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**GENERAL ARTICLES.**

**THE WATER OF LIFE.**

There are things to be seen that these natural eyes of our body cannot discern. With these eyes we cannot see God, for they are but physical, and spiritual things are spiritually discerned; but we are to be spiritual now and here, before we receive spiritual bodies, and so are to be able to discern spiritual things. With our natural eyes we can see the springs of water coming from the rocks in the mountains, or gushing out of the earth in the plain, but when we use the reason that God has given us, we know that the earth is not the real source of that water. Whence does the water come that we see springing forth so pure and refreshing from the rock? The answer is given in the Bible, and if we really thought, we should know it without being told. When the children of Israel were in the desert and were famishing for water, God told Moses to smite the rock in Horeb, the dry place, and as He did so, water gushed forth and ran like a river. The rock itself had no water, but the Lord stood upon it and the people "drank of that spiritual rock that went with them; and that Rock was Christ." 1 Cor. 10:4. He is the producer of all things. From Him everything comes. The water that we drink day by day comes from Him as directly as does the river of water of life that J hn saw, and is in reality but

the overflow of it. If we believe this simple truth, and know that we drink only of the river of life, we shall have new life day by day, and that daily life will be the life of heaven. Only so can we live pure, Christian lives.

We must consciously receive the life of the Lord, and then we shall allow Him to direct it in His own way. Then will He see to it that our ways are right. But we must remember that the life has been perverted and put to base uses, and that therefore it is necessary for us to be careful that we take the life in its purity, "fresh from the throne of glory."

In the case in the desert there was not room for all at one time to take the water just as it gushed forth; but all can come at one and the same time to the throne of grace, and all can take the life that is given before it is defiled by the curse. We cannot afford to be indifferent in this matter. God gives His life to us by various means, and under various forms—in food and drink and light and air, as well as by the Holy Spirit aside from any of these agencies; and in taking these gifts of God, we should be most solicitous to receive them directly from His hand. We must see that we get the life in the simplest and purest form possible before it has been loaded with the curse. Our diligence and care in this respect will indicate and be the measure of our desire to receive the Holy Spirit, which seals us children of the Everlasting Father.

E. J. WAGGONER.

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR WORK ON THE WESTERN SLOPE.**

**Delta.**

In the fall of 1885 I came with my family to Delta county, locating on Surface creek. Here we found Brother Castle's family, they being the first S. D. Adventists on the western slope. Sabbath, Nov. 7, I preached the first

sermon at what is now called Eckert, the home of Brother Castle.

In the spring of 1886 I canvassed most of Delta county for the "Marvel of Nations" and "Great Controversy." When I first came here there were no bridges in the county, and all travel was done by fording the rivers, or by ferry, and I had many daring experiences in crossing the Gunnison river during high water.

In the fall of 1886 I commenced a series of tent meetings at Delta, the second tent meetings held on the western slope. I was assisted by Brother George Cram, at which time two persons accepted the truth. During the winter of 1888 I held meetings and distributed literature on the California Mesa, near Delta, and Bro. and Sister J. Henry Adams commenced keeping the Sabbath, and the Lees family became interested.

In October, 1893, the third tent meetings were held by Eld. J. D. Pegg and J. R. Palmer, but the cold weather came on and the meetings only continued a few weeks. This meeting resulted in others embracing the truth. When the brethren left, I took up the work, holding meetings and Bible readings. Steps were taken to build a church, and under the leadership of Brethren Burch and Lees the carpenter work was soon done. As soon as the building was enclosed we commenced holding our meetings without doors or windows, the trustees going no farther with the building than the means would allow. This building was dedicated May 2, 1897, Elders Rees, Hills, Trubey and the writer being present.

**Montrose.**

In the summer of 1886 Brother Cram and I commenced tent meetings at Montrose, it being the first tent effort on the western slope. Our tent was pitched near the jail, and one night a crowd gathered to take one of the in-

mates. During the excitement a number of shots were fired, and one went through our tent. There were no visible results of this tent effort. In the summer of 1894, Elder J. D. Pegg, assisted by Brother and Sister Hartman, held a series of tent meetings also, with no results seen.

