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### GENERAL ARTICLES.

#### Our Church Paper.

The *Review and Herald*, our church paper, has filled a place in this denomination for years that no other organ could fill, and yet we find many Seventh-day Adventists who have not had this paper in their families for three months, six months, yes, and even a year. This messenger of truth has had a place in my family for twenty-five years. It has ever brought hope and cheer, and has been a wonderful counselor. When I say that I love the dear old *Review* I but faintly express my regard for the same. How you, dear Brother, dear Sister, can content yourself without this friend, is a thing that I do not understand. I would be glad to know that the *Review and Herald* had its place in every Seventh-day Adventist's home, and I am sure God would be pleased to have it so. To those who never have taken the *Review*, and do not know its worth I invite you to try it three or six months; read it carefully and I am sure that you will thank the dear Lord for such a help. I need not say one word to those who have had its counsel, only by way of remembrance.

Please let us hear from you. Send all orders to Colorado Tract Society, 1112 South Eleventh Street, Denver, Colo.  
Yours for truth,  
G. F. Watson,

#### "Lest Ye Die."

Ancient Israel was given many tests of obedience regarding the holy things of the Lord, and the command regarding their sacredness was accompanied by the admonition, "lest ye die."

As we lay aside our Sabbath-school quarterly for the last quarter, and take up the study of the instructive book of Esther, let not the lessons we have learned grow dim in our minds, "lest we die."

Returning unto the Lord his tenth brings one in close touch with him, in obedience, in co-operation for the saving of souls in the kingdom. The plan of paying tithes is not the product of human mind, but an heavenly one, and as we examine it closely, as we are privileged to do, we are impressed with its absolute equity. It lays the burden of the support of the gospel upon all mankind alike, and according to the ability of each to pay, with the blessing of the holy One following full and absolute obedience. Humanity has devised other means for gathering a fund for gospel work, but every plan has carried them away from Christ instead of bringing that nearness which all should covet. Verily, "the works of the Lord are very great."

Another phase of co-operation with Christ in tithe paying is in earthly and heavenly book-keeping. A tenth is a tenth whether it is paid or not, and in the books of heaven it is charged against us. In view of the fact that "the hour of his judgment is come" how important that

the books of heaven and earth should agree! Do the records kept by the holy watchers show that we have balanced the account week by week, or will the fatal words, "ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me," be written to force the balance? When a merchant puts aside a worthless account he always indicates thereon the character of it.

Ancient Israel was required to cause the increase of the flocks to pass under the rod, every tenth animal being holy unto the Lord. Suppose after one had so separated the Lord's portion, he had been discovered breaking into their enclosure to seize a sufficient number of them, to pay the herder and also the family expenses? The sacred record contains no case of such forcible seizure of the Lord's property. Did space admit, the writer would love to add personal experiences of how the Lord has made his promise to a faithful tithe payer good, even "above all we could ask or think," but we refrain, closing with a word of praise unto him that hath loved us and poured us out blessings until the heart is full. May we all, in this time of great need for funds to send the message quickly, be honest with the Lord, "lest we die."

C. A. Frederick.

#### Young People's Day.

I am glad that among the days especially appointed for the consideration of special lines of work, there has been a day set apart for our young people. This day, the fourth of November, is not for the gathering of means for the purpose of setting someone else at work, but a day wherein the God of heaven will be sought, that his guiding hand and his spirit of wisdom may rest upon our young people, that they may know bet-

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ter how to carry forward the great work of their God in the earth. I am sure, dear young men and young women, that this fall and winter's work will tell much in the giving of this message to our neighbors and friends. Let not one of us say that there is plenty of time for us to do what God would have us do. Do not say, "I am young and I must have a part in the world's good time before I do the work of the Lord," but let us do the Lord's work first and we will have the best time, not only in this world, but that good time will last through all eternity. This fourth day of November should be the best day ever known to the people of this conference. Why not, dear young people, get better acquainted with the ministry, and why not, dear fellow-workers, get better acquainted with the young among us? You love them, and have their best good at heart—then why not tell them so, and why not yoke up together, young people and the ministry, to do a work greater than has ever been done in this land of ours. Study and lay plans together, and together carry out plans that will bring God's blessing among us as we have never experienced it in the past. May God guide, is the prayer of your servant,

G. F. Watson.

### FIELD REPORTS.

#### Lafayette.

Five precious souls were baptized into the third angel's message at Lafayette recently, being the first fruits from this place. It was a blessed experience for the little company and the Holy Spirit comforted our hearts together. Let us pray that the grace of the Lord may continue with them till the day of Jesus Christ.

