



## Echoes from the Field.

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### SOMETIME.

Sonetime when all life's lessons have been learned,

And sun and stars forever more have set,  
The things which our weak judgment here has spurned,

The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,

Will flash before us, out of life's dark night,  
As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue;  
And we shall see how all God's plans were right,  
And how what seemed reproof was love most true.

And we shall see how, while we frown and sigh,  
God's plans go on as best for you and me;  
How, when we called, he heeded not our cry,  
Because his wisdom to the end could see.  
And e'en as parents disallow  
Too much of sweet to craving babyhood,  
So God, perhaps, is keeping from us now  
Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good.

And if, sometimes, commingled with life's wine,  
We find the wormwood, and rebel and shrink,  
Be sure a wiser hand than yours or mine  
Pours out this potion for our lips to drink.  
And if some friend we love is lying low,  
Where human kisses cannot reach his face,  
O, do not blame the loving father so,  
But wear your sorrow with obedient grace.

And you will shortly know that lengthened breath  
Is not the sweetest gift God sends his friends,  
And that, sometimes, the sable pall of death  
Conceals the fairest boon his love can send.  
If we could push ajar the gates of life,  
And stand within, and all God's workings see,  
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,  
And for each mystery would find a key.

But not today. Then be content, poor heart.  
God's plans, like lillies, pure and white,  
unfold;

We must not tear the close shut leaves apart,  
Time will reveal the calyxes of gold.  
And if, through patient toil, we reach the land  
Where tired feet, with sandals loosed, may rest,

When we shall clearly know and understand,  
I think that we will say, "God knew the best."

—May Riley Smith

## GENERAL ARTICLES.

### OUR WORK IN WASHINGTON.

Takoma Park, D. C., May 13, 1904.

I am thankful to my heavenly Father for the blessings that he has bestowed upon me since we left St. Helena.

I have several times gone over the land which has been purchased for school and sanitarium purposes, and all that I have seen is most satisfactory. The land resembles representations that have been shown me by the Lord. It is well adapted for the purpose for which it is to be used. There is on it ample room for a school and a sanitarium, without crowding either institution. The fine stream running through the land is a treasure more valuable than gold or silver.

Our sanitarium is to have an abundance of water free for five years. The school will pay seven cents for each one thousand gallons used.

To-day our contract with the Takoma Park Town Council for the removal of the sewer farm was signed, and we can now go forward in carrying out the plans that have been laid. The sewer farm is to be moved one mile down the creek. We are to have most excellent sewer facilities.

No pains or money should be spared to secure perfect sewer arrangements in connection with our schools and sanitarium. Message after message in regard

to this matter has been given to those bearing responsibilities in our institutions. I have been plainly instructed that carelessness or neglect in regard to sanitary conditions, in home or in public buildings, means a withdrawal of the blessings of God. Special directions in reference to sanitary arrangements were given to the children of Israel. Every one was charged to keep his premises clean, within and without, lest the Lord, passing by, should see uncleanness, and should remove his presence from those who are careless and indifferent in this respect.

A week ago we took a drive through various portions of Takoma Park, and Sister Daniels showed me the quiet and beautiful settlements near our land, half hidden by the natural forest. These settlements reminded me of Oakland, as it was thirty years ago. We feel thankful that our work can be located in such a place. It seems that this place has been waiting to be occupied by our forces.

The situation here fills me with hope and courage. We know that the Lord desires us to go forward as speedily as possible with the work before us. This work is to be a representation of the work that can be done in other parts of the South. It is to give a clear representation of the principles held by Seventh-day Adventists.

There will be much to do in various lines, and young men and women of solid worth will be needed, who can enter the school as students when the buildings are ready. Wise, experienced teachers will be needed—men and women who can give the youth lessons in business lines, and who can teach them, also, how to do true missionary work. Nothing is to be neglected that will give a thorough training in right lines.

The Bible is to be made the foundation

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of all study, the basis of the education given. Thus the students will be taught to build upon the Rock. Many in our world do not understand the truth for this time. Our young men and women should be wise unto salvation. They should know what is required of them.

The true motive of service is to be kept before old and young. The students are to be taught in such a way that they will develop into useful men and women. Every means that will elevate and ennoble them is to be employed. They are to be taught to put their powers to the best use. Physical and mental powers are to be equally taxed. No part of the living machinery is to be overworked, or left to become useless.

