. C. Porter vice president. The spiritual influences of the meeting were excellent, and many remarked that they were the best meetings they ever attended. The consecration services on the last Sabbath will long be remembered. At the first call, the whole ministry came forward to renew their covenant for service, and then they were joined by almost the entire congregation. The tender, melting influence of the Holy Spirit was present to witness to the consecration. Plans for advance moves in the Educational and Young People's work, and change of laborers, etc., will be outlined in next issue. We much enjoyed the privileges of this meeting.

FIELD REPORTS.

CRIPPLE CREEK, COLO.

Two more heads of families were baptized, Sunday, March 6th, thus signifying their intention to keep all of God's commandments. Others are keeping the Sabbath and we believe they will go forward in the ordinance later. To the Lord we give the praise. Remember the work here in your prayers.

C. H. Bates.

MEEKER.

We are home again at Glenwood Springs, after a seven weeks' effort at Meeker. As the result of these meetings seven united with the church, while others were confirmed in the truth. Several are firmly convinced of the truth, but have not yet yielded to the converting power of the Spirit. We yet hope for these.

L. A. Spring.

FRUITDALE.

After returning from the Union Conference at Omaha, I visited the company at Fruitdale. We had a good meeting Sabbath afternoon. Nearly all testified, and their testimony revealed firmness in the truth, and a deep longing for the appearance of our heavenly Master. Several not of our faith were present. We were glad to know that Brother Sparks and family are back from College View. Brother Sparks has been severely ill since he left Colorado, but the Lord

has been with him and restored him to health. The friends at Fruitdale are glad to welcome him back.

We expect to organize a church here this spring. At Golden we have several Sabbath keepers, some of whom have recently accepted the truth, and as Golden is only a few miles from Fruitdale, these two companies can be united into a strong church. May the Lord bless his cause in these places.

S. F. Svensson.

FOWLER.

Brother G. M. Alway has just concluded a series of meetings, lasting ten days, in the vicinity of Fowler, which resulted in one brother renewing his covenant with God and a number of others are deeply interested. The attendance was good and the people gave their undivided attention to the stirring truths. We feel sure that those who are in the valley of decision will shortly step out upon the promises of God and obey the whole truth. We hope the Echoes family will remember in their prayers, this part of the Lord's vineyard.

W. M. Rudolph.

MAYAGUEZ, PORTO RICO.

Dear Brethren in Colorado:

Brother North of Pueblo has a burden to come to Porto Rico to help us in the work here, and when I get his letters it makes me think of years ago how when I was working in the mines near Leadville I was impressed to read the Bible, and God, by his holy Spirit, changed my heart. Then after wandering from place to place for a month I came to Denver and Brother Soggs baptized me; well do I remember that day and how I promised to be faithful. I can never forget the kindness of the brethren who, when I was a prodigal stranger, took me by the hand and called me "Brother." How strange it was to me. Well, the Lord has blessed me all these days, and I have been faithful and am still pressing forward with the bright hope that was then kindled in my breast.

It seems that we have not been able to accomplish much in the year that we have been here but we have done the best we could and a great many are interested in our work, from reading our little paper *El Centinela de la Verdad*. It is the only

paper of the kind on the Island and we have been able to get it into every city. One man is now keeping the Sabbath through reading it and others are deciding. Pray for the work here. I might add that our friends in the States are purchasing a press for this field, and if there are any readers of Echoes that would like to help a little just send it along. I pray that the work may soon be done, and that I may then be permitted to meet my dear fellow workers of Colorado, in that better country.

B. E. Connerly.

WRAY.

In my last report for Echoes I was laboring at Wray, and on Sabbath, January 16th, one dear sister was baptized and taken into the church. January 25th my wife and I commenced labor in Laird, just a few miles from the Nebraska line. Before coming here I was told that this was a tough place and that I would likely have trouble with the young people, but in all my experience I never had better order. Up to the first of March, I preached eighteen sermons, gave twenty-eight Bible readings, conducted four children's meetings and made ninety-four family visits. Two fully accepted the message and will soon be taken into the church at Wray. Others are interested and we hope to see them accept the truth soon. I shall return here immediately after the Central Union Conference closes and follow up the work. My general health is much improved, but I suffer much from nervousness. Prophecies are fast fulfilling and we need to keep awake and give the message.

Geo. O. States.

BAYFIELD, COLO.

We have closed our series of meetings at Bayfield, and feel sure that the Echoes family will rejoice with us over what our Heavenly Father has done for us in adding another company of believers to our ranks. Twelve precious souls were united with their Saviour by baptism, one was taken in on confession of faith, and four others publicly expressed their desire to unite with us in the near future. Our audience did not leave us as is usual when the testing truths of the message were presented, but attentively listened to it all, there being over two hundred

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present at the last service. Nearly all freely admitted that they were convinced, if not converted; and for them we ask the earnest prayers of the Echoes family. Last Sabbath we organized a Sabbath-school with forty present, and the collection taken amounted to enough to pay for supplies for a year. Elder Kennedy expects to remain and follow up the interest.