Watson Ziegler.

#### Niwot.

In the report that appeared in ECHOES a short time ago our Sabbath-school membership was given as eleven, but that was only our Home Department membership. Our membership has never fallen below sixteen, and at present numbers twenty-two, not including the Home Department members. We are glad to report that two of our Home Department members are now regular in attendance, and one was received into the church by baptism a short time ago.

I am glad to be able to say with perfect confidence in my brethren and sisters, "We are with you in faithfulness of purpose."

Mrs. M. C. Shipton.

#### Rocky Ford.

We had an excellent quarterly meeting. The La Junta people came up and joined with us for the occasion. We always look forward to the quarterly meeting with pleasant anticipations as we are so scattered that it is hard for many of our people to get to meeting very often; but they all make an effort to be with us on this occasion and it makes a kind of family reunion.

Then to add interest to the occasion I had the privilege of burying two precious young people in baptism, one for Rocky Ford church and one for La Junta. So you see that the Master's cause is gaining ground in this part of the conference; to the Lord be also the praise.

Geo. M. Alway.

#### Hotchkiss.

It has been two years since I came to this place, and being isolated from church privileges I became very hungry to hear God's truth from the pulpit again, and to meet with those of the same faith. In July Brother and Sister Woodward of Aspen came here and during their stay invited me to accompany them to Paonia to Sabbath-school. I told Brother Frederick of the condition, and of the scattered Sabbath-keepers in this part of the country. It was thought that Hotchkiss would be the most central place to meet. The following Sabbath we met and organized a Sabbath-school of eighteen members. Brother Frederick meets with us every two weeks and speaks to us. We have adopted the "Birthday" box, and have taken in one dollar through its use. I believe if we can have workers long enough a church can be raised up at Hotchkiss.

Mrs. Nellie A. Barnes.

#### Salida.

We have been requested to give you a brief account of the church school held here last winter. School begun Oct. 12, with Miss Jessie Glasgow as teacher, and lasted seven months. During that time there were one hundred sixty-eight dollars twenty cents paid in. It cost us for teacher, desks, and other expenses, one hundred sixty-four dollars twenty-five

cents, leaving a balance in the treasury of three dollars ninety-five cents. We had a splendid school and we do not know of one dissatisfied person. There was an enrollment of twenty-five, with good average attendance. We had no trouble about collecting the money. At the end of every month everybody paid up promptly and were glad they could do so, for we could see the Lord's hand in it and knew he was helping us to raise the money. To his name be all the praise.

Mrs. S. C. Reed,  
Sec. School Board.

#### Costilla.

I have thought for some time that an account of some of my experiences at Costilla might be of interest to our people in Colorado and New Mexico. So I will relate them.

After taking charge of the public school in Costilla Arriba I did not begin personal work among the people till about the first of the year. During the first quarter of this year I distributed between 3,000 and 4,000 pages of Spanish tracts and periodicals. These dealt with the second coming of Christ and the Sabbath mainly. Besides visits and calls I gave twenty-two bible studies to various individuals, obtained seven subscriptions to El Mensajero and gave one discourse in Spanish in the school room. There were about seventy-five persons present, all Mexicans, who gave the best of attention throughout. I was told that many of these came out of curiosity because they thought I could not do what I claimed to be able to do. I was also assured that everything was clearly understood, and that the subject (the New Earth) was full of interest.

I do not think I ever saw as complete and quiet a discussion of any subject as was the Sabbath question during the winter among the people as they mingled with each other. The discussion went on in the family, in the stores, and groups here and there as they happened to meet together. Not having been stuffed with the various inventions of man before, they could readily see the truth of the whole matter. They saw that the Bible is plain in stating that the seventh day is the Sabbath but here exists a change. Many being Catholics referred to their own publications when the source of the change was brought to their attention, but they quickly went to their Bibles and discovered that there was not a single word giving the church authority to make the change. A minister of the Presbyterian church writes me in the

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following extract: "I am almost persuaded of the truth and light of the word of God and it seems to me that it is a great mistake when they make a change in the commandments without any right proof in the Bible." Two brothers of this man are equally convinced as is the old father who is a Catholic, but he says he fears the priest. One of these brothers writes me thus, "I rather you be here and have myself the opportunity to learn from you. I can not less than say that you were a good friend and teacher to me while among us. I am uneasy ever since you went, to see that I lost so good a chance to learn." This man is teaching the Sabbath truth to his family. My soul longs to give these people the last message. Will not the dear brethren all over this conference pray for these men and their families that they may accept the truth; that others may hear it through them and still others be saved to the truth.