**Grand Junction.**

In the summer of 1887 Elder C. P. Haskell and I commenced tent meetings here. Five persons commenced keeping the Sabbath, Sister Ida Hatch and daughter, who are now helping on the message in Oregon, being among the number. May 25, 1892, Elder J. D. Pegg and I commenced another series of tent meetings, continuing about one month with no visible results. In the fall of 1897, Brother C. A. Frederick began canvassing here for "Daniel and Revelation." He soon began readings with Brother and Sister Garton. Readings were also held with Brother Leitzman, and meetings at the Mt. Garfield school house, which continued for nearly one year. Brother Frederick felt the need of help, and Elder M. Mackintosh was sent. He had a good interest from the start, and in the fall of 1899 a church was organized of about forty members. In 1900 Elder J. Kraft came here holding meetings, and others embraced the truth. During this time Elder Kraft was assisted by Elder L. H. Proctor, and a neat meeting house was erected.

GEO. O. STATES.

[To be continued.]

**FIELD REPORTS.**

**Pueblo.**

Last Sabbath was a blessed day for the church in Pueblo. Three precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Two of them were members of our young people's society. We expect others to go forward in this solemn ordinance very soon. To the Lord be all the praise and glory.

C. H. BATES.

**Meeker.**

No doubt the readers of the ECHOES would like to hear from this part of the Lord's vineyard again.

My time has been largely occupied in the erection of a house of worship, which has been done almost entirely by me, as there has been only one brother here besides myself, and he has not been able to help but a very little. Our funds with which to build, have been very small. The people are anxiously waiting for the meetings to begin. I am holding Bible studies in the even-

ings, and a few persons are near the deciding point.

Sabbath, February 8th, we held the largest Sabbath school ever held in Meeker. We are of good courage and need your prayers.

L. H. PROCTOR.

**Bryant.**

I don't see how any could be discouraged in selling "Christ's Object Lessons." Just the title of the book itself has much to do with the sale of the book. One man whom I canvassed said he would take the book before I could get the cover off so that he could see it. He said he was sure it was a good book just by the title. I am not at all discouraged, only wish I had more spare time for canvassing.

MATTIE B. TURNER.

**Guadalajara, Mexico.**

I have several Americans who are interested, and many Mexicans. Every day at the mission we find some who are hungry, and some who do not care to hear. Some cover their ears with their blankets so as not to hear, others listen willingly and come out to the meetings.

A number have been baptized since coming here, and we hope others will soon follow.

J. A. LELAND.

**San Luis Valley.**

The Lord has truly blessed our efforts in the San Luis valley. In spite of much and varied opposition, eleven souls have been buried beneath the wattery grave; five at Alamosa and six at Monte Vista. Several others have given their hearts to the Lord, but for different reasons could not be baptized at this time.

The enemy is doing all he can to crush the work in the valley. The unreasonable things that many are doing in their blindness, remind us forcibly of the scripture: "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." Brethren, we can expect anything. May the Lord give us wisdom, strength and grace to honor and glorify Him in every struggle.

We are glad to be able to report that the San Luis valley brethren are standing firm beneath the banner of Prince Emmanuel. To the Lord be all the praise.

The Conference Committee has seen fit to district the Conference, and to give us the southwestern corner of the State, consequently we shall move to Monte Vista as soon as possible. However, it is expected that I keep the oversight of the book work by correspondence, and through the district

superintendents. All those now selling our books, and any others wishing to do so, will please address me at Monte Vista, Colo.

MALCOLM MACKINTOSH.

**Pitkin.**

On February 22 our little town was visited by Elder Watson on a sad mission—to conduct the funeral of Grandma Prosser, mother of Brother J. F. Pearson. Though it is hard to give up our loved ones, we are not like those without hope, for "she is not dead, but sleepeth."