Malcolm Mackintosh,
William Kennedy.

CHANGE OF FIELD.

My Dear Brethren and Sisters of Colorado:

At the conference which has just closed at Omaha, Nebraska, it was decided that I take the state agency of Missouri. I must say that I have enjoyed my work very much indeed while here, and want to extend to you all my sincere thanks for your kindness and co-operation. God has blessed our book work in the last two years for which we praise his holy name. The success of the book work is attributable to the interest the ministry have taken in it, and the earnest effort of the faithful workers in the Tract Society office. I shall ever look back upon my work in Colorado as a bright spot in my experience. As I go to another state I shall not lose my interest in the book in the grand old state of Colorado. May the dear Lord keep us all faithful in the work until Jesus comes is my prayer. It is with reluctance that I say "Good bye." My future address will be 18 West Fifth street, Kansas City, Mo.

G. Phillips.

NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA.

At our general meeting in Leicester, England, last August, we were invited by the British Union Conference, to respond to an urgent call from the South African Conference if we felt free to do so. After prayerfully considering the matter we decided to accept the invitation, but when our decision was made known, the North England Conference did not feel that they could release us then, there being so many calls for labor at that time. The matter was therefore dropped for several months until the invitation was renewed and we prepared for the journey.

It was hard for us to break the friendly ties that we had formed in

different parts of England during the last five years, but we felt that the Lord would have us "go forward." We left Southampton December 19th, and arrived at Cape Town January 13th. We had a reasonably smooth voyage. Our ship touched at Teneriffe, Ascension and St. Helena. At the last named place we remained twenty-four hours. We went ashore and had a pleasant walk into the interior, but not far enough to see Napoleon's tomb. We felt it a privilege to visit this historic spot.

On arriving at Cape Town we were met by Elder Hyatt and Brother Fortner and taken to the college at Claremont where we remained several days. As it was planned for us to locate in Natal or the Transvaal, we took the train and a ride of fifteen hundred miles brought us to Pietermaritzburg, the capitol of Natal, where we are laboring temporarily, expecting to locate either in Durban or Johannesburg in a short time. The heat is quite severe at times, but autumn will soon be here now, and we expect to get on nicely. On every side we see much work to be done and so few to respond. It is a great comfort and joy to know we are loved and supported by the prayers of dear ones in the home land. Our permanent address is, care International Tract Society, Printing Office, St. Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

M. A. Altman.

BURNED IN PRAIRIE FIRE.

No doubt all have read of the prairie fires that raged through parts of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma on the 2nd of March carrying death and disaster with them. Knowing that the many friends of Brother Frank McGrew will be anxious to learn of the cause of his untimely death, I will give some of the sad details.

Living not far from him at Bird City, Kansas, and in the direct path of the prairie fire, was a widow with two or three little children whom he felt he must try to save. Both he and his wife realized that it was a dangerous undertaking, but the helplessness of their neighbor appealed to them, and Frank, with another neighbor to assist him, went out to plow a "fire guard." They had succeeded in making one furrow when the wind suddenly changed, and blowing at the

rate of about ninety miles an hour, carried the flames around to the other side of them, making escape impossible. The wall of fire, like a tornado, swept upon them so quickly that they could not even release their horses, and they were compelled to run a distance of one hundred and fifty feet through a solid wall of fire tearing their burning clothing from their bodies as they ran. Frank said that three different times he thought he must surely fall in the fire, but with that fortitude which characterized him in every time of danger, and with almost superhuman strength, he pressed on though his flesh was almost cooked from his head to his feet. When he had passed the limit of the fire he was a mile and a half from his home.

He started and had gone a mile when he was picked up by a neighbor. Looking up with a smile he said, "I guess you do not know me, do you?" and the neighbor said, "Yes, Frank, I know you." When he reached home he found that Mrs. McGrew had become frightened at the approaching fire and had fled for refuge to a water tank about a mile in the opposite direction from where Frank was working. Learning of the condition of her husband, and finding it impossible to get to him because of the intervening fire, she jumped into the water tank and thoroughly wet her clothing, and after several attempts succeeded in getting through the heat and to her home, where she found Frank in a frightful chill. She did all that could be done for him, and when Dr. Pegg arrived he tried with all his father's love, added to his physician's skill to save the life of him who was like a son to him, but Frank was beyond the power of human help. He lived twelve hours and was conscious to the last. During these hours of awful suffering not one word of complaint passed his lips.

