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Whence are Heroes.

Heroes are forged on anvils hot with pain,
And splendid courage comes but with the test
Some natures ripen, and some virtues bloom
Only in blood-wet soil; some souls prove
great

Only in moments dark with death or gloom.
— Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

The Western Slope Academy.

For the past few months I have been watching with great interest the progress of this institution of learning. To erect suitable buildings, and the securing of competent instructors cost the Palisade Seventh-day Adventist church a real sacrifice; but without a murmur this church went to work, erected a very neat school building, secured good instructors and have, at the present time, forty bright youth and children shut away from the throng that we find in our public schools, and, too, where they are taught the blessed truth for this time. Could we have a few more students this school would be self-supporting. As yet we have but four in the boarding home; these are young men. I believe it would

please the Lord could we fill the home with young men and young ladies who, in the fear of God, would learn to do work for him.

Brethren of the Colorado Conference, and especially those of the Western Slope, do you not think it would be well for us to lend a helping hand just now when it is so much needed in the launching of this enterprise. But little has been said about helping this church bear this heavy burden, but now, we ask you dear people for help. Are there not many in this Conference who would gladly send a few dollars each and by so doing lift the heavy burden that a few faithful ones are carrying. Please let us hear from you. I have been wondering if all our conference workers would not like to give a little. I will head the list with ten dollars today. Come, dear fellow workers, a dollar or two from each would cheer every member of this church, and I am sure you would never regret it. Send all donations to O. Nelson, Palisades, Colo., and he will report all moneys received to the state treasurer. God's good blessing is with us over here for which we give him thanks.

G. F. Watson.

Method of Work with the Family Bible Teacher.

No method yet devised for spreading a knowledge of "present truth" is so simple and easy to operate as work with the Family Bible Teacher. To begin work take lesson No. 1 of the readings, and go to as many families as you desire to visit each week.

Explain to each family the course of study, and invite them to become regular readers. Leave with those who are willing to study, lesson No. 1, with a promise to bring them one lesson each week there-

after until the entire course of twenty-eight lessons has been read.

The lessons are so written as to make each subject reasonably clear, so that but little will be required of the worker other than faithfulness in distributing the lessons. In re-visiting each week, always make it a point to enquire how they enjoyed the previous lesson. Manifest a heartfelt interest in your readers. In case they do not fully understand portions of the lesson, offer a word of explanation. If they show a disposition to oppose the position taken in the lesson, never argue; arguments are dangerous, and usually result in the creation of an unpassable gulf between the two parties. A few kind words will do more to win them and keep them reading than anything else. Be careful not to give your readers the impression that no one knows anything but yourself. Don't call people beast worshippers, you cannot win them that way. Remember also that your business is not to run down other churches. Let it be seen that our work is not to condemn but to save.

A proper distribution of a course of these lessons requires about seven months of systematic persevering work. Some usually endeavor to avoid this by handing out the whole set of lessons at one time. Experience has proved this to be bad policy.

When thus given out, the entire set is seldom read: Whereas, when distributed one lesson at a time, almost every family can be induced to read the entire course. Furthermore the weekly visits afford a rare opportunity to become acquainted with the people, and open the way for more personal efforts among those who are interested. Besides this, it proves a splendid schooling to the worker in many ways. He not only becomes more

proficient in the art of meeting people, but forms the habit of constant perseverance in missionary work. But little is accomplished by spasmodic efforts. To finish the great work committed to us in this generation, all our people, both workers and lay brethren, will need to engage in a thorough, systematic, and continuous house to house effort with the printed page.

W. H. Granger,
Canon City, Colo.

(To be continued.)

FIELD REPORTS.

Delta.

During the week of prayer, Elders Watson and Marsh were with us, Elder Watson being present the first part of the week, then going to Paonia, and Elder Marsh being with us the latter part of the week.

God blessed the Delta church from the first meeting to the last, and his blessings still continue. Our Sabbath meetings were wonderful. Our collections show over eleven dollars in cash, and gold nuggets and jewelry valued at about twenty-three dollars. The nuggets and jewelry were very dear treasures to their owners. Part of the jewelry was lost about four months ago at Delta, and a few days ago it was sent to its owner by the party who found it. Thus we see God is working upon the hearts of not only his children, to advance his cause, but upon the hearts of unbelievers.

Delta church is prosperous and praising God. Pray for us.

D. T. Snideman.

Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Sabbath, November 26, was very much enjoyed by this little company. We had our Ingathering service. We have just a small Sabbath-school here, but each one cheerfully took part in the exercises. One of the older members of the school gave each of the children five cents, and they have worked faithfully to earn their missionary offering; as they send it they pray that it may help a little in the Master's work. We listened to the reading of papers on missionary work; work for the grown people, and work for the youth and children; also several very appropriate recitations and songs. A few visitors were present, hearts were touched and tears were shed as they listened to the gentle words of the Master and the blessed call, "Follow me."