Brother Watson delivered an able and impressive sermon, and we were glad the chapel was full to hear it. He invited the church to meet him at 4 p. m., and while he spoke at length, we were all indeed sorry to have him stop, as it seemed to us we had never listened to a talk more to the point and especially prepared for us. Certainly it inspired us with more courage and a determination to live more closely to the truth than ever before. He left us the next day, and we very much regretted that he could not stay longer, but hope to have him among us again soon, until which time, may our dear Lord be with us all.

ELLEN BRIMER, Clerk.

**Among the Churches.**

In company with Elder Spring, I left Denver, January 27th, for a trip among the churches and companies on the western slope.

Our first stop was at Salida. Here we found a new church building, and had the privilege of speaking to the most of the church. Here I left Elder Spring, and I continued my journey to Montrose, where Elder G. O. States joined me. We had hopes of holding a course of meetings in the country near Bro. Hartman's Sanitarium, but just as the interest was increasing, a small pox scare caused us to hunt another place; Elder States returning home, while I paid the Telluride church a visit. Here I found a faithful little company of God's dear children.

Telluride should have a good worker located there.

Cory was my next stop. There I had the pleasure of being in Elder States' home for a few days, and holding a few meetings with the little company and a few friends. Brother F. W. Ford lives at this place, and has a fine ranch.

The morning of February 7th Elder States, Brother Ford and I, left Cory to drive across the hill to Paonia, a distance of thirty miles. We found a goodly company at Paonia, who love

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the truth of God. I hope it will fall to my lot to assist in a tent meeting at this place when the warm days of May come.

After a few day's earnest work, we made our way by team among the members of the Crawford church, Bro. Ford still holding the reins. He left us at this place and returned home.

The week which we spent with this church will long be remembered.

Among the good things that we found here was a church school, taught by Brother C. M. French. It would do one's heart good, who has any love for the youth and children, to step into the room where this school is held. While here we organized a young peoples' society for the study of the Bible. Several would have been baptized, but for the lack of a suitable place. Elder States will return in the spring, nothing preventing, and look after the baptism of those who desire it. We left this place for a forty-five mile drive to Delta, where I turned homeward.

May the great God of all bless His dear people on the western slope, as well as elsewhere.

GEO. F. WATSON.

During the past month it has been my privilege to be associated with Bro. Watson in visiting the churches in Delta and Montrose counties, and personally it has been a source of great encouragement to me. At times it seemed to me that the very thoughts were presented that the Lord knew I needed.

I was much pleased to be with Bro. and Sister Hartman at the little sanitarium near Montrose, and to see the good work they are doing. I believe there are bright prospects before this institution. I was also much pleased to be with Brother and Sister Marsh, and to see them still earnest in the Lord's work.

Our visit at Paonia was much enjoyed by myself, and it did me good to meet with those for whom I labored last summer. Brother and Sister Frederick are doing a good work here in keeping up the Sabbath-school, and I trust the day is not far distant when there will be a church organized here. It was my privilege to visit the church school at Crawford, and to become better acquainted with Brother French. We were very much pleased and surprised to find that we were old school-mates in Battle Creek college in 1875.

I want to say to my brethren on the western slope that I believe there are brighter days before us, and that our brethren of the Conference are doing

the best they can to advance the work on this side of the range. In conclusion, I want to say, as a result of my association with Brother Watson, that when he left for another field I felt that I knew him much better, and felt to say, O Lord, help me to hold up the hands of thy servant who is carrying heavy burdens.

Let us all take hold and buckle on the armor a little tighter and encourage the man that has such heavy burdens to carry, and let us counsel our brethren who stand at the head of the work in our Conference, and by all pulling together, we will see the work go as never before.

GEO. O. STATES.

Hoorn, Netherlands.

January 9-11 will be long remembered by our Dutch brethren and sisters. During these days many of them gathered together at Amsterdam for their yearly meetings. Elders Conrad and Olson were present, and the meetings held were a season of refreshing to all, at the close of which baptism was administered to several souls.

The interesting feature of this Conference was the organization of Holland as a new Conference. She is the youngest sister of the S. D. A. Conferences in the world. It is gratifying to see how the work begun by Elder Klingbeil, now our president, has thus developed. The amount received on tithes the past year amounted to 2,669 gulden, (1 gulden equals 40c American money), and the expenses a little over 3,000 gulden. After the deduction of a tithe, our Dutch Conference was about 630 gulden short, but being yet connected with the German Conference, it was aided to some extent, notwithstanding the Dutch brethren took it upon themselves to organize into a separate Conference, trusting God, relying upon His promised help, when we by faith step out upon His word, henceforth to walk alone. A vote of thanks was unanimously rendered to the General Conference, German Conference and the Colorado Conference for the help afforded in sending of their means and laborers in order that the work might be started here. We all felt the seriousness of the undertaking, as the preceding year showed a shortage of one-fifth. Holland now has about 200 Sabbath keeping Adventists, two ordained ministers, two licentiates, three Bible workers, and about a dozen colporteurs.

I have now been called upon to make Hoorn my field of labor. This city of 11,000 inhabitants has not yet been worked at all. It is one-third Catholic

and two-thirds irreligious, with few exceptions to the latter class. It is a hard place to work. It is one of the most modern, as they call it here, and the most religious among these people believe that God's word is in the Bible instead of taking the Bible as God's word, while others reject it as a whole because it contains so many incredible things. This city has seven preachers of these views. The middle class are generally ignorant and indifferent about God's word, and the well-to-do make light of it. When anyone speaks to them about their soul's salvation, they answer that they do their duty and that is all they can do, and believe God will be merciful to them. This is just in accordance with the teaching of these modern preachers. They seem to be in a condition of spiritual lethargy that will require the mighty voice of the third angel to arouse them to see the earnest of the present time. Still there is often more in the hearts of the people than we expect at the first approach. It takes much tact and wisdom to strike the proper chord in order to win their confidence that will open door and hearts, and among the prevailing indifference, I have found those who long for something better than these modern preachers can give.

My wife is gaining nicely with the Holland language. The weather has been quite favorable with my work. We have had hardly any winter yet. Pray for us and the work here, brethren and sisters, that the honest in heart may be found, and we may have the needed wisdom to impart the light that God has for them in these closing days.

J. WIBBENS.

### Just Hobbling About.

There are a great many church members who are just hobbling about on crutches. They can just make out that they are saved, and imagine that is all that constitutes a Christian in this nineteenth century. As far as helping other is concerned, that never enters their heads. They think if they can get along themselves, they are doing amazingly well. They have no idea what the Holy Ghost wants to do through them.—D. L. Moody, in Pacific Union Recorder.

A blue cross on your ECHOES wrapper indicates that it is time for you to renew your subscription. Please send in your renewal as soon as the first blue cross appears.

We have some excellent articles which are only waiting for space. Look for them in future issues.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder Ziegler has been spending a few days in the Greeley district holding meetings.

Elder Richards' promised article on "church order" will appear in a future issue of the ECHOES.

Brother Andrew Wilcox, formerly a canvasser in our Conference, is again here, visiting his sister at Longmont.

Sister Edith Barnes, one of the students of the Hygiene school, spent a few days with her parents at Littleton, recently.

Sister McGrew, whose illness was announced in the last issue, died on the 21st ult. Her obituary will be found on this page.

Brother William McReynolds and wife have come to Denver to assist in the work at the Vegetarian Cafe. He will be cashier and bookkeeper.

Are any missing the semi-monthly visits of the ECHOES? Send us your subscription and we will see that you do not longer miss it.

We trust the church elders will take a personal interest in seeing that every family under their charge is supplied with the *Review* and ECHOES.

Sister Ruth Olson, with her sister and mother, started for California last Sunday evening, where they will spend some months.

We are sorry that the Sabbath school department is absent this week; it will be missed, we are sure, but will be doubly appreciated at its next appearance.

Elder Colcord was moved to the Sanitarium last Sunday. It is hoped that, by most careful nursing, he may soon be able to return to his school at Hygiene.

Because of the lack of space we were obliged to leave out of this issue the recent report of the Committee arranging the Conference in districts. Watch for it in the next issue.