After the death of their babe several months previous Brother Frank and wife began the study of the book of Job. As he lay on his bed of pain his faithful wife endeavored to administer both physical and spiritual comfort. They remembered Job in his affliction, and Frank said, "This is the test of our faith." When his wife said to him, "Frank, I cannot live without you," he replied, "You must

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not feel so. It is as it is, and we must make the best of it." During his suffering his face wore an expression of peace which became almost a smile in death and transformed his poor, burned features so completely that one could almost read in them the words of the example he had been studying: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

Bertie Herrell.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Dr. G. C. Emory, of Boulder, is in the city this week in the interest of his profession.

Sister Grace Odell, of Shawnee, Colo., is spending some time visiting friends in Denver.

Sister Sadie Crawford of Estancia, New Mexico, reports fifteen interested readers who are visited every week by faithful workers.

During the absence of the office force at the Central Union Conference, Sister Ruth Olsen kindly looked after the work in the office.

Sisters Jessie Truesdell and Hattie Harriman, from the Boulder sanitarium, have been spending the past week with relatives in Denver.

Brother P. Sparks and family, who have been spending the winter in College View, Neb., returned to their home in Edgewater, Colo., last week.

The brethren at Pueblo have decided to rebuild their church on the old site, putting in electric lights and a baptistry, and other added improvements.

Sabbath, March 12, four were baptized in the Denver church. Baptism will be administered again next Sabbath. The Lord is blessing in the Bible work in Denver.

Sister Ruby McKinley, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., reports the organization of a Sunday-school at that place with a membership of sixteen, and a good interest manifested.

Elder S. F. Svensson gave an excellent sermon in the Denver church last Sabbath morning on the "Office of the Holy Spirit." Brother Svensson takes up the work again for a time in Idaho Springs.

Brother J. N. Mock, formerly of Denver, but now of Alma, was with

us at the Sunday evening service. He is on his way to Montrose after his two boys who have been spending some time there.

Sister Carrie Dowden is wishing for some public meetings at Ouray, as this would help to develop the work there. Many of her readers are moving away as the population of a mining camp is so variable.

March 16, the Hygiene school closed a very successful six month's term. Brother M. J. Low, the teacher, speaks highly of the work of the students. Several from there expect to enter the canvassing work the coming season.

Sister Lida Moore, who has been visiting her sisters at Boulder, and taking treatment at the sanitarium, is in Denver for a short time. She will go on to St. Louis this week to take up work there in connection with the world's fair.

Sister Mary Spencer of Grand Junction, reports a novel way of distributing literature. Living on a fruit farm, she has placed tracts and periodicals to the amount of sixteen hundred in the bottom of boxes of fruit shipped to different parts of the state. Thus fulfilling the command to "sow beside all waters."

We are sure all will be sorry to lose Brother Phillips from the work in this conference, and were it not that he feels that the Lord would have him enter a broader field of usefulness, we would not be willing to see him go. He expects to leave the last of this week, and his family will follow as soon as he finds a suitable location.

Nearly one hundred and twenty delegates were in attendance at the Central Union Conference at Omaha. On account of the distance, Colorado sent the fewest of any conference—thirteen. The delegates were as follows: Brethren Watson, Ziegler, Hills, Richards, Hoover, Wilcox, Svensson, States, Phillips and Farnsworth, and Sisters Watson and Herrell. Brother Cush Spark from College View, Neb., being present was added to the list of delegates.

OBITUARIES.

Died in Denver, Colo., March 4, 1904, of heart failure, G. W. Scott, aged 73 years, 2 months and 3 days. De-

ceased was the father of Sister L. A. Stridiron of 3702 High street, Denver. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. G. W. Anglebarger.

Haselton—Archie L. Haselton, infant and only child of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Haselton, died in Denver, Colo., February 18, 1904. Little Archie was a great sufferer nearly all of his short life. Services were conducted at the house by the writer.

G. W. Anglebarger.

THE GOSPEL FOR OUR PRISON POPULATION.

A copy of the April Life Boat will be placed by prison officials in fifty thousand prison cells of this land. By this means, with one stroke, nearly the entire prison population of this country will be reached. The Lord has used The Life Boat to win the heart of nearly every prison official in the land and they recognize it as a great help to them in their work.

As the fruit of our Life Boat prison work, several splendid men have been baptized and united with our church, and a host of others have been changed from desperate characters to meek and lowly searchers after truth. We are in constant communication with several hundred prisoners and we find it the most encouraging line of missionary work we have ever undertaken.

The April Life Boat will not only contain many encouraging experiences, but stirring articles from a number of experienced workers. It will contain about twenty illustrations.

This number will be furnished in any quantity at two cents each.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The quarterly meeting for the Denver church will be held Sabbath, April 2, in connection with the morning service. We trust that all the members, who possibly can, will be present. We all need the blessing of this meeting.

G. W. Anglebarger.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all members of the Fort Collins, Colorado, church who do not report, and whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained by July 1, 1904, will be dropped from the church roll. Please do not let this notice slip by unheeded, but address us promptly at 225 Whedbee street, Fort Collins, Colo.

Alta Brooks, Clerk.