Our school here is to follow the plan of the schools of the prophets. It is to be the earnest endeavor of every one to use the powers that God has given him in harmony with God's laws. Habits of order and discipline are to be cultivated.

All that is to be done is to brace nerve and muscle and will to more resolute effort for the harmonious development of the whole being. The power that is exerted by a true, pure life is to be kept before the students. This will aid them in their preparation for useful service. Daily they will grow purer and stronger, better prepared, through His grace and a study of His word, to put forth aggressive efforts against evil.

Ellen G. White.

### FIELD REPORTS.

#### FROM THE FIELD.

May 6th, I reached Palisades, and found Elder Richards and Brother MacGuire already on the ground getting ready for the dedication of the house of worship that had been built as a result of their faithful work during the past year. My heart was made glad to see this house well filled on the Sabbath with a bright company of young and old who are seeking together the kingdom of their God. Sunday, May 8th, will long be remembered by the people of this little village, on account of the presence of God's Spirit at the dedication service. Fully two hundred people were present. The little company at Palisades gave this house to their God free from debt, for which we feel grateful.

Sunday, May 15th, this church gave, of their means, the amount of five hundred and twenty-five dollars for the erection of a church school building. Brother M. P. Walker donated three acres of his

best land for a location of the school, two acres of which are in bearing pear trees. A school house will be built this summer and will be ready for the fall term. I am sure our people on the Western Slope will be glad to assist in this enterprise with the hope that an industrial school for the Western slope will be the outcome. Any one wishing to know more about the school should write M. P. Walker, Palisade, Colo.

I had the privilege of speaking twice to the Grand Junction church. Steps were taken to encourage the work in this city. Brother MacGuire will locate there and do house-to-house work, besides looking after the welfare of the church. I am now at Paonia, and hope with the help of the Master to be a help to the little company here. Pray for us.

G. F. Watson.

#### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Since my last report I have visited the churches at Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Trinidad, Florence and Canon City in the interest of the educational and canvassing work. Although the time spent at each place was necessarily short, yet some good was done in these lines. I find in every place a desire on the part of nearly all to have the children in a Christian school, but so many are discouraged as the result of unsuccessful efforts in the past. We need more faith in this message, and more unity of action, and these will give us success in the school work. Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Florence appointed committees to canvass the churches and see what support can be secured for a school. Our evening services were good, and a source of spiritual strength. One sister at Trinidad, who had given up the truth, renewed her covenant with the Lord. This is a precious truth, and may it have a sanctifying influence upon all our lives.

E. E. Farnsworth.

#### A LETTER FROM SWEDEN.

Having received a couple of good ECHOES from Colorado, and meditating over the good times and things I have shared with my brethren and sisters of the Colorado Conference, I thought perhaps you would be glad to hear an "echo" from abroad.

This message which the Lord has taught us to love is moving on, even here in Sweden. If there is one branch of our work that is more prosperous than another here it is the canvassing work. Notwithstanding the fact that warnings and opposition are met everywhere, from

the press and from the clergy, the people seem willing to buy our books. How it cheers our hearts to know that the Lord's cause will triumph.

During the last few months of my stay in the United States my health was very poor and continued so for many months after my arrival home. I began to consider myself unable to engage in any part of the Lord's work any more, but he had mercy upon me, and now, for nearly two years and a half, I have had the privilege of canvassing for our books. My health is greatly improved and the Lord is giving success.

M. T. Ahlquist.

#### DENVER.

We are glad to report that the work in Denver is onward. Last Sabbath six were baptized at the close of the morning service. It was a very solemn scene, and the presence of God was manifested. One of the number who was baptized received his first impression of the truth of God through the ECHOES, our little state paper, which he printed some years ago. His wife was also baptized with him. Others who are attending our Sunday night and Sabbath services, we expect, will also take this important step soon. A few weeks ago the churches of Denver took a religious census of the city. They have kindly given us access to these returns, and through these we have found many who are favorable to our people. This opens up before us a good field of work. The Lord is surely with us. Many of our people here are using the "Family Bible Teacher" in their missionary work. This series of twenty-eight tracts covers nearly all the leading points of truth. Our people in every church would do well to get them. They can be secured through our State Tract Society. Order of Mrs. Bertie L. Herrell. The special *Southern Watchman* is being used by our people here also.

