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"In this world of beauty naught goes wholly wrong:
Every sigh of sorrow ends somewhere in song."

GENERAL ARTICLES.

NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING.

Our loyal people are not "weary in well doing," they are not tired of giving.

Within the last few years they have paid the \$66,000 debt on the Christiana publishing house; nearly \$55,000 on the Relief of the Schools Fund; paid for the English Sanitarium, and given largely in response to other calls, and yet from January 1 to March 24, \$33,190.24 annual offering was received, as against \$22,000 for the whole of the year 1903. This very large increase in the annual offering shows clearly that the confidence of our people has been greatly strengthened by this move to Washington, and that now there will be more money than ever before for missions and other enterprises.

Those who love the great message of truth, love to be asked to support it, and they are greatly blessed in the actual giving. From a letter written shortly after the week of prayer, I quote the following: "Our dear people

still love the message, and they love to hear the facts. Sabbath we made of first importance the subject of missions and the offering. That was the best meeting I have attended for years; and the subject of the meeting was

Money, Money, Money!

missions, missions, missions. O, the people love to hear of all the good things that mean the closing up of the grand old gospel work! and they are not tired of being asked for money for such purposes."

This is the spirit of Him who was rich, and for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich. Thank God, that spirit is with this people and this movement.

We are very glad to say that the response to the appeal for the one hundred thousand dollar fund, even on such short notice, is most encouraging. Not a day passes without a number of donations to this fund.

J. S. Washburn.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

This meeting was arranged for by the Central Union Conference Committee in counsel with the College Board of Union College, and will be held at College View, Nebraska, May 31 to June 5. At this time another college year will close, and it is hoped that this meeting in connection with the closing work of the college year will be a great blessing to the young people who go to their homes in the different states of this great union conference.

I wish every church in this conference might have at least one delegate and as many more as can go. Could

not the young people in our churches, in council with their church, choose a delegate, and then see to it that the one chosen is in attendance at this meeting. It may take some of our hard earnings to carry this out, but it will pay.

Please let me know who are chosen so I can make arrangements for transportation. Let us stir ourselves and do something, my dear young friends.

G. F. Watson.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

(Concluded)

"The instruction that has been given me in regard to the buildings to be erected in Washington is that it is not the Lord's will for an imposing display to be made. The buildings are to show to believers and to those not of our faith, that not one dollar has been invested in needless display. Every part of the building is to bear witness that we realize that there is before us a great, unworked missionary field, and that the truth is to be established in many places.

"The buildings that you erect must be

Solid and Well Constructed.

No haphazard work is to be done. The buildings are to be thoroughly presentable, but no extravagance is to be seen. We are not to make it possible for worldlings to say that we do not believe what we preach, that the end of all things is at hand.

"The buildings should be put up at as little cost as possible. No money is to be spent on them merely for show. We are living in a time of fearful depravity. The whole world has thrown off the restraints of relig-

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ion. Worldlings and church members are making void the law of God. We are to bend every energy to the proclamation of the message of warning."

These directions will be most carefully carried out. You will note that "the buildings are to be solid and well constructed;" "that no haphazard work is to be done;" that while "no extravagance is to be seen," yet "the buildings are to be thoroughly presentable." This surely can not be done for less than one hundred thousand dollars. There are not a hundred thousand Seventh-day Adventists in the world. Some can give but little; therefore, many will necessarily make large donations.

We are waiting for a gift of one thousand dollars with which to start the list of donations. We shall not wait in vain. Send all gifts to your conference treasurer.

The sun is sinking in the west, but I see that its last beams are shining brightly on the beautiful Capitol building. O brother, the sun of mercy, of divine opportunity, is setting forever on millions of souls, yea, truly, on all the world, but its last rays are shining brightly, tenderly, mournfully, on all the beautiful, empty plans and works of men, and for those who know the truth these last moments of daylight are moments of destiny. This is our opportunity. It may come to us no more forever.

O hasten; for soon the night cometh when no man can work, when no man can give.

J. S. Washburn,
Financial Secretary.

FIELD REPORTS.

PUEBLO.

We are getting along very nicely with our church building; will have it done in about three weeks, and we shall all feel very grateful, for it has been difficult for us to get a place in which to hold all the meetings we desired. The Baptist brethren have given us the use of their church for our Sabbath meetings; a favor for which we feel very grateful. Everything is moving along harmoniously, and we believe that "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord," even though difficulties and trials may be strewn along our path. We feel of good courage and hope to see others rejoicing with us in this

glorious truth. It is a pleasing thought to know that the struggle will soon be over. Remember us in your prayers. May we soon meet in a better world where former things will not be remembered.

J. B. Wilson.

LAIRD AND WRAY.

At the close of our good conference, I returned to Laird and labored there and at Wray until after the quarterly meeting. I made quite a number of family visits, held readings, and preached several sermons. The three dear souls who accepted the truth at Laird were taken into the Wray church at quarterly meeting. Two were baptized, the other having been previously baptized. The Lord came near to us at the meeting. There was a good attendance of the members, also some outsiders who witnessed the ordinance of humility. Monday I returned home to Boulder to take a needed rest.

Geo. O. States.

GREELEY, LONGMONT AND HYGIENE.

Since my return from our good Conference, I have visited the above named churches.

April 1-3 was spent with the church at Greeley. A most excellent time was enjoyed. One young man whose parents are not christians took a noble stand for the truth; was baptized and united with the church. Dr. Reed found time to study with this young man once a week. Why could not you do the same?

Sabbath the ninth was a good day for the Longmont church. The house was crowded with attentive hearers. We rejoice with this church in the fact that they have a neat house of worship.

Two sermons were preached at Hygiene to a full house. Three were baptized and united with the church.

There is an interest in all these churches that must be looked after. God be praised.

G. F. Watson.

ROCKY FORD.

We held our quarterly meeting last Sabbath and it was the unanimous verdict of all those who participated that it was the very best quarterly meeting they ever attended. It does seem to me that each meeting of this kind is better than the previous one;

surely they are a foretaste of that great meeting which we know is in the near future, when He who instituted these ordinances shall be present and act as Master of Ceremonies. One thing that makes quarterly meeting of so much interest to this little company is that being so scattered it is only on rare occasions they can all get together, and quarterly meeting is one of them.

I am glad to say that nearly all were present, including La Junta and Fowler. O, may we remain faithful, so that when the great final meeting is called we may meet not only the loved ones in La Junta and Fowler, but from the uttermost parts of the earth.

Geo. M. Alway.

MISSIONARY PROGRAM FOR 1904.

The following definite plans for missionary work were enthusiastically received and discussed at the recent meeting of the Pacific Union Conference held in Healdsburg, California: (No. 22.) We recommend:

That as conference officers and laborers, we earnestly seek to impress upon the minds of all our people the importance of each taking a part in carrying this message to the world; and that we assist them to do so by—

(a) Explaining the particular fields of each of our periodicals, and urging our people to subscribe for, study and circulate them.

(b) Presenting the advantages of a systematic circulation of tracts on leading points of present truth.

(c) Urging them to carefully study the principles of true medical missionary work.

(d) Encouraging one or more in each church to canvas for our 40 per cent. books, beginning with their own members and extending their efforts as experience will permit.

(e) Directing the attention of all our people to the importance of their circulating such books as "Christ's Object Lessons," "Story of Joseph" and "Ministry of Healing."

(f) Aiding suitable persons to follow up the foregoing efforts with Bible readings and cottage meetings.

(g) Inviting our church officers to call the attention of the conference to such openings for meetings as they feel unable to fill themselves.

(No. 23. We further recommend:

That to make the above suggestions practical and permanent, classes be organized in connection with general meetings or in such other ways as may be thought best, at which these methods of work may be thoroughly taught by precept as well as by example, and

That we urge each church to elect to the office of librarian the person who will the most successfully lead the members into actual missionary service.

Here are a number of suggestions concerning actual field work. Our periodicals, our tracts, the principles of medical missionary work, the encouraging of members to circulate books around their homes, the continuation of the campaign for "Object Lessons, the new work with "Ministry of Healing," and the need of following up such efforts with Bible readings and cottage meetings, are all given prominence. And then, to make these suggestions practical instead of theoretical, it is proposed that permanent classes be organized and definite instruction, connected with practical work, be given; also that an effort be put forth to secure as the librarian of each church a real missionary leader.

It is proposed that a missionary school be held in connection with or at the close of each teachers' summer school. Librarians and others having church responsibilities will be invited to attend, spend half the day in study and the other half in actual work in the vicinity.

By these and other means we expect to encourage our churches to greatly increase their missionary work.

Do not these recommendations contain suggestions that will be helpful to you, dear reader?

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

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"How Shall We meet the Demand for More Sabbath School Teachers?"

First let us consider how to meet the present demand, which is a most perplexing problem with nearly all schools organized for the purpose of imparting to the youth a knowledge of God's word. This is truly to be regretted, for in no branch of God's work should His people be so ready to do with their might what their hands find to do as in this one.

Are we not told that the Sabbath school is a missionary field? Also that they are "instrumentalities of God for the education of our youth in the truths of the Bible?" Therefore we should each feel the responsibilities resting upon us and the importance of our obeying the command of our Savior, "Feed my lambs." If all could do this it would not be so hard to find those who would be willing to act in the capacity of Sabbath School teacher. It is true, we are not all born teachers, "for God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, etc." Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Yet many of us may have talent as a teacher, which only needs developing in order that we may let our light shine in that as well as in other ways.

Unless teachers can be selected who love the work, who consider it a duty and are quite willing to serve their Master in that way, it is far better to get along with fewer classes.

If filled with the spirit and love of Christ will we refuse to do the best we can when called upon to accept the responsible position of teacher? No, even though we do not feel qualified. It is better to accept and then strive to become an efficient teacher, which takes a little determination on our part, to do our work well, and many prayers to God for His help and guidance. The latter is just as necessary as the former, for Christ said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Then if without Christ we can do nothing, is it right to call upon one who does not even profess Christianity to take a class in our schools? Can we expect children, who are such great imitators and whose minds are so easily influenced, to grow up into christian men and women if subjected every Sabbath to the teachings of one who is worldly in her habits, who comes to class a little late, having never looked at her lesson, and, worse than all, never thinks of humbling herself in prayer? Most assuredly, no.

Then where must we look for our Sabbath School teachers? There seems to be but one answer to that question, and that is, select the best qualified in the school, and let those who are qualified, yet lack confidence, "Ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not," then will they

go forward in the work of the Master, in whatever line they are called upon to take up.

But let us for a moment examine the qualifications of a teacher.

To quote from the "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," they should be men and women of strong faith and warm sympathies, who are fervent of spirit and interested in all that pertains to the cause of Christ. They should give themselves to the work with unselfish endeavor, and at whatever sacrifice it may require."

"Teachers should be examples of punctuality, neatness, composure and order." These are only a few of the requisites of a good teacher.

The only solution of the problem then is, each worker in the Sabbath school must be ready and willing, if called upon, to do his share of the teaching.

There will always be a dearth of teachers in the Sabbath school unless each one feels it his duty to put his shoulder to the wheel and push. Unless each one feels the burden for souls and is willing, yea, anxious to train up our youth to supply the future demand for teachers.

Now is the time to sow seed that shall bear much fruit, yielding true Sabbath school teachers, missionaries and ardent supporters of this message of truth which we as a people are heralding.

Perhaps the future demand for teachers will be easier met if we who occupy the position of teacher now, especially of the intermediate classes, seek to impress upon their minds that some day they will be needed as teachers, and urge them to prepare for that position, helping them in every way we can.

Instruct them in the art of teaching by giving them an opportunity to conduct the class occasionally; and, having done all we can, may we hear that "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mrs. Ines H. Covert.

"Anger is a thing that comes in a hurry and leaves you to regret its coming the rest of your natural life." "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Miss Lida Moore left Denver on the 7th inst. for St. Louis to engage in the work for the summer. May the blessing of God go with her.

Elder Watson and Doctor Hills are holding meetings at Canon City this week. May the blessing of God rest upon their labor at that place.

Sister A. T. Robinson, who has been spending the winter in Boulder on account of her health, visited Brother and Sister Farnsworth in Denver recently. Her health is much improved.

Miss Blanche Murray, who has been ill at the Boulder sanitarium for some time, visited Brother and Sister Watson last week, returning again to Boulder on Friday. She is greatly improved in health.

Miss Celia McDonald, of Loveland, was in Denver week before last having some dental work done. She has been very busy with her Bible work, and one by one they are being added to the little company at that place.

Brother J. F. Pearson and family were in the city last week on their return from Union College. The office acknowledges a pleasant call from them. They are much pleased with the school work at Union College this year.

Elder George O. States spent a few days in Denver a short time ago on his way to Boulder, where he will remain for some time recuperating his health. We have learned that he is improving rapidly and hopes soon to be entirely well.

Elder Richards was unable to fill his appointment at Salida on Sabbath, the 9th inst., owing to a severe attack of la grippe. He was able to meet with them the following Sabbath, however, and is now at Ouray, where he expects to hold meetings for a while.

We are glad to welcome Sister Meehan back from California. She had a most delightful stay in that state, but is glad to be home among her old friends again. She has been suffering from a very severe attack of la grippe since her return, but is improving now.

A donation has been received from a brother in Nebraska of \$1,000 toward

the building fund of the sanitarium, training school and general conference offices in Washington. We believe that this will be the forerunner of many donations of the same and still larger amounts.

We are sorry to learn that Sister Spring has been quite seriously ill. She went with her husband to Meeker to assist him in the series of meetings he had appointed at that place, and while there was taken very ill. We are glad to know she is improving rapidly since her return to Glenwood Springs.

Sister Farnsworth left Denver last week for an extended visit in Canada among home folks. She expects to remain until late in the fall, as her husband, Brother E. E. Farnsworth, will be traveling much during the next few months in the interest of the educational work. We wish her a pleasant visit at home.

We were glad to have Brother H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press, Oakland, with us a few hours last Thursday, and to learn of the progress of the work and of the plans for future missionary operations. May this be the best year in rich experience for the Master in laboring for others that this people have ever known.

Elder Svensson and wife are laboring at Idaho Springs again, and we trust that God may give them many precious souls. When Brother Svensson was called to Union College and Omaha, he left an excellent interest at Idaho Springs which he is now endeavoring to fully develop and lead the interested ones into the precious truths of the third angel's message.

Brother E. E. Farnsworth left Denver last Sunday for an extended trip among the churches in behalf of the educational work. He goes first to Boulder and Hygiene, and later to Fort Collins, where he expects to meet with the church next Sabbath. We trust this work among the churches may result in great good. Let us remember Brother Farnsworth in our prayers.

We learn of the death of Sister O. B. Hill, of Howard, through the kindness of her son. We have long since learned to love this dear sister because of her promptness and faithfulness; even though isolated for so long we

were always sure of her reports, words of courage and donations to the cause of God. She died March 7th. It was with patience she bore her last lingering sickness of seven months.

A meeting in the interest of the church school work was held in the Denver church Tuesday evening of last week. Last Sabbath Brother Farnsworth occupied the morning hour in following up the work previously started, and talked earnestly about the importance of taking up this work without further delay. The Denver church seems in earnest about the matter, and expect to have a church school this year.

It is not too early to send donations to the camp-meeting fund. Read again the appeal in the last *Echoes*, and let us begin at once to raise this fund. Our little paper is too small to print long lists of names of donors to the many funds, but we wish all our people to know just what is being done in the preparation of our coming camp-meeting, and so print in the forth-coming issues the names and amounts subscribed to this fund. If all will give something we shall be able to hold our camp-meeting without the usual camp-meeting debt. In our next issue we hope to begin the list of names. Who will be the first to respond?

OBITUARY.

Died—Mrs. Sophronia Kelly, at Hygiene, Colorado, April 5, 1904. Cause of death, la grippe.

Sister Kelly received the truth in 1876. She has been obedient to the faith unto death. She moved to Colorado from Walla Walla, Washington, and lived at Woodland Park, near Colorado Springs, of which latter church she was a member.

This makes four members of the family lost to Sister Gibbs in four years—three children and mother. Truly, we long to reach that land of life eternal, whose "inhabitants shall not say, I am sick" and where "there shall be no more death." "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

On April 7th I conducted Sister Kelly's funeral, and words of hope were found in the precious promises of God, especially in Revelation 14:13.

H. M. J. Richards.