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The Vine of Kindness.

Over a winding, wayside wall,
~~Ragged and rough and gray,~~
 There crept a tender, clinging vine,
 Tireless day by day.
 At last its mantle of softest tint
 Covered each jagged seam;
 Became, with that leafy, tinted crown,
 Fair as an artist's dream.
 Oh, for the kindness that clings and twines
 Over life's broken wall,
 That blossoms above the scars of pain,
 Striving to heal them all!
 Oh, for the helpful, ministering hands,
 Beneficent, willing feet,
 That spread rich mantles of tender thought
 O'er life's hard places, till time has wrought
 Its healing, divine—complete.
 —Christian Advocate.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

This Gospel to All Nations.

I am most thankful to say that the Colorado Conference, from her tithe and special offerings, is supporting two workers in South Africa, one in China, one in Japan, and we are looking toward India with hope and courage, believing that we will soon have a laborer in that most needy field. But, beloved, there is a people within our own conference borders whom we must help more than we are doing, namely, the Spanish speaking people. Elder James Leland was chosen

at our last conference meeting to take charge of this work. It was thought best to establish a small depository at Albuquerque, N. M., where Spanish literature containing the blessed truth for this time could be kept. The Conference Committee placed this burden on Elder Leland, but I am sure that the financial part of it is greater than he can carry alone. Now I will not ask that a special collection be taken up throughout the conference. We have so many such calls; but I wonder how many of our good people in this conference will place one dollar by the side of this one that I will give. Please, dear people, send in your dollars to the treasurer of our conference, Mrs. B. L. Herrell, 1112 S. 11th St., Denver, Colo., for you know my lone dollar will do but little good without yours.

G. F. Watson.

Officers and Their Work.

"The restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the youth might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessing." D. of A., p 640. Much of the work of directing this energy falls to the officers of the society. Every young people's society should, of course, have a leader, and a secretary; and if sufficiently large should have an assistant leader and an assistant secretary. These officers, together with the elder of the church and superintendent of the Sabbath-school, should constitute a committee on plans of work and for dividing the society into small bands for service.

The leader should be an individual thoroughly consecrated to God, willing to lead out in the work. He should make it his duty to train other leaders by having them occasionally lead the meeting. The assistant leader should

have qualifications similar to those of the leader. He should take his turn in leading the meetings, and should always be ready to take charge of the meeting in case the leader is absent.

The secretary has a very important position to fill, and should magnify his office by keeping a faithful record of all meetings, and work done by the society, and by reporting the same to the state secretary. Where there is no assistant the secretary should also keep a faithful account of all money received and paid out by the society. He should be ready to lead the meetings in the absence of the leader and assistant.

The assistant secretary should be ready to take the secretary's place when necessary, and should act as treasurer of the society. These officers should all be Christians who are willing to work. If it is not possible to get such officers, it would be better not to have any.

F. J. Wilbur.

A Letter From Our State Agent.

The time has come when plans are being laid for the coming year. Those who expect to farm are laying plans for the next year's work. As we are planning for our temporal needs, let us not forget the work that the Lord has entrusted to us. On page 342 of Gospel Workers, the Lord tells us, "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the scriptures." Now, this being true that the circulation of our literature is the most important work, let us not forget it as we are laying plans for the coming year. Somebody will have to carry the printed page to the public. It will require sacrifice on the part of some one. If we all begin to make excuses, there will be no

one to go; but if we really believe that this is an important work, and if we believe that the coming of the Lord is near at hand, then will we not say as did the prophet of old, "Here am I, Lord, send me." If the Son of God had enough interest in our salvation to leave his home in heaven and come to this sin-cursed earth that we might have eternal life, will not that same spirit cause us to make a sacrifice in order to bring the light of truth to those who know it not?

Some have already promised to devote their time the coming year to the canvassing work, and I believe there are many others who ought to engage in it. As you begin to plan, will you not make this a subject of prayer? Ask God to show you your duty regarding this important branch of his work, and as the burden is laid upon you, write to me and I will be glad to give you any help I can. If I can get a sufficient number to enter the work who are living close together, we will have a short institute during the first months of the year. Let me hear from you, brethren and sisters, so that I will know how to plan.

Will not the church elders throughout the conference send me the names of individuals whom they think can enter the work; and will not our ministers, as they visit the churches, encourage the people to take up this line of work?

Brethren and sisters, pray for the work, talk the work and, last and most important of all, DO the work.

A. G. Bodwell,
2344 Race St., Denver, Colo.

FIELD REPORTS.

Albuquerque, N. M.

I have good news from the meetings held here. On the closing Sabbath service, when a call was made for those who wanted to announce their determination to serve the Lord, to stand up, it seemed for a minute that no one would respond; but presently the work was started by a boy of fourteen. He was followed by another of fifteen, and then by some of the older ones. A covenant had been prepared and presented to those who wished to sign it, and in all there were 19 who signed. Ten of them were children of parents who are already in the church. It was indeed a good day. Our hearts were made especially glad by the reclaiming of two who had known the truth and had been members of the church, but had backslidden. One was

our Brother Goff whom we first met in Colorado a few years ago; and the other was a sister who was at one time a Bible worker. Yesterday we received into the church five new members; three by baptism, and we are sure that there will be others soon.

Now there is a good interest in the young people's work and we have appointed a meeting for them for next Thursday night. They are anxious to have the work started for them, and now is the time to do so. I want to have them ready for Nov. 4, so please send me two copies of the *Educational Messenger* of Oct. 15, that has readings in for that day.

J. A. Leland.

Greeley.

Brother Stevens and I are at Greeley, and have just started to taking orders for Great Controversy.

Thursday and Friday the farmers were very busy and the roads were muddy and sloppy. Notwithstanding this the Lord poured out his blessing upon us, as we went from house to house, and our labors were rewarded by receiving some good orders for the large book, and sell-ing all the small books that we took with us. It is a mistake to suppose that books cannot be sold in Colorado. Our canvassers are demonstrating the fact that books can be sold here.

One canvasser that I started out, never having had any experience before, has just made his first delivery of Great Controversy. I was agreeably surprised when I read his report and found that he had delivered one hundred per cent. This same brother has another delivery to make November 15. The other day he told me that out of the last six men he had canvassed he secured five orders for Great Controversy, value, \$18.00. These orders were secured in six hours. His profits are \$9.00. This would be \$1.50 an hour. This shows how the Lord will bless if we only consecrate ourselves to him.

A. G. Bodwell.

Albuquerque, N. M.

The tent effort which began here Sept. 7, by Elders Warfle, Leland and the writer, closed Sunday night, Oct. 15. The attendance for the first ten days was excellent, but on account of the Territorial Fair and Carnival, our congregation decreased until we only had an average attendance of about fifty. Six adults took a stand for the truth, of which three were baptized. Two others were reclaimed, and several children of our peo-

ple signified a desire to give their hearts to God and to be saved in his kingdom. These we hope to see soon within the fold of Christ. The church assisted much in the meeting. The tent ought to be pitched here again next summer, for it seems that the work is only begun. Elder Warfle, on his way home, will visit the church at Alamogordo; Elder Leland will visit the Clyde church soon and spend nearly all his time working for the Spanish people, and I expect to follow up the interest here for a time. We praise God for the success, and give him all the glory.

H. L. Hoover.

The West Side.

Since coming to the western side of the great Rockies I have visited the following places: Aspen, Palisades, Grand Junction, Montrose, Paonia, Hotchkiss and Plateau City. I spent but three days with the Aspen people, speaking twice and visiting almost all of our people in their homes. Weeks of good, earnest labor must be bestowed there in the near future. The devil is not dead yet, for he has been trying hard to discourage the work and workers at Palisades, but he is being held at bay and must be driven from the camp. I spent Oct. 14 with the church at Grand Junction, and a good day it was, at least for me, and I believe all who were present will say the same. Montrose is where Elders Spring and Kennedy, assisted by Sisters Spring and Dowden, had their tent pitched. A good work has been begun in this little city, and thirteen are keeping the Sabbath of their God. The work is onward in Paonia. Two dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, and we hope soon to organize a good church there. Hotchkiss has a good Sabbath-school, and the work is looking up there. Two were baptized at this place. Coupled with the work that Brother Frederick is doing in the North Fork Valley, I am sure not only a church at Paonia can be organized, but also one at Hotchkiss. The Plateau country is great, and Brother W. F. Hills is planning to do aggressive work there. He is nicely located at Plateau City, and as soon as the ranchmen are over with their fall work he will begin public services. While waiting he is not idle, but is getting hold of the people in their homes. I enjoyed a short visit with him and his family.

May God bless in all these fields.

G. F. Watson.

"Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins."

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

How May We Become Better Teachers?

This is an exceedingly important question and much depends on a proper solution of it. From what class do we derive the best teachers? Evidently from the best students. Then if we would desire to become better teachers we must first become better students. Paul, writing to his son, Timothy, says: "Study to show thyself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth." Then *study* lies at the very foundation of the skillful workman, whether his work is teaching the sciences, the arts, literature, or teaching the sacred truth.

But what should we study? If we would be skilful teachers of sacred truth, of course we must study that truth. Again Paul says: "Take heed to thyself and to the doctrine." We must not only be sound in the doctrines and understand them ourselves, but we must be able to present them in such a manner that those who do not know them will know them, as teaching is causing to know what was not previously known. Hence it will be necessary to study the writings, methods and experiences of the men and women who have had the best success in the art of teaching.