G. W. Anglebarger.

#### NOTICE.

The Central Union Conference is making an earnest effort to get the names of all the youth who are in any way connected with our people. Recently a letter has been sent out to those who did not before send in lists of names. Stamped, self-addressed envelopes were enclosed for reply. Let all who have received a letter reply at once. It is a good move in behalf of our young people. Let us co-operate heartily in it.

M. E. Kern.

**CHRIST AND HUMANITY.**

JESUS CHRIST identified himself with the human family in order that the members of that family might become identified with him. He died for our sins in order that we might, in him, die unto sin, and yet live. Because of sin, we must all die; there is no escape from that; but we have our choice of two forms of death, and of vast consequence to us is the result of this choice. We may fall on the Rock and be broken; or it may fall on us and grind us to powder.

We can escape the latter fate only by being crucified with Christ; and that means death, for death was the result of that crucifixion. But a blessed truth goes with this experience, as it is written: "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." By our identification with him, we die, and yet live; but we could not become identified with him if he had not first identified himself with humanity. "Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and merciful high priest in things pertaining to God; to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

The mystery of this life after crucifixion is the mystery of the new birth; and this is the mystery of the union of God with humanity. This union is represented in every Christian life. Without this new birth, there could be no salvation for man. Man would pay the penalty of his sins, and remain dead. Without the union of God with humanity there could be no new birth. But that there might be in us a union of God with humanity, it was necessary that the Son of God should identify himself with the human family, and become "The Man Christ Jesus," Therefore it was that in presenting himself a sacrifice for sin, "He took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. —L. A. S. in REVIEW & HERALD.

**PLANNING THE WORK IN WASHINGTON.**

I have just received a most beautiful leaflet which has lately been issued by our people at Washington, D. C. It sets forth in a very pleasing and convincing manner the importance of the work that is being established there, and makes a very strong plea for immediate financial help. The leaflet is so be sent to all our laborers, with the request that the matter be presented before all our people.

I know that Seventh-day Adventists

are greatly interested in this enterprise. The Lord has spoken so pointedly upon the subject that there can be no doubt entertained about the utility and importance of this work, and there will certainly be a hearty response among our people in behalf of this work. The aggregate sum required for the present is \$100,000.— If this amount can be raised in 1904, it will supply the present needs of the cause in that place.

Be ready to receive the instruction when it comes, and then act upon it as soon as possible. Wm. Covert.

**THE NOVEL-READING MANIA.**

More than nine tenths of the books taken from the public libraries are books of fiction. The novel-reading mania has become a form of mental dissipation which, in its baneful influence rivals the intemperance evil itself. As a people holding advanced truth for this time, we have no right to any longer remain silent in reference to this subject. For this reason we have issued the June *Life Boat* as a special anti-fiction number. It not only endeavors to create a love for the Bible and other wholesome reading, but shows the real causes of this withering curse. We believe it is the most valuable publication ever issued on this subject. Pastors of other churches, Sunday-school teachers, and educators will all appreciate it, and will be led to look to us for truth on other subjects. Do not let this opportunity go by. Order a liberal quantity. It will be supplied at two cents each. Address, *The Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill.

**THE SABBATH SCHOOL.**

**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 the work of God? 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 can not 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 entrusted 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 time, we have reached the time when the demand is immensely great. I believe the time has come when every church elder, every Sabbath-school superintendent, every Sabbath-school teacher and every Church-school teacher ought to be a training teacher in God's hands for the training of those under him to do effective 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. What is wrong with our children today is their aimless, objectless existence. Let us learn the purpose 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 upon us as parents and teachers. Our children must have our personal attention in their training and then train them to the end that they may take an active part in giving the last message. This training for service is a duty we can not ignore and stand clear. Joel 2:15-17.

C. M. French.

**A UNITED WORK.**

It has been proposed that in the erection of buildings and the opening up of sanitarium and school work at Tacoma Park, arrangements be made for the sanitarium to give a large amount of work to the school, and for the school to use its facilities, as far as consistent, for the forwarding of the interests of the sanitarium.

The first building to be erected on our forty-seven-acre tract will probably be a school house built to accommodate about thirty students. Then close by a dining-room to seat about one hundred persons. Over the dining-room, the space which later on will serve as work rooms for the lady students, can be used at the first as

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meeting hall for the church, and scholeroom for evening classes.

With these two buildings the school can open a boarding house for workmen and an evening school. Tents can be used during the summer by many workmen, while the sanitarium buildings are being constructed.