We ask the readers of the ECHOES to

pray for the work in this part of the field. May God strengthen his dear people for the closing work.

Mrs. Dora Reed,
Lida R. Moore.

A Letter from New York.

We are at work on Long Island about forty-five miles from New York City, an hour's ride on train from Brooklyn. Sayville is a town of three thousand or four thousand people. My wife's health was not good in Brooklyn so the conference sent me here.

Long Island is about one hundred miles long and fifteen miles wide, with about 400,000 people. We had the privilege of bringing into the conference in September the first organized church on Long Island. They know nothing of the truth on the Island, except by a few books sold.

L. H. Proctor.

The District of Columbia Sunday Bills.

It will be remembered that last spring it was feared that Congress would pass a Sunday bill for the District of Columbia. On April 6 a bill did pass the House of Representatives, and it is now pending the third reading in the Senate. This could very quickly be passed when it comes to the final issue, unless most earnest efforts are put forth in remonstrating against it at once. We shall do all we can to have the final action deferred until after we are granted a hearing.

The Sunday measure now pending before the Senate is entitled, "An Act Requiring Certain Places in the District of Columbia to be closed on Sunday." This bill is doubtless introduced as a feeler or a forerunner to another that has been introduced in the House, the title of which is, "A Bill to Further Protect the First Day of the Week as a day of rest in the District of Columbia." This last is a very much more stringent measure than the former. The text of both of these will be found in the Review of December 15.

It will appear evident to all that these are very dangerous measures, and that, should they become law, they would give great prestige and influence for similar legislation throughout the whole country. In fact, that is the object of the manager of the International Reform Bureau, for he desires this as a first step, and then, after the states are marshaled into line, he desires to bring their combined influence to bear upon the Congress of the United States for a national Sunday law.

We believe that such a result would not be far distant in view of the sentiment that exists in the minds of legislators. But we think that this may be retarded if we unitedly put forth earnest efforts in remonstrating against these proposed measures.

I would say that, in harmony with a recent recommendation of the General Conference Committee, petition blanks have been prepared by the Religious Liberty Bureau, which are now being sent out to all of our conference tract societies with instructions to forward on to their respective churches for the purpose of securing signatures to the same as quickly as possible. Those of our people who may be scattered can obtain these petitions by making application to their state society or to the Religious Liberty Bureau.

We desire that these petitions should be sent in to us just as soon as the signatures have been secured, for we desire to have a continual stream flowing into Congress while these measures are pending.

A series of Religious Liberty leaflets is being written by Elder W. A. Colcord, the secretary of the R. L. Bureau, four of which will soon be ready for distribution. These can be secured from your Tract Society or from the *Review and Herald*, 222 N. Capitol St., Washing, D. C.

We hope that there will be a united effort on the part of our people to do what they can while there is opportunity. The following words from Testimony 33, pages 241 and 242, are to the point, in view of what confronts us:

"We, as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter his people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience."

We shall be glad to have our people inform us of any items of interest regarding religious legislation in their respective localities, and would suggest that when sending any newspaper or magazine article, they either send a marked copy of the paper, or give the name and date of it on the clipping.

K. C. Russell,
Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau,
Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

Opportunities Improved or Unimproved —Which?

In the ECHOES of November 16, under the heading, "The Record of Another Year," occurs this sentence: "Likewise, all the opportunities afforded us of doing the work assigned us of heaven are gone, never to come our way again," which struck me with peculiar force when I read the words. It is, indeed, a solemn thing to think of. The opportunities of giving the message are heaven-born opportunities. God has seen fit to entrust us with the most important work that a people ever had. "Ye are my witnesses." What a responsible position Seventh-day Adventists occupy! These are the people whom "God has chosen to finish his gospel work in the earth." That being so, "this people are going to finish it." This is a glorious thought. But there is one thing certain, that the people who finish "God's gospel work in the earth" will be a people who lay hold of the opportunities as they come along. This is the only way to accomplish God's work or any other work. God's work is going to go, and if we, as individuals, do not take hold of the privilege of engaging in it, others will be raised up who will do it. The work is assuming vast proportions.

Fourteen years ago I was invited by the Methodist minister of the town in which I lived to give a lecture on missions, on mission Sunday, to his congregation. In preparing my lecture, I sought to bring in our own foreign work, and I appealed to Elder E. W. Farnsworth, who was holding a series of meetings in a neighboring town. I said, "Elder Farnsworth, what can I say about Seventh-day Adventist missions?" His reply was not very encouraging, for he answered: "You can't say much; we have none." At that time we had a mission at Basle, Switzerland; Elder Granger was in Japan, and Brother La Rue in China, and possibly we had a man some where in the Pacific Ocean. As compared with other denominations, we had nothing of which to boast. Today almost every corner of the earth is either hearing the message or calling loudly for it. Shall we go forward? Yes. All fields are now ready and waiting for the laborer.