C. M. French.

### Montrose.

According to the recommendation of the Conference Committee we came to this place after our good state camp meeting, pitched our tents and began meeting with a fairly good attendance and splendid interest shown by those who do attend.

We knew we had a hard field before us, but we prayed the more and worked the harder, putting our trust in God. Satan has tried in many ways to hinder the work even to jeopardizing our lives; but the dear Lord has thwarted his every effort. As a result of God's blessing resting upon our united efforts, eleven dear souls have broken away from Satan's power and taken their stand for the truth. To God be all the praise.

We all enjoyed Elder Watson's recent visit. Though he could stay but two days with us, we realize it was profitable to the work and workers.

We have had good, definite results from daily, judicious advertising.

There are several more in the valley of decision; for these, for the work and for the workers here we earnestly request an interest in the prayers of the whole "ECHOES" family. L. A. Spring,  
Wm. Kennedy,  
Carrie Dowden,  
Mrs. L. A. Spring.

### Important for Everyone.

Every Seventh-day Adventist should be a *teacher*. The Lord says, "Go ye, and teach all nations." Many of us are

not well qualified to teach now, but we may be if we are willing to study and learn. With the approval of the Conference Committee, we are preparing a course of lessons for the education of teachers. They are not for Sabbath-school teachers alone, but for everyone, both old and young, who want to know how to qualify themselves to teach the truth more efficiently. We shall send out letters to all the churches. Please do not throw them aside carelessly. Consider the matter prayerfully and present it to your school. Encourage the young to take it up. Let the isolated ones write to the office for particulars. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a skilled workman."

Meade MacGuire.

### Beginning to Move.

For some time the soldiers of the cross have been studying the plan of battle as outlined at the last General Conference, have been getting their equipment in order, and now they are beginning to move; not very rapidly, perhaps, but with a constantly increasing pace, we believe.

That we may know whether we are in the very front rank or not, let us see if we can say "Yes" to the following questions:

1. Are we taking the *Review and Herald*?
2. Have we supplied ourselves with a pound of Signs of the Times Leaflets, and are we planning to use them carefully?
3. Have we ordered a liberal supply of special *Signs of the Times, Watchman, Life and Health*, and the Foreign Papers, and are we definitely planning to place them in the hands of just as many people as we possibly can?

If we have not made the above preparation as yet, let us not delay a moment in doing so. Let us go forward together.

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### The Society's Meetings.

In order that the Young People's meetings may accomplish the most good, it is necessary that a definite plan be followed. We shall offer a few suggestions, and the earnest, wide-awake leader will know how to adapt his exercises to the needs of his company in order to obtain the very best results.

#### DEVOTION.

The blessing brought to the youth by an earnest, spiritual prayer service cannot be overestimated. The moral and spiritual courage and strength imparted to them in such a service will, like the sweet perfume of a fragrant flower, linger with them for days, its gentle influence restraining them in times of temptation, and encouraging them to faithfulness in God's service. A work "well begun is half done," and a meeting begun by an earnest, sincere prayer service engaged in by all, or a majority of the youth is almost certain to be a success. The blessing of God will be present and the members will be fitted for service.

#### STUDY.

The word of God is absolutely essential to Christian growth. As the physical development of the youth depends largely upon an abundant supply of nourishing food and pure water, so the spiritual well-being of youth depends upon a constant supply of the bread and water of life. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Suitable studies from the Bible are published in the *Instructor*. There may be cases where special Bible studies may be gotten up by able leaders with profit. The Bible lessons should be carefully prepared by all, and especially by the teacher. Blackboard and object-lesson illustrations should be used, and the practical lesson should be made clear and impressive. More attention should be given to memorizing scripture.

One line of study which we believe will prove of the greatest benefit, and which we hope to have taken up by our youth in this conference the coming year, is the study of Early Writings, Great Controversy, and other Testimonies that are of special interest and importance to the youth. Early Writings was written by a young girl under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, and is wonderfully adapted to the needs of our youth, and their mental capabilities. Many times we have seen the powerful workings of God's Spirit where this book was studied in the youth's meetings.

#### EXPERIENCES AND PLANS.

If the study has been properly con-

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ducted, the Spirit of God is present and has been recognized, and the youth are ready for an earnest testimony and experience meeting. The character of the testimonies will witness to the effectiveness of the practical lesson studied. Experiences in missionary work should be given. Personal efforts for individuals, work with literature, letters written and answered, answers to prayer as well as requests for prayer, all go to make this exercise of the greatest interest and benefit to the youth.