In the erection of sanitarium buildings, we shall endeavor at first to put up a two-story building with basement and attic, which will accommodate a family of about twenty-five patients, but so planned that it can be enlarged to accommodate fifty or more patients, if enlargement becomes necessary. In this building must be our parlors, and in wings, or annexes, the dining rooms, bath rooms and offices.

By using the school house as a home for sanitarium helpers, it may be possible to open up our sanitarium work with accommodation for a number of patients before the next winter.

It is our hope that the school house may be the home also of some of the workmen engaged in erecting the General Conference building and the *Review and Herald* building. An earnest effort will be made to secure experienced and efficient teachers, and to conduct evening classes, in such studies as will be most highly valued by the workmen on our various buildings.

W. C. White,  
Chairman of the Sanitarium Board.

### NOTES AND ITEMS.

"He must have a holy purpose who seeks heavenly power."

"To live every day as if it might be our last is to make it our best."

Elder Ziegler was called to Arvada last week to conduct the funeral services of Brother Dowerick. ECHOES extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

Elder F. M. Wilcox of the Colorado Sanitarium was in the city last Tuesday. We were glad to see him looking so well, and to hear that the work at the Sanitarium is prosperous.

Elder S. F. Svensson ran down to Denver from Idaho Springs for a couple of days last week. He reports that several have taken their stand for the truth, and that others are interested.

Elder C. H. Bates of Cripple Creek is spending a few days in Denver. He says the work is onward in Cripple Creek in spite of the fact that that district has been so long under martial law. One lady who was a Catholic has just been baptized and added to the church.

Brother E. E. Farnsworth spent a few days in Denver last week on his return from the western part of the state. He is now at College View attending the Young People's Convention.

From a letter just received from Brother J. W. H. Geiss we learn that he and his wife expect soon to leave for Australia. They say "The Lord has been gracious to us, and has given blessing of body and spirit, but our call seems to be homeward." May the blessing of God attend them on their journey to the homeland.

We have received a sample copy of the new Librarian's Record, Librarian's Quarterly Report, and Order Book. These books and blanks are the result of much careful study. The book opens with a statement of the duties of a church librarian, the books to be used by him, or her, and instruction concerning the various accounts. You will also find in connection with each account, a page showing how it should be filled out. The aim has been to present in the briefest, most inexpensive, and yet complete manner, a system for the church librarian.

As you will notice from the enclosed record of the meetings of the General Conference Publication Committee held in Omaha, this series will hereafter be the one used in the United States. Prices are as follows:

Librarian's Record.....35c  
Librarian's Order Book, postpaid....10c  
Librarian's Quarterly Report, per 100, 75c

### HOME FOR A REST.

After the quarterly meeting at Wray I came to my home at Boulder. The first two weeks I was in bed much of the time but held Bible readings with my wife's sister, and the Lord blessed in the work, and she left us with a determination to keep the Lord's Sabbath. I have visited among our people here as I have had strength to do so. I have spoken twice in the Boulder church on the sealing work. At the close of the sermon Sabbath, May 7th, one brother who had given up the truth was restored to us, and was baptized on Sunday. My health is slowly improving but it will be some time before I can regain my old time health.

Geo. O. Staté.

### HOW TO BE HAPPY.

"Whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might. Make your work pleasant with songs of praise. If you would have a clean record in the books of heaven, never fret or scold. Let your daily prayer be, 'Lord, help me do my

best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of my Saviour.'"

"Look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is part of God's service. Do not allow anything to make you forgetful of God. Bring Christ into all that you do. Then your lives will be filled with brightness and thanksgiving. You will do your best, moving forward cheerfully in the service of the Lord, your hearts filled with his joy."

### OBITUARY.

Stevenson—Died in Durango, Colo., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Sortais, May 8th, 1904, Mrs. Lacky Stevenson, aged 75 years, 11 months, 9 days. She was a member of the M. E. church. She was the mother of eleven children, some of whom are filling important positions in the advent message. Mrs. D. F. Hale, who was formerly connected with our people, requested me to put an obituary notice of the death of her mother in our papers. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Tim., 4:6-8.

Wm. Kennedy.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things—charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail: whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. \* \* \* And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the *greatest* of these is *charity*."

### DONATION TO CAMP-MEETING FUND.

Reported.....\$.50  
Mrs. E. C. Brown.....1.00  
D. W. C. McNett.....1.00  
TOTAL.....\$2.50

Who will be the next to donate to our camp-meeting fund, so that the coming meeting may be held without a debt.