I am glad the present campaign is on. There will be, right in the near future, a great awakening, and the good work will go with speed, if our people arise as they should and take hold on God. I shall do my part in God's strength. I am praying for the Spanish field too.

C. M. French.

The Handicap of Lack of Education.

Many men of Wonderful natural endowments are dwarfed and hampered in their life-work because of their lack of education. How often do we see bright minds in responsible positions, serving on boards of directors, as trustees of great business houses or banking institutions, men who control the affairs of great railroads and manufactories, who have good judgment and great natural ability, but who are so stunted and cramped by their lack of early development that life does not yield them one-tenth of what it might had their intellectual and aesthetic possibilities been unfolded in youth. In social life, on public platforms, in debate, in the higher fields of the world's work, enjoyment, and progress, they are constantly baffled, embarrassed and handicapped by the limitation of ignorance.

Again, thousands of young men and young women are working to-day in inferior positions because of their lack of mental culture. Conscious of dormant powers which they can not get control of, many of them fret and chafe under the restraints imposed upon them by their own ignorance. They are in the position of the Chinese and other non-progressive peoples, who have great mineral, agricultural and other resources, which, however, do not know how to utilize them. In the very midst of potential wealth and vast possibilities, those people live in poverty and degradation, just as an uneducated man or woman who has never developed his or her mental wealth, is doomed to perpetual ignorance and its consequences.—*Success.*

Mission Notes.

En Route to Singapore.

A company of workers has recently located in Singapore, Malay Peninsula. Brother G. F. Jones, who worked so successfully in the island fields, has charge of the company. While en route, they stopped at New Guinea and New Britain. Of the latter place, Brother Jones wrote: "Work ought to be begun at once. Real living faith, must be exercised by the workers who go among these cannibal tribes. New Britain offers an experience for our workers, among treacherous and hideous savages, that would exceed any experience of faith previously written by missionaries of other denominations, inasmuch as we hold the *very message* with which we can not fear to go anywhere. Only a few coastal tribes have been reached by the Catholics and Wesleyans. Twenty miles into the interior

the country has not been entered by any one. I believe there are hundreds of our people willing to hazard their lives among savages of the worst type. What an infusion of new life would flow through every one of our churches, should these forbidding fields be entered now.

"I would deem it a privilege for the Christian experience and pleasure it would give, to go with the Lord into the bush among these untamed people. But I trust others of our brethern will soon have this happiness, while we continue our journey to our appointed field in the Indies."

Brother T. H. Westphal reports a safe arrival in Chile. He has already begun a series of meetings in Spanish and German.

Brother H. H. Dexter and family had a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, en route to France. On Sunday evening Brother Dexter spoke to an audience of fifty in the second cabin.

Brother Barlow, who is conducting a school in Simultala, India, has eighteen boys in his school, and others desire to attend. They come in from surrounding villages, some of them a distance of twenty miles.

Our first party of missionaries for India reported from Port Said, Egypt, December 1. They were looking forward to the time of their arrival in Calcutta, about December 18, and wrote that they were beginning to call India home.

DEAR ECHOES:—We have been scanning your pages to learn something definite in regard to the Industrial School which was talked of at our Longmont camp-meeting. What has been done with those beautiful plans that were laid at that time, can it be that they have been thrown aside, or forgotten? After all that has been said and written of the needs of our precious young people, shall we not say with Nehemiah, "The God of heaven, he *will* prosper us; therefore we, his servants, will arise and build." Neh. 2:20. Surely, the dear Adventist people will not be content to wait another year before starting an Industrial School on this side of the range, with the five acres of beautiful land donated by Brother Hankins in the garden of Colorado, and an offering in cash from those who can give it, and of other gifts. As God has prospered us, we could make a beginning, and God would bless our efforts, and many of our young people would be encouraged to enter school to prepare for the work. May God stir us up, that we may arise as the heart of one, and build. Let us hear the ECHOES.

Alice E. Price.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Miss Celia McDonald recently spent a few days in Denver.

Mrs. A. E. Merrill of Kansas City, Mo., has been visiting friends in Colorado.

We received a pleasant call from Brother C. H. Parker of Longmont last week.

Mrs. I. D. Johnson writes: "Our week of prayer meetings at Delta were a grand success and God was present with us."

Elder Kennedy writes very encouragingly of the work in Salida. He says: "We had baptism today. I am preaching every evening after the reading and have a good interest."

Brother E. E. Farnsworth spent a couple of days in Denver last week, leaving Thursday evening for the general meeting at Grand Junction.

Brother Meade MacGuire spent a few days during the week of prayer with the church at Idaho Springs, where a spiritual feast was enjoyed.

Brother J. F. Pearson of Pitkin was a caller at the office recently. He was on his way to College View to spend the holidays with his family.

Brother D. T. Snideman writes that the Lord is blessing the Delta church, and that the meetings during the week of prayer were excellent.

Elder B. W. Marsh, of Montrose, made a business trip to this part of the State last week. He brings good reports of the work on the Western Slope.

Sister Ragan of Loveland, called at the office Sunday, December 18, on her way to Kansas, where she was called by the serious illness of her mother.

From Brother Sargent at Pitkin, come the following encouraging words: "The Lord came very near to us and we had good meetings. Praise his name."

From a letter received from Sister Leedy of Pueblo, we glean the following: "We had a blessed time during the week of prayer and are encouraged to go forward."

Mrs. M. E. Henny of Victor sends the following encouraging words: "The Lord came near us during the week of prayer, and we feel strengthened and encouraged to go forward."

The Annual offerings are coming in quite rapidly and the indications are that

Colorado will do her part toward making up the amount of \$80,000. Thus far the offerings are larger than ever before, though many churches have not yet been heard from.

Brother F. M. Hills of Villa Grove writes thus encouragingly: "We are well and enjoying much of the blessing of God. Our courage was never better or the truth dearer than now."

Brother John Lee, of Clifton, Colo., was in Denver last week on his way to Indiana, where he will visit for a few months and try to work for his friends and relatives, to get them interested in the truth.

Sister Skeels writes that the work in Florence is progressing nicely and that many are getting a good experience with The Family Bible Teacher. The church school is doing well and the faithful efforts of Miss Chatfield are much appreciated.

Life and Health is the name given to the Pacific Press Health Journal when it was transferred, last July, from the Pacific Coast to the *Review and Herald*, Washington, D. C. In its neat new dress, with its message of the A B C principles of life and health, it is rapidly becoming more popular with the masses.

We have received a number of good reports from the churches concerning the spiritual feast enjoyed during the week of prayer, which we will publish in our next issue. We hope all our churches will send short reports of these meetings so that others may be encouraged by the words of your testimony concerning the goodness of God.

As some inquiries have been made concerning the time when the pledges to the Tent Fund are to be paid we thought it might be well to answer through ECHOES. The money can be paid any time during the year previous to the opening of the tent season. The tents must be bought and paid for in time to send them out next summer and it is hoped that all will be prompt to send in the amount pledged so that no debt may be incurred.

A few weeks ago an item appeared in this paper stating that Eld. Watson and son had started for their home on the Western Slope, in their private car. This should have read, to be very explicit, "in their chartered freight car." It never occurred to us that anyone in our conference was so ignorant of Eld. Watson's circumstances as to suppose he had purchased a Pullman car to travel in, or

that he would spend his money that way if he were able. The item was written by the corresponding secretary, and we are very sorry if anyone was misled by it.

Wanted--A competent woman to do housework on a farm. Good home and steady employment. Address,
Mrs. Watson Ziegler,
Fort Collins, Colo.

Obituary.

Bray.—Died, November 18, 1904, Mrs. Mary Ann Bray, wife of Judge E. B. Bray, of Buena Vista, Colo. Sister Bray was born in Franklin County, Maine, January 2, 1841; married June 20, 1863. In 1894 we were privileged to hold a series of meetings in this little mountain town, when Brother and Sister Bray and their son Burt heard and accepted the truths of the third angel's message. At this time a church company was organized but as time went by, some moved away and others gave up the truth, yet this family has continued faithful. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church.
Watson Ziegler.

Arthur William Nellor, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nellor, was born November 11, 1903, and died December 2, 1904, in Aspen, Colo., at the tender age of one year and three months. The cause of his death was pneumonia. His little twin brother, Harold, fell asleep about three weeks before, having succumbed to the same disease. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the home, made so sad by the departure of these little ones. Little Arthur was laid to rest in Red Butte cemetery to wait for only a brief period till the great Life-Giver shall come and restore him to his parents.
L. A. Spring.

A Work that Demands Haste.

I have been informed by the president and the secretary of the Religious Liberty Bureau that they are about to send out blank petitions to our brethren throughout the field, petitioning Congress to not pass any law regarding the observance of the first day of the week, or any other religious measure. I hope that our brethren everywhere will take hold of this work earnestly, and secure all the signers possible and forward the petitions at once to Elder W. A. Colcord, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C. Bear in mind, brethren, that the King's business demands haste. In these measures now pending before Congress, our people are facing a crisis. Meet it, we must, and it should be met with dispatch.

E. T. Russell.