First in this list we must study the life and methods of the greatest of all teachers—Jesus. His methods were the most impressive because he spoke in the simplest language of the common people, and his illustrations were taken from common events of every-day life—the sower, the shepherd, the growing corn, the lillies, the builder of the house and many others—events with which his hearers were daily familiar. So if we would impress the truth upon the minds and hearts of our students, whether old or young, we must talk to them in language that they can easily understand, and take our illustrations from every-day events. We must also study the import of the example of Jesus in laying down his life for those to whom he wished to teach the plan of salvation.

What did that act signify? It signified that his love for the lost was greater than his love of ease, of pleasure, of glory, greater even than life itself in the kingdom of God.

Would we be teachers in the broadest sense of the word and not in name only? Then must we be possessed of that love

that would enable us to lay down our lives for one of God's little ones who has strayed away. This wonderful love is illustrated in the parable of the shepherd who left the ninety and nine sheep to take care of themselves while he went to seek for the lost one till he found it, and his great rejoicing as he brings it home on his shoulders. It is also illustrated in the life of Moses, who preferred to have his name blotted out of the book if Israel could not be saved with him.

Second to studying the life and methods of Jesus in teaching, we should study the experiences and methods of men and women who have had the best success in the art of teaching. We should have a Sabbath-school library containing the writings of the best teachers, and we should familiarize ourselves with them until we are able to apply them to our own students as individuals. We should study the members of our classes as individuals and seek just the truth that each one needs. By this means we will be able to feed each one with "meat in due season."

Again, if we would constantly be growing into better teachers we must provide ourselves with periodicals pertaining to our profession. What would you think of a public school teacher who did not take at least one journal devoted to the teaching art?—who did not communicate with his fellows in the same craft, and give and receive new ideas on their common profession? Are you in favor of employing a teacher to teach your children the science of salvation who does not read at least one wide-awake journal devoted to the art of teaching that science? Would you expect a farmer to be up to date in his methods of farming—to be able to raise the largest crops of the most valuable grains and grasses with the least expense to the land if he read no papers on the subject of farming? How much more important then, that those who are cultivating the human mind and heart for a place in the new earth, should study the best periodicals devoted to that work!

We have a most excellent monthly periodical published in the interest of those who desire to become better teachers; but how few there are who would be willing to sacrifice one of the three daily meals each week in order to avail themselves of its advantages, even tho' such a sacrifice would be a physical blessing to them!

Finally, "As iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." If we would be constantly

growing into better teachers, we should frequently meet together in the capacity of teachers' meetings where the teachers and those who desire to become teachers of God's truth, may study and discuss the best methods of teaching, studying the lessons together, each adding his portion to the common fund of knowledge, praying much together and especially alone, that we may be filled with the wisdom and love of the Greatest of all Teachers. Thus only can we become teachers indeed and finally "shine as the brightness of the firmament and as the stars forever and ever."

D. W. Reed.

Report of Sabbath-School Convention.

That the Palisade Sabbath-school gladly welcomed the convention was manifested by the good attendance and the interest shown.

As the program suggested in the *Sabbath-school Worker* seemed to meet the needs of our school, it was followed quite closely.

Several of those who were given papers to write, preferred to speak, and this, with a beautiful selection sung occasionally, served to relieve the monotony which usually attends long services.

The children acted well their part in singing, and in the missionary exercise. After they had given the "Call from Nations," they, as well as the adults, were pleased to have Elder Watson tell of the different calls our own conference has answered, and all were enthusiastic with an eagerness to give more freely of their means that this "Gospel of the Kingdom" might go to all the world in this generation.

One beautiful thought presented in the paper on the "Influence of the Sabbath-school," was this,—that we each may have the privilege of shedding the same influence which Christ shed, and if we place ourselves under the guardianship of the holy angels they will guard so closely that when there is danger of our influence being exerted in the wrong direction they will prompt us to a better course, choosing our words and actions for us. Should this be true of every member of our school, what a power the Sabbath-school would be in the world.

The one thought which seemed to be carried through the whole service,—the one thing most needful was—Loyalty to God.

Many were the blessings received from the good words of instruction on the different phases of the Sabbath-school work, and it was resolved that this convention should not lose its desired effect.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Do not forget the missionary convention, Sabbath, Nov. 18.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Elder Watson Ziegler met with the Capitol Hill church last Sabbath.

The address of Elder Geo. O. States, for the winter, is Escondido, Calif.

Elder Mackintosh writes that they have been having some good meetings at Bayfield.

W. E. Kipp of Colorado Springs has recently located in Denver. We are glad to have him with us.

Miss Lilah States will not leave Colorado Springs to go to California until a good teacher has been secured to take her place.

W. R. Stevens of Boulder called at the office a few days ago to get a supply of books. He is canvassing at Greeley at present.

Dr. Hills went to Colorado Springs on Friday to spend a few days at home and to hold some meetings with the church at that place.

Brother C. A. Frederick of Paonia called at the office last Friday. He brings good reports of the progress of the work in his locality.

A. G. Bodwell went to Greeley week before last to look after the canvassing work at that place. He writes that some will enter the work there.

The week of prayer has been appointed for Dec. 9-16. Let us keep this date in mind and be ready to unite with God's people in earnestly seeking him at this time.

Several convention papers have come to us without signatures. Will those who have sent them kindly send their names so that we may be able to use them.

Elder Richards dropped in on us for a few moments last Thursday. He had been to Niwot to look after school interests. Several members of the school board met at that place.

Mrs. Phister and Miss Emma Ryder of Denver have gone to California to spend the winter. They have written to say that they had a pleasant journey and are nicely located in San Diego.

Brother Lightner reports that one of his readers is rejoicing in the truth. She has been keeping all the commandments of God for about six weeks, and last Sabbath united with the West Denver church.

Miss Alice Finch, who has been doing Bible work in Colorado Springs for several years, has gone to Washington, D. C., to spend the winter with relatives, and for a rest. We trust the change will be beneficial to her health.

Meade MacGuire spent a few days in Denver last week, having visited the churches at Greeley, Ft. Collins and Longmont. Conventions were held at each place. Last Friday he went to Boulder, where a convention was held on Sabbath.

In our tithing report in the last issue of ECHOES, the month of October was given instead of September, with which month the quarter closed. The tithing reported was that which was received from June 30 to September 30. All money received after Sept. 30 will appear in the next quarter's report.

S. Allen Long, who has for many years been a patient sufferer and a helpless invalid, has at last been called to rest. For several years he and his wife, Sister Long, have been at the Old Ladies' Home, this city. His faithful wife is left to mourn her loss. May God comfort her in her sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill of this city laid their little girl, Vera Loraine Hill, away last Tuesday. She died of membranous croup. She was the light and joy of the home, and the parents are almost inconsolable in their grief, though they sorrow not as those who have no hope. We sympathize deeply with them in their affliction.

If there is a blue cross on your ECHOES wrapper, do not fail to renew your subscription without delay or you may miss the very thing you wish to know. Each issue of ECHOES is made up of letters to you, and we have no other way of sending you the good things they contain. Every Seventh-day Adventist in Colorado and New Mexico should have every issue of ECHOES. Please renew your subscription at once.

A Confession.

October twenty-fifth, while in Santa Anna, California, I became very homesick. About one o'clock at night I awoke and earnestly asked the Lord to show me

what to do to recover my health. I felt the presence of an angel, and was impressed that my condition was the result of sin on my part. First, that I had done wrong in calling Elders Kilgore and McReynolds popes, and that I should write to them and confess the same. Since it is impossible for me to go to all those to whom I have talked, I take this means of confessing my wrong. I have done wrong in my manner of labor in Wyoming and Arizona in riding my wheel hundreds of miles through the wilds, where houses were thirty-five miles apart, and sleeping out without bedding. This I did to save expense.

I have done wrong in worrying about the course others were taking, and about things I could not understand. To some of my brethren I must write personal letters to correct these things.

For the past five years the Lord has been giving me warnings of my failing health, but I did not heed them. After my first serious illness at Wray, in January, 1904, instead of giving up public work I went to Laird and for weeks preached almost every night, thus still farther breaking down my health. Three dear souls accepted the message, yet I can now see that I did wrong in my way of laboring. The Lord has impressed me to correct all these wrongs.

I dearly love my brethren and sisters of the Colorado Conference, and humbly ask their forgiveness for my impatience and mistakes. I am in a sad condition, and can only sit up a part of the day, and it will take some time to make matters right as I have been directed to do.

Brethren, I have always been too headstrong, and thought my way the best. When I have cleared the King's highway I am going to Las Angeles and call for the elders to pray for me and anoint me, and the Lord is going to heal me.

I have a neat little cottage, and my wife is coming to be with me, and for some months I am going to make a business of building up that which has been so many years in breaking down. When I am sufficiently strong I expect to counsel with my brethren, and labor moderately in spreading the message that is dearer than life to me.

Now, brethren of Colorado, about the time this appears in ECHOES I shall have finished clearing up my past wrongs and be ready for prayer; so unite in earnest prayer for this definite object.

Geo. O. States,
Escondido, Calif.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."