Elder Mackintosh returned home last week. He was planning to visit Boulder, Hygiene and Wray within the next few days, and anticipates moving his family to the San Luis valley soon.

Did you read the article "What it Means to be a Christian" in the *Signs* of February 19? "God keeps a personal account with every man; testing him by the practical results of his work."

Brother H. E. Woodward and wife from Aspen, called at the office last Wednesday, the 26th ult. Brother Woodward returned home the same day, leaving Sister Woodward to spend a few weeks among friends.

Elder Watson spoke to the Denver church last Sabbath from Ps. 119:89, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Comfort and consolation was thus administered to God's people who were passing through affliction and trial.

Did you know that the old tract entitled "Present Truth" is now ready in the Danish and Swedish languages? This is one of our best tracts, and we trust will be gladly received by our Danish and Swedish brethren. Order from this office.

The Southwestern Union Conference will be held at Topeka, Kans., April 16-26. An invitation is extended to our people generally to attend this important meeting. Excellent Bible instruction will be given, as well as important business transacted.

Brother E. R. Lore and wife mourn the loss of their little son who died in Denver last Thursday. Elder Richards accompanied them to their home at Gunnison, where the funeral services were held. May the parents of this little one accept the comfort of the Holy Spirit in this affliction.

Missionary Report, for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1901.

Number of organized churches....	42
Number of organized churches reporting.....	19
Number of reports returned.....	199
Number letters written.....	170
Number letters received.....	74
Number Bible readings held.....	210
Number subscriptions for periodicals.....	436
Number periodicals distributed....	1,867
Number pages tracts, etc., distrib..	82,731

Dear Church Members:

Compare this report with the one in the ECHOES of November 27. There is not the improvement we hoped for, is there? It lies with every church member to improve next quarter's report. Let us individually seek to do this—shall we? May the Lord help us all to decide for the upbuilding of His cause.

MRS. FLORA WATSON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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to your Tract Society at once. Price, 5 cts. per copy in lots of ten or more.

OBITUARY.

MCGREW, CATHERINE.—Born May 14, 1831; Died Feb. 21, 1902; aged 70 years, 9 months and 7 days. Cause of death, heart failure.

Sister McGrew was born in Ohio. She became a Christian when only nine years of age, and united with the Methodist church. About twenty-six years ago, while living near Sigourney, Iowa, she accepted the faith of Seventh-day Adventists, and from that time has been one of the remnant who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

Her long life has ever been one of busy work done unselfishly for others, and even to the last her thoughts were for the welfare of others. She loved the truth, and was constantly seeking to enlighten other hearts with the blessed hope. The Lord spared her, as by a miracle, until her children all arrived. Knowing that her death was near, she called them around her bedside and gave calm, Christian, and motherly counsel to each one, and to all the relatives present, and said: "My work is done; I am ready to go." She fell asleep in Jesus, and rests in hope of a part in the first resurrection.

Sister McGrew was the mother of Elder Ziegler and Sister Herrell. On Sabbath afternoon, Feb. 22; assisted by Dr. Hills, we laid her away in the quiet country cemetery near the Ziegler ranch, south of Fort Collins. Words of comfort and hope were spoken from Isaiah, 57:1,2, and Rev. 14:13. May we meet her in the resurrection of the just, and enjoy immortal life in that kingdom which shall have no end.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

Report of Canvassing Work.

For the Month of February, 1902.

	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	Helps.
Eden to Eden, Anna Kent, Ft. Laramie, Wyo.	9	2	\$3.75	\$1.75
Man the Masterpiece, O. Einarsen, Denver.	—	3	16.50	—
Bible Readings, A. M. Dornan, Wray.	26	3	8.75	2.25
Marvel of Nations, Mrs. Flora E. Hamm, Boulder.	—	7	—	—
W. H. Moore, Hygiene.	—	2	3.00	—
Home Hand Book, W. H. Moore, Hygiene.	—	3	15.50	2.00
Heralds of the Morning, B. E. Lewis.	—	1	1.25	—
Best Stories, Christ's Object Lessons, Mattie B. Turner, Bryant.	3	3	2.75	2.75
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