This may be followed by a brief discussion of plans and methods of work, means to carry on missionary operations, etc. In no case should interest in the home work cause us to overlook or slight our work in the regions beyond. Our field is the world. Many of our youth must ere long enter the far-off lands, and we would come far short of our whole duty should we fail to make the foreign mission work a leading part in our youths' meetings.

### ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS.

Should this program be followed there will be no time for dragging. Each exercise should have its own time, but the leader should have that discernment which will lead him to bend the rules to meet the indications of God's Spirit. Singing should form an important part of the service. Some times two or three devotional hymns at the beginning are the most effectual kind of worship. It may be very helpful to have the roll-call at each meeting and keep an accurate record of attendance. Every plan laid and method followed should be with the definite purpose of reaching some soul with the salvation of Christ.

Meade MacGuire.

### NOTES AND ITEMS.

Mrs. E. E. Farnsworth left Denver last Friday to join her husband at Trinidad.

Brother A. G. Bodwell is spending a few days in Boulder looking after the canvassing work.

Brother Adkins and wife spent a few days visiting friends in Denver last week en route to California.

Elder Watson writes of some good meetings which have been held at Paoonia and that three have been baptized.

Elder Ziegler spent Sabbath, 14, with the churches at Cripple Creek and Victor celebrating the ordinances with them.

From a letter received from Elder Warfle we glean the following concerning the meetings at Albuquerque, N. M.:

"Several are convinced, and one has decided to obey. We hope to see several accept the truth as a result of these meetings."

Elder J. B. Wilson writes that the work in Pueblo is onward; that he has several interested readers and hopes soon to see some of them obey the truth.

The October and November numbers of *Life and Health* are special issues for campaign use. The October number is an excellent one, and a large edition has been printed. Order now.

Brother Wm. F. Hills writes that he is pleasantly located with his family at Plateau City, that the people are friendly and pleasant, and that he hopes to be able to do a good work at that place.

Brother Meade MacGuire left Denver last Tuesday to visit some of the churches in the interests of the Young People's Work, and the Sabbath-school work. He will spend a few days in Greeley, then go to Fort Collins. Conventions will be held at each place.

From the canvassing field come the following encouraging words: "My experience during the past week has filled me with courage, for the Lord has been using me. The reason he has used me is because I made a faithful effort, prayed earnestly and endeavored to draw near to him. With his help I intend to press onward toward the mark until the work is finished."—B. H. Shaw.

Dr. Hills is working in connection with the Capital Hill church in Denver. Last Sabbath was a good day for this little company. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, and a spirit of tenderness and humility seemed to rest upon all; and as the admonition was given not to judge one another, for in judging another we pronounce sentence upon ourselves, each one was made to feel the burden of his own sins and not the sins of his brother.

### Young People's Day.

How many would like to know more about what the Lord has told us concerning the duty of the church and concerning your own duty toward our young people? How many would like to consider more thoroughly this most important branch of his work? Who would not like to see all the churches aroused to the needs of the hour, realizing that "much has been lost to the cause of God by lack of attention to the young." Who would not like to see all our young people aroused to comprehension of the great

privileges they have for enlisting in the service of God. To accomplish these ends is the purpose of Young People's Day, to be observed by all the churches of the Central Union Conference, Sabbath, November 4, 1905.

There will be special readings for the forenoon service on "The Message of Elijah," and "Our Young People's Call to Service." There will be sent out from the state offices suggestive programs to be carried out in the afternoon. In these exercises, especially in the afternoon, the young people should take an active part. The church elder, Sabbath-school superintendent, and officers of the young people's society (or in case there is no young people's organization, someone from among the young people), should be a committee to make arrangements for this day's exercises. Let no one be negligent to begin at once and make this rally in behalf of our children and youth a grand success.

M. E. Kern,  
Secy. Y. P. Work, C. U. C.

### Remember the Special Numbers of our Foreign Papers.

The International Publishing Association at College View, Nebraska, will concentrate their whole effort to one number of the German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish papers instead of four numbers, for the missionary campaign this fall. They are planning to get them out about the time of the second number of the series of the "*Signs of the Times*." The foreign papers will have a choice collection of articles from our best writers on the Second Coming of Christ, Saints' Inheritance, Last Message, State of the Dead, the Sabbath, Sunday Laws, Characteristics of the Last Church, etc. These special numbers will be finely illustrated, containing twenty-four pages and cover, which will make them valuable papers for circulation and good sellers. All of our readers should order a supply of these papers for their friends and neighbors who read either of these languages. Price, five cents each, ten or more, three cents each. Order of your Tract Society.

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