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### GENERAL ARTICLES.

#### To Sow the State Knee-deep with Literature

The Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, of national reform fame, superintendent of the International Reform Bureau, the leading national reformer of the United States, is making a tour of the West in the interest of religious laws and temperance reform. We believe in temperance reform when it is a straight issue of liquor or no liquor, but we know too well what Sabbath laws mean. It is nothing but the old image of the Papacy and persecution for conscience sake. Shall we be tame and take it like children, or shall we be men of the hour and fight the wicked thing like Christian soldiers going out in the name of the Lord?

Mr. Crafts has succeeded in organizing The Rocky Mountain District of the National Reform Bureau, now called The International Reform Bureau. This takes in Colorado and adjoining Rocky Mountain territory. Two weeks ago he came to Colorado Springs and established here the headquarters of this great Rocky Mountain district, with the Rev. D. Everett Smith as field secretary of this district. The office is at 123 South Nevada Avenue.

September 29th, Mr. Crafts made a strong speech in behalf of Sunday laws.

In this speech he said: "We have never had more than *two per cent.* of the people with us, but we have learned that with *two per cent.* persistently at it and making demands by letters and petitions *we can get whatever we want.*"

He said, "There is opposition, but" (as he was making a call for *money*), "We've got the enemy on the run and we want this money to buy ammunition to shoot him in the back."

Mr. Crafts further said: "We have established our headquarters for the Rocky Mountain district right here in your midst and *we are going to sow Colorado knee-deep with literature.*"

Brethren and Sisters, what is our duty NOW? I need not state it. To every true Seventh-day Adventist the answer comes from God to his heart.

This is a call to arms, not carnal weapons, but spiritual,—the word of truth. NOW, NOW, NOW is our OPPORTUNITY. The whole state is going to be stirred on the SABBATH question. Many will now consider and hear the truth who would not feel the importance of it before. We can have the honor and privilege of placing the truth of this matter before them. Have we not been told that the pages containing the truth should be scattered "like the leaves of autumn?" Now is the greatest opportunity that has ever come to do this in the Rocky Mountain region, and we have not a day to lose. The enemies of Israel have thrown down the gauntlet. Shall we not, as true soldiers of Christ, take it up? Now is the time to cover the land with leaflets, tracts and papers on *Religious Liberty* and the *Sabbath*.

If we fail of our duty and privilege now, we shall have only ourselves to blame when men crush out freedom in Colorado, and we will have to answer

for the souls of those whom we might now enlighten with the truth.

What will you do? *Shall we meet this "giant" movement* that defies Israel with the sword and spear of proposed civil enactments? Every true-hearted believer in truth and liberty answers "Yes, with all my soul. This is the opportunity I have been looking for." We will go forth against this giant saying as David said: "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield, but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, whom thou hast defied. \* \* \* That all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."—1 Sam. 17:45-50.

H. M. J. Richards.

#### The Salvation of Our Children.

The salvation of our children is the one great object of the erection of denominational schools among us. It is not necessary to erect these institutions of learning if all we have in mind is the education of our children—I mean by this a knowledge of books to prepare them for the business of this world, but if our children and youth are to be saved from the snares of the wicked one in the times in which we are living they must have a christian education. Such an education cannot be gained in the public schools of today. Therefore it is absolutely necessary to build and maintain schools controlled by our own people. This work, of course, calls not only for consecrated men and women as instructors, but it calls for their support. This support must come from the people who believe that this message is not only to be preached from the pulpits, but to be taught in our day schools.

We have undertaken in our conference to erect and maintain two academies.

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These buildings are already erected, but they are not yet all paid for and equipped. Shall we withdraw the helping hand at this time, or shall we be true to God, true to his cause, true to our own children, and by willing sacrifice carry out the object for which these institutions were brought into existence. I believe every loyal Seventh-day Adventist will say, "Let us one and all be true." Your Conference Committee, after much prayer and thought, have decided to ask our churches everywhere throughout the conference to take up a collection the first Sabbath in November. The success of this work will depend largely upon the faithfulness of our church elders. Let us begin to prepare now for a good liberal donation, remembering that two-thirds of this collection goes to the school at Campion on the Eastern Slope, while one-third goes to the Western Slope Academy. God will bless the cheerful givers.

Geo. F. Watson.

### The Mexican Work.

We have a work in our midst that is just as truly Foreign Missionary work as though it were located a thousand miles from home. The Mexican people have been kept in dense ignorance for centuries by the Catholic church, and the rays of light we have penetrate very slowly this pall of darkness. The condition of the people in this country is, in some respects, very much better than in the old country. Their habits of thought are different from ours, invariably. Their customs are also very widely different, and the language offers a barrier that few of our people are able, or care to overcome. Nevertheless we find among them some who are true gold. Many among them are longing for the true light, and do not hesitate to accept it when they see it. A very large per cent of them cannot read or write, especially the older ones. The younger generation attend the public schools and learn English, many of them forgetting, or never learning, to read their own tongue. As a result, the language which they speak is a corruption of English and Spanish. The teachers in the public schools, as a rule, do not understand Spanish, and so cannot explain the lessons to the children in such a way that they grasp the idea; and as a result they linger long years in the primary grades, and seldom get beyond them. As a rule they consider that a child of fourteen years is too old to attend school, and only a very small per cent of them get to school after that age.

Understanding these difficulties very fully we saw the need of a school for the Mexican children, where they could get a training that would advance them more rapidly, and prepare them to meet the exigencies of life more intelligently.

Last year we began school with an attendance of sixteen children. The number soon increased to twenty-nine. We had children who had been in attendance at the public schools for five years and yet were unable to take third grade work intelligently. They could read in English a few lines, but were wholly unable to understand what they read. And as for reading in their own language, they never attempted it. After one year's work with our good books these same children were able to take a book and read in English and tell immediately in Spanish the meaning, and vice versa. They made good progress in number work and the various branches taken up in the school.

We hold our school in a building altogether unsuitable for such work. The ventilation is very poor, and the light wholly unsuitable. There were great spaces in the floor, which rendered it impossible to keep the room warm. We had to send the children out to get dirt to pile in the cracks so the wind would not blow in so hard.

This year we have planned a new school house to be used as a church also. The Mexican brethren have pledged enough adobe bricks to make the walls, but we need some help. The building that we have planned will cost \$350. We have about \$100, leaving \$250 to be raised. Our foundation is already laid, and we have the adobe bricks already to be laid up in the walls; but before this can be done we should have some of the woodwork to put into place.

Now a word about the school and the plan we have adopted. We make a regular charge of \$1.00 a month for each pupil. But we cannot always carry out this plan, as we frequently find parents who have several children of school age, who are unable to pay \$1.00 a month for each child. Many of them work for the small sum of \$16 a month. These are the problems that we have to contend with, and we invite your attention to them in the hope that you may be able to help us solve them. We have told the parents that if they would pay six dollars in advance they can have a receipt in full for the year's tuition.

This year we began the school with an attendance of fifteen. Several new ones have come in and others have promised to come later. The desks are made of boxes that we get at the grocery store. We nail legs to them to suit the height of the pupil, and then take blocks of wood from the woodpile and make stools for them to sit on. We have three long

benches that were used for meetings in a hall at one time; these we also use for seats.

The school is held in a room that is much more unsuitable than the one we had last year, but our last year's school-house was rented, and we could not get it. In the room we have this year there is one door and one window, both on the same side of the room. The hole for the stovepipe is near the door, so it will be very dark when it is so cold as to render it necessary to close the door. We hope to have sufficient funds to complete the new building before this time.

This is just as truly Foreign Missionary work as any work we can do, and it is a great pity that it has been so long neglected. We should have schools established where we can educate young men and women for the work of spreading this great message to the world, and then send them out from there to countries that speak their own tongue, and avoid the necessity of spending years to learn a foreign language. Let us take hold of this long neglected work with new energy, and push it forward in the strength of the Lord. Any help you may be able to send will be greatly appreciated.

J. A. Leland,  
Albuquerque, N. M.

### Calcutta, India.

It hardly seems true, but nine months have already passed since we left Denver for India.

They have been months of great profit to me, for I have had a view of the world, its conditions and needs. Also a view of God's plan for the world, such as I never could have had from home.

I have often thought if all our people could have a real look at the world we would go back and work in a way which would send this message in a short time, but many must view it by faith.

The message in India is going to the people of India with power and the Lord is converting to His message from among the native preachers, several men, who will be able to do a work which no European could do.

Heretofore much effort has been spent upon the Europeans who are in this field, but a new spirit has taken hold of the workers, and there is a burden and strong effort to master the languages of India, and the indications seem to be that whatever is done for the native must be done quickly, as there is a power working among these people which brews trouble, and it is only a matter of time till it is bound to break forth. Truly the "spirits of devils" are at work. But the golden opportunity is now. How many of India's children will be among the 144,000 we do not know?

The climate is very hard on the workers, nearly everyone who has been here any time breaks down, but in spite of it India takes hold of one's soul. The medical work is gradually gaining ground among the Indian people. They

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are slow, but when once they are won over they come with their whole soul. You ought to see the crude way some of our nurses must work in the villages. The treatment room is in the open air, with only a piece of thin cloth hung up on one or two sides. Operations are performed on the floor. Children are born without any clothing for either mother or child, to say nothing about a home, and there are millions of these people who live in this way. Remember us to our friends, and tell the young people India is worth all they can invest in it. It will yield a good return.

Yours in the Master's service,

H. C. Menkel.

### The Western Slope Academy.

The Western Slope Academy is located in one of the most pleasant little towns in the west, Palisade, Colorado.

This academy opened Wednesday, October 2, 1907, with fifty bright young people and children. And we are glad to announce that the teachers were pleased to see such an enthusiastic, bright class of students enter the academy at the beginning.

The school board has done all that is necessary to make the building, seats and surroundings comfortable. And the desire of the teachers is to teach and impress the principles of Christian education upon the minds of the pupils until the image of God is restored in the soul. We expect to hold up before our students the importance of a special training that will quickly prepare them to help carry this message to the world in this generation.

We have made some changes in the books, and we expect to use only the text books that are recommended by the Educational Convention. We are desirous of having our school on a higher plane year after year. This year we have grades from one to ten, and higher work can be obtained if desired.

We have arranged to have a class in Christian Education, and before the close of the year we will take up Methods, so any one in the conference who expects to teach next year, or in the near future, will no doubt find it helpful to come and join us in our study. Those taking this class will be expected to take practice teaching in the primary.

We will be glad to correspond with those who desire to enter school.

A. M. Woodall.

### Fire in College View.

Sunday evening, about 7:30 o'clock, while Elder Andrews was offering prayer at the beginning of Elder Warren's baptismal service in the College View church,

the college bell rang the alarm of fire. It proved to be in the college power house. In some unknown way, perhaps from an electric wire, the fire caught in the upper story of the building, and when first seen was bursting out of the ventilator on the very top. Nearly everybody was at church. One man was in the boiler room and another was studying on the first floor, but neither knew of the fire until it was beyond control. So rapid was the progress of the flames that it was seen from the first the building was doomed, especially since there was no adequate provision for fighting fire. In a short time the entire building, including boiler room, laundry, printing plant, bakery, blacksmith shop and carpenter shop, was consumed. A few tools, one printing press, part of the week's laundry, the College Press account books, the *Messenger* list and a few books were all that was saved. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000. There was \$6,000 insurance on the building, nothing on the machinery and printing stock. The actual loss will not be so great as the figures would indicate, since the boilers are thought to be little injured, and a less costly and safer building can be erected. Care will be taken not to bring so many shops together.

After the fire a few of the managers assembled in the business office for a season of prayer and consultation as to the best plans for meeting the necessities of the school. In a short time it was arranged to connect the heating, lighting and water systems of the sanitarium with those of the college. The parlors and vacant rooms of the sanitarium were placed at the disposal of the ladies of the College Home for study, if the weather should turn cold.

The running of the school was not interfered with by the accident. The recitations proceeded next day without interruption. Before ten o'clock the sanitarium water supply was flowing through the college system. That same night South Hall was receiving light from the sanitarium dynamo. Fortunately the weather is mild and there is little need for heat. The steam heating system of the college is being connected with that of the sanitarium, and soon our buildings will be heated from that source until our own plant can be repaired. Work on the new boiler house will begin immediately and will be completed before cold weather sets in.

The students are behaving nobly. The boys worked like heroes to save property. Some sustained a few burns and bruises, but no one was seriously injured. A good spirit prevails. There is no talk about going home, but all are determined to stand by the college through this crisis.

At the church the service for baptism proceeded without interruption during the fire. The men went largely to render what assistance they could, but the candidates and a large audience of people remained or soon came back from the fire. When the electric lights supplied by the college dynamo were extinguished, lamps were brought in. Perfect order and deep solemnity prevailed while sixty-two candidates were baptized

by Elder Warren. There will be another baptism soon. The good work is still going on in many hearts, and the influence of the solemn preaching of the last two weeks has been deepened by the fire. Pray for the work of the Lord in College View. C. C. Lewis.

### "I Beseech You."

ROMANS 12:1.

We beseech you, brethren, one and all, to take hold with us in a vigorous campaign and sell all the good books possible from now till Christmas. This is the best time of the year to sell books. The long winter evenings are coming when people have more time to read. If they cannot obtain wholesome reading matter, they will take the other kind, for the inquiring mind must have something to feed upon. Shall we, who know the truth and have scores of the best books ever published, allow them to remain on the shelves doing no good, while many for whom Christ died are perishing in their sins for want of the precious truth contained in our books? Millions of souls, just as precious in the sight of God as we are, need this message of salvation. Can we be counted as good servants, and will the Lord say, "Well done" if we are not faithful in giving this message? (Mark 16:15; Rev. 14:6-12.) We beseech, we beg every church and Sabbath school officer, and officers of the Young People's Societies to arouse as many as possible to take up this good work. The Lord told us years ago that there ought to be one hundred canvassers in the field where there is only one. Brother Hall of the Mountain View house, writes me that less than two per cent of our people are giving their time to the Lord's gospel work. The Lord is asking the 98 per cent, "What are you doing with the talents I gave you?" See Matt. 25. Let every one answer, "I am going to wake up and put my talents to use as the Lord directs."

Read carefully Elder Richards' article in this paper, and go to work with our books and papers and sow them like the leaves of autumn. The Lord will strengthen us that we may abound in every good work. (1 Cor. 15:58.) October, November and December are months of opportunities. They are months when buyers are numerous. Now is the time to begin taking orders for a big Christmas delivery. Write to the Colorado Tract Society for samples of the books you wish to sell. Study them and begin right at home in your own town and neighborhood. We invite every man, woman, boy and girl to help us in this work now. Because you see no report in this ECHOES, you must not think the work is dead. It is not, for our canvassers sold over one thousand dollars worth of books the past two weeks. We left out the report that we might get this appeal to you in this ECHOES, for the time is so short I expect soon to get out into the field with my prospectus. So instead of saying "Go ahead," I can say, "Come on boys." J. J. Jobe.

**Religious Liberty Work.**

It is certain that in the near future many of us will be called upon to answer for our faith in the courts of the land. The union of church and state we have talked of so long is practically an accomplished fact. Are you ready for the issue? Is it possible that after all the warning and admonitions we have received, that the conflict will find us unprepared to intelligently explain our position? You ask, what can we do? Let every church get a supply of our Religious Liberty leaflets and let every member make a thorough study of the principles contained in them. Also let every family subscribe for the *Liberty*, study it themselves and then give it to the most influential people in the neighborhood, and thus educate others as well as themselves. Are there not those in each church who are interested enough in this matter to take it up and push it, until every member realizes that the struggle is upon us, and gets ready to give an answer for the hope that is within them. Send your orders for all supplies to the Colorado Tract Society.

Trusting that this will not simply be read, laid aside and forgotten, I am,

Your brother,  
M. Mackintosh.

**Campion Academy.**

To the Brethren and Sisters of the Colorado Conference:

The workers and students in the Eastern Colorado Academy beg of you to come up to the help of the Lord by helping to provide some things necessary to put this school in working order. We need to train workers for the Master's vineyard. A few of these essentials are: Desks, blackboard, bells, maps, books of reference, heat and light for both buildings, furniture, dishes, and linen for the dormitory, also bath-room and hot water tank. These we have not, nor means to procure.

Are there not some of our brethren who are farmers in this part of the state who would esteem it a privilege to help supply us with vegetables for the winter, and would donate them?

Frank A. Page.

**Notice.**

At a quarterly business meeting of the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Denver, a resolution was adopted that we inform our non-resident members through the ECHOES that if they are absent from this church one year without reporting to the church, they will be suspended. Mrs. Melissa Hermann,

Church Clerk,  
5011 Quitman St., Denver, Colo.

Read carefully the article written by Elder Richards, which appears in this issue of the ECHOES, and prepare to work.

**Report of Tithe and Mission Offerings for Quarter Ending Sept., 30, 1907.**

Arvada.....	\$ 85 21
Alamosa.....	129 50
Albuquerque.....	164 25
Beuna Vista.....	23 00
Boulder.....	874 06
Berthoud.....	156 40
Bayfield.....	5 00
Colorado Springs.....	228 83
Cripple Creek.....	78 43
Canon City.....	94 81
Capitol Hill.....	409 54
Denver.....	1,698 67
Delta.....	48 15
Elida.....	31 68
Las Vegas.....	17 35
Fort Collins.....	135 75
Flórence.....	45 51
Fruita.....	6 45
Fort Morgan.....	40 10
Farmington.....	140 37
Grand Junction.....	59 06
Greelev.....	51 72
Glenwood Springs.....	52 50
Hotchkiss.....	76 50
Hvgiene.....	297 05
Hagerman.....	173 76
Idaho Springs.....	65 10
Longmont.....	858 46
Loveland.....	58 46
LaVeta.....	8 15
Lamar.....	10 94
LaJunta.....	45 45
Lafayette.....	60 20
Monte Vista.....	103 37
Meeker.....	16 04
Niwot.....	76 58
Pueblo.....	206 35
Pitkin.....	22 70
Palisades.....	260 15
Peaceful Valley.....	64 14
Rocky Ford.....	171 83
Roswell.....	190 79
Salida.....	41 88
Trinidad.....	58 50
Uncompahgre.....	41 85
Victor.....	72 80
Villa Grove.....	17 75
Wray.....	126 14
Individuals.....	241 83
Total.....	\$7,954 54

**OFFERINGS RECEIVED.**

Birthday.....	\$ 189 01
First Day.....	202 04
India.....	45 70
Sabbath School Donations.....	533 41
O. F. T. D.....	1,180 29
Korea.....	46 00
Madagascar.....	40 20
Total.....	\$2,236 74

**A Rallying Call.**

"Five Hundred Students and Freedom from Debt!" Is not this a good rallying cry? And it can be done, too. Last year Union College had an enrollment of 448. During the last three years the gains have been 21, 42 and 72. Surely we can gain 50 the coming year. Last year we cleared nearly \$3,000.00, after spending about \$4,000.00 on necessary repairs and improvements. Next year the repairs will be less; we are getting

them caught up. Give us five hundred students, and we can place \$5,000.00 over the credit. Let us all get at it and then do it. It will be a deed worthy of our best efforts. The enrollment of Colorado from the beginning has been as follows: 5, 19, 27, 17, 15, 13, 16, 25, 23, 21, 14, 18, 19, 18, 16. Eight years ago Colorado sent us 25 students. Let Colorado give us one of her old time boosts, and the thing is done. Do it, good people, and you will always be glad.

C. C. Lewis.

**Obituaries.**

Howard, Mary Ellen, age 6 months, 7 days, fell asleep in Jesus August 5, 1907. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. We may not now fully understand why the hand of death should come to this innocent child, but can say, "The Lord hath given and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

H. A. Aufderhar.

Bro. W. R. Rhodes of Merino, formerly of Denver, