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A LESSON LEARNED FROM A BEETLE.

Thou stupid blockhead, blundering in my face!
Is not the great world wide enough, but thou
Must quit the dusky night where thou 'rt at home
To dazzle at my lamp, and burn thy wings;
To blind thy goggle eyes with too much light,
And bang thy doltish head 'gainst everything?
Thou meddling fool! thou 'rt ever out of place.
No meeting 's free from thy disturbing buzz;
No child too timid for thy scaring hum;
No lady's nerves too strung, nor hair too fine
For thee to tangle it with scratchy claws—

There, in my ink again!

And now with pondering look and drabbed feet,
Thou scrawl'st rude lines across an unstained sheet.

And yet, poor thing! thou dost not mean it so,
The light attracts thee, and thou too wouldst
know.

How like we are! this dazzling room to thee—
Why, that's the world; and we poor men
Do bang our sunlit heads 'gainst every wall of it,
And wonder why they ache. Our blundering feet
Tramp rough-shod over nerves that twinge with
pain;

We meddle daily with the mysteries,
To frighten timid souls with buzzing talk
Of laws of unknown things, and life, and death;
We burn our souls in many a garish lamp;
And many a page lies stained with thoughts
more rude
Than beetles' legs could draw, and less intelli-
gence.

And yet, from out the gloom of our first flight,
The primal twilight of our ignorance,
'Twas shining of the light that called us in.

Pardon, fellow blunderer, mine's the fault,
Impatient of the things I do myself,
The fashion only altered. Blunderers both
The one with open book and bruised heart,

The other with his broken wings and feet.
There, I'll blow out the light; it troubles thee;
And here's a bit of wool to dry thee on.
Rest thee a moment till thy dazed head clears;
Then (there's the window open) go in peace—
And may the gentle God, who made us both,
When next I Blunder in this mighty fair,
Do so with me.

—Charles W. Long.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CON- VENTION.

What a blessed privilege that even the children and youth may have a part in God's work. The message has come to us that the youth are not to be neglected. "Let them share in the labor and the responsibility." "Let the overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents."

The Central Union Conference Young People's Convention is for the purpose of devising plans whereby this work may be done. We want the youth themselves to have a part in this council. Let as many as possibly can do so plan to attend. There is nothing in the world so important to us as to find our place in the work of the Lord for this time.

As we do not know how many will come, we do not know whether the College View church will be able to entertain all, but an effort will be made to do so. Those who desire to stay in the Home will have free rooms, and board at about 25 or 30 cents per day, according to the amount ordered. Let those who desire entertainment please write to Mr. Glen George, College View, Neb., or to the writer not later than May 25. The reception committee will arrange to meet at the depot at Lincoln those who desire some one to meet them.

M. E. Kern.

Go, Work To-day in My Vineyard.

Never put off that which can be done now. God's day of salvation is "now," "to-day." Reader, are there not souls in your neighborhood or city who have not yet heard the last message of mercy? Who is responsible for these souls? Are you waiting for the conference to send workers into your neighborhood? Do you not think it would be much more pleasing to the Lord if you would do this work yourself, and thus leave the workers free to carry the message to new fields. Have you thought of what you might do if you were to adopt a systematic use of the **Family Bible Teacher**? Just think, by the use of this little messenger you can place practically the entire truth, in a clear, concise manner, in the hands of your friends and neighbors at the small cost of about **seven cents** for each family. The plan is so simple that even the weakest of the Lord's children can successfully engage in it.

The plan of work is this: The first week visit the homes of the people, tell them about the course of study, and invite them to become regular readers. With those who accept, leave lesson number one, promising to bring them one lesson each week thereafter until the entire course is completed. Any one who is willing to spend a few minutes each week can easily teach from ten to fifty families by this method. For further information regarding plans of work, send for free booklet entitled "The Family Bible Teacher and Suggestions for Its Use." This also tells how to make the work self-supporting. Ascertain the number of lessons each

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member of your company is willing to distribute each week, and the totals together, and place the order with your State Tract Society.

Brethren and sisters, do not put this off, but do it now, lest the blood of souls be found on your garments. If you have not read this important course of lessons yourself, send ten cents and a full set will be sent you postpaid.

The Family Bible Teacher was formerly published in Cincinnati, O., but has recently been sold to the Southern Publishing Association, so that now this publication is owned by the Denomination, and should receive the hearty support of our people.

FIELD REPORTS.

PUEBLO.

The Pueblo church has been completed, with the exception of papering, and was occupied the 7th inst., when the ordinance and Lord's Supper were celebrated. The church will be practically free from debt, and all the members are doing what they can to make the reopening a day of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord. Chas. Lightner.

FOWLER.

We have just returned from a visit to Fowler where we organized a Sabbath-school of nine members, with good prospects of additions very soon. The few Sabbath-keepers in that locality are of good courage, and we always have a blessed season with them. Heretofore they have come under the head of the Home Department, but I thought there were enough to form a Sabbath-school of their own, and they would have a better chance to grow and spread the truth by being organized. I am a great friend of organization. Geo. M. Alway.

HYGIENE.

Our canvassers' institute at Hygiene closed May 11. The attendance reached over twenty, about two-thirds of whom will enter actively into the canvassing work; the others, mostly children from twelve to fifteen years old, will canvass some around home as they are able. We had a most excellent time together, and all seemed to enter earnestly into the preparation for successful work. Four of the canvassers will locate on the west side of the range, and others around Fort Morgan and Fort Collins. Brother Phillips was with us and took the burden of

the class work. Elder Ziegler spent a week with us and held evening services with a good interest. The morning he left three were buried in baptism, and the following evening four others arose for prayers. The Spirit of the Lord was with us, and I am sure that if the meetings could have been continued longer others would have started to serve the Lord. The brethren and sisters at Hygiene assisted nobly to make the work there a success. The outlook for the canvassing work in Colorado is very encouraging, and we expect there will be at least twenty workers in the field this summer. May we have your prayers for the success of this work.

E. E. Farnsworth.

FORT COLLINS.

The Lord adds to the church daily such as shall be saved.

At the close of a four-weeks meeting in Fort Collins, we had the privilege, Sabbath, April 30th, of baptizing nine persons, and two others still await this solemn rite. On Sunday, May 1st, we baptized two that Sister Celia McDonald had taught the way of life in Loveland.

On Tuesday, the 9th inst., at Hygiene, closing our good institute conducted by Brethren Phillips and Farnsworth, we, holding meetings each evening, baptized three who united with the church there. I can truly say in the language of inspiration, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to all them that believe."

W. Ziegler.

FORT MORGAN.

April 21st, 1903 I moved from Cherrylin to Ft. Morgan where we organized a Sabbath-school of nine workers soon after. In June we pitched a tent and held meetings until about the close of July with no visible results. When we closed the meetings we felt almost like saying "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone," but the voice of God said "Be of good cheer, for where the enemy of all righteousness works God has some honest souls." After taking down the tent I did house-to-house work among the people, praying all the while for open doors, and hearts willing to hear the message. In October one soul decided for the truth. In December six presented themselves for membership, four by letter, one by vote and one by baptism; these six were taken into full fellowship by the three remaining members of the original church organized in 1897. In January of this year we cele-

brated the ordinance of the Lord's house and added one member. Tithe was paid and this memorable service was enjoyed for the first time in six years.

Shortly after our fire another began keeping the commandments and united with the body. In April three of the young people and two adults were buried in baptism. The membership of the church at this place is now eighteen, eight of whom live near enough to attend Sabbath services. We still hope for others, and though we cannot meet in person with them every Sabbath we shall be present in the spirit. We have moved to New Windsor and are working for the German people.

I ask the ECHOES family to remember the Ft. Morgan company in your prayers, and the ministers to remember them with visits. H. A. Aufderhar

DENVER.

The work is moving very encouragingly in Denver. New ones are constantly taking hold of the truth. We have more calls for Bible readings than we can fill. Oh, how we long for more workers. Last Sabbath four came forward at the close of the morning meeting. Three of them will be baptized at the first opportunity, the other will also unite with the church, having previously been baptized. Many others are almost persuaded to take this important step.

Our young people's meeting is well attended each Sabbath afternoon, and is accomplishing much good. We are preparing to pitch a large tent in the City this summer. Brethren, pray for the work here. G. W. Anglebarger.

THE GRAND VALLEY CAMP MEETING.

The Grand Valley Camp-Meeting this year will be held at Parachute, June 16th to 26th. It is very much desired that there shall be a large attendance at this meeting. We have the promise of efficient help. There will be a dining tent on the ground where plain vegetarian meals will be served at a reasonable cost. Arrangements will also be made to accommodate a few with beds, but let all bring plenty of bedding. Will all who want to rent tents write to Elder Spring at once. His address is Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Tell him just what you desire and the very best will be done for you that can be to make you comfortable. Good tents, 12x14 feet, \$2.50.

Come, brethren and sisters, and let us make this camp-meeting a grand beginning for the tent meeting that is to follow it in an effort to build up the cause in this new place.

H. M. J. Richards,
Western Slope Superintendent.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

How to Properly Conduct the General Exercises of the S. S.

By ANNA HIBBEN.

(Concluded)

others the chorus, and vice versa. Be sure to have the children take part. Do not allow other things in which the children are not interested to crowd out the singing or your hold on them is lost to an extent. It is well, sometimes, to stop in the midst of a review and sing a stanza or two upon the subject under consideration. This will impress the lesson, and ever after will be suggested to the mind when singing that song.

In place of having the report read every week, let the superintendent occasionally tell to the school the points of interest of the previous week, and ask others to mention some.

Do not allow haphazard work to be done in reviewing. To avoid this, it is best for the superintendent or someone especially appointed for that work to do it. By so doing a connected line of thought can be brought out, making a perfect chain of truth, running through the entire quarter. In the past there has been too much variation in reviewing to have good results follow. In your reviews call to your aid helpful pictures or object lessons and have the school or individuals give the lesson or text learned the previous week, that the picture or object lesson suggests to the mind. In this way they will be led to think for themselves. Was not this Jesus' method of teaching. Make use of the black-board, maps, and even blank paper—anything you can possibly devise to interest, for the life of the school depends upon it.

No doubt you are all aware that the International Sabbath-school department has suggested and arranged that a missionary exercise be held once a month in the Sabbath-school. Possibly some of you do not see the need of this, or others who do, may have been unable to utilize the suggestions given in the "Worker," and for the benefit of such, I take up this subject. Why need we have a missionary exercise in the Sabbath-school? I answer, for the same reason that we need to have church schools, because of the neglect of the parents. On page 99 of the "Sabbath-

School Worker" I read. "There has been a great neglect on the part of the parents in not seeking to interest their children in the workings of the cause of God. In many families the children seem to be left out of the question, as if they were irresponsible beings. They remove from the children the necessity of personal exertion and with it an incentive to noble achievement," and on page 9, in speaking of Sabbath-school exercises, it says, "Some efforts have been made to interest children in the cause, but not enough;" and following it, on the same page, this encouragement is given; "Great results would follow well directed and intelligent efforts." Brethren, I believe it. "If they were encouraged to do so, the children would earn means to devote to benevolent purposes, and to the advancement of the cause of God; and their interest would be increased by the fact that they had invested something in these enterprises. Their small donations would be a material aid and the children themselves would be far better, physically, mentally and morally for the effort they had made. Through their diligence and self denial they would gain a valuable experience which would help them in making a success of this life as well as in securing the life to come." Concerning the importance of the exercise, no more need be said. But how shall we go about the work? Shall we do it in some set way, attempting to carry out someone's ideas, leaving out our own individuality, and endeavor to work for one enterprise alone? I say, no. If we do, we will surely fail. First, be interested in the cause of missionary work yourself, then you can interest others. Be original; or make the suggestions given your own, and use them as such. Call to your aid whatever can rightfully be used for the exercise, or by which the children can raise money. Have confidence in your school, and inspire their confidence in you by first knowing what you undertake is right and then go ahead, and they will follow. It is not necessary to take weeks to decide what to do and then weeks again in doing it. Strike while the iron is hot, if you wish to accomplish your object, and **strike**—don't just touch it, for though the iron be hot, a touch will have no effect, and re-

sults are what we are after. Missionary exercises every month for the benefit of the foreign fields alone will accomplish little good, compared to that which may be done if we seek to abound unto every good work. I know whereof I speak, for we have tried it. Last year, the Ravenswood Sabbath-school of thirty-five members, gave \$83.44 more collection than the two previous years combined, or \$182.23, of which \$136.87 was given to enterprises in which we were especially interested; aside from the \$20.15 given for the foreign missionary work, which was an increase of \$5.00 above either previous year. This shows that giving to other enterprises does not impoverish the foreign work; neither did it decrease the church offering, for the special offerings in the church during the year, and the annual offering was more than doubled and \$22.73 more than the two previous years combined. Brethren, it is withholding, not giving that tends to poverty.

In closing, I will say to superintendents, if you wish to make missionaries, watch for every good work available, and enlist the aid of your school in helping that work either financially or otherwise. He is not a true missionary who helps one man to the neglect of all others he might have helped. In your general exercises, if you wish to keep the interest gained, avoid all controversy, or making difference of opinions manifested and long, dry speeches. Short remarks and to the point will have a happy influence.

Have a time to begin your school, and commence on time, and not only that, but have a time to close, and when that time comes, close.

"The clouds are bleak and gray, but the sun shines back of them. The mists of life are dark, but God smiles beyond them. The landscapes are cheerless and desolate, but somewhere is summer and there the birds are singing. The human night is long, but sometime breaks the morning."

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK

For six weeks ending May 14, 1904.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
Daniel and Revelation.				
R. M. Dennis.....	203	33	\$88.00	\$47.10
Bible Readings,				
John K. Lane.....	11	3	9.75	1.00
H. H. Book.				
Anna Brann.....	51	5	28.05	\$ 30
TOTALS.....	265	41	\$125.80	\$53.40

NOTES AND ITEMS.

"The clouds do not dim the sun; they do but darken our vision."

Miss Merl Smith of Boulder, was a visitor in Denver last week.

The tree that will not yield fruit must be used for fuel.—Ram's Horn.

"I have not willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom."—Lincoln.

"A man's own mind is the mirror through which he sees the rest of the world."

Brother Sidney Scott of the Kansas Conference is visiting his parents at Boulder.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Dr. Emery and wife of Boulder were in the city last Friday and gave the office a call.

Elder Watson is spending a few weeks among the churches in the western part of the State.

Nine people were baptized at Ft. Collins recently as a result of the series of meetings just closed at that place.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."

Elder Aufderhar has moved his family from Ft. Morgan to New Windsor, Colo., to labor for the German people, of that vicinity.

Brother E. E. Farnsworth spent a couple of days in the office last week, and left Friday for Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Trinidad and other points.

Brother G. Phillips spent a day in Denver on his return to Kansas City. He is well pleased with the canvassers' school that has just been held in this Conference.

Dr. G. F. States of Boulder, was in Denver last week. The office acknowledges a brief but pleasant call from him, and is glad to learn that his father's health is improving.

Any one interested in the Young People's Convention at College View, or the Teachers' Summer School at Atchison, Kansas, can have an announcement either by addressing the office.

A Sabbath-school has been organized in East Denver, for the purpose of doing aggressive missionary work among the people of that locality. We trust it may be the means of bringing many precious souls into the truth.

Errors are almost trespasses; rarely indeed we know

How our mistakes hurt other hearts, until some random blow

Has well-nigh broken our own.

Lucy Larcom.

Sister Skeels of Florence, Colo., writes that they have moved into the country, and that they have been holding meetings in a near-by school house with a good interest. May the truth be faithfully given to those people by this means.

The canvassers' institute at Hygiene closed on the 11th inst. More than twenty were in attendance and an excellent interest was manifested throughout. We trust that all who attended will at once become active workers for the Master.

Brother Dores E. Robinson of Sanitarium, Cal., son of Brother and Sister A. T. Robinson, visited friends in Boulder last week. He then went to Nebraska for a short visit with his parents after which he will join Sister White at Berrien Springs.

A very interesting book, written by a little girl, descriptive of her travels and experiences in Africa, has just come to our office. It is nicely illustrated and well written, and cannot fail to interest any one who will read it. The title is "How a Little Girl Went to Africa." Price \$1.00.

The new church at Palisades was dedicated on Sabbath, May 7th. Elders Watson and Richards, and Brother Meade MacGuire were all present and assisted in the service. It was an excellent meeting and the house was well filled with interested people. We had hoped for a report, but none has come.

Sister Proctor of Albuquerque, New Mexico, writes that the enemy is hard at work at that place, but that they are pressing on, knowing that God's word will accomplish that which he pleases. The strike has made it very hard for the people, and some are moving away in order to find work.

From a letter just received from Sister Carrie Dowden we glean the following: "Since the meetings closed here at Ouray I have been busy giving Bible readings, visiting, etc., trying to finish the work.

There is still a good interest with some. I only wish the meetings might have continued longer. We are experiencing that which is spoken of in Rev. 12:17, but it only serves to strengthen the faith of the Sabbath-keepers."

We wish our conference workers, church elders, librarians, and Sabbath-school secretaries would remember to send us short items concerning the work, that all the readers of ECHOES may know what is being done throughout the conference; but please make them short. We are always glad to receive reports and items from the field, but please do not send long reports or articles and then ask us to publish them in full. We must treat all alike, and in order to get a portion of each article in our little paper we find it necessary to shorten many of them, but would much prefer that you should do it before you send them in.

Elder E. W. Webster, formerly a missionary to the West Indies, spoke to the Denver church last Sabbath. He spoke earnestly of the conditions and needs of that field, and of the faithfulness and loyalty of those who accept the third angel's message. He gave a number of pathetic instances where the native converts, who many times were without food, did not forget to offer to God what he had given them, in some cases walking several miles to bring a few shillings of tithe to the mission, because they had nothing to eat, and feared if they kept the tithe in the house with them, they would be tempted to buy food with it. Surely the people of our country know nothing of self-denial and sacrifice as compared with these simple-hearted believers.

OBITUARY:

Keck.—Died, in San Diego, California, April 20, 1904, of cholera infantum, Esther Amelia Keck, aged 1 year, 6 months and 28 days. She was the daughter of H. W. and M. E. Keck. A dark shadow came into the home of the parents by the loss of their dear child, but they rejoice in the hope of Christ's soon coming, when their darling will be home by angels to their bosom again to be separated no more forever. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Kings, 4:26.

F. I. Richardson.

Wanted:—A home with school privileges in Seventh-day Adventist family, for a boy twelve years old. Correspondence solicited. Address

L. A. Spring,
Glenwood Springs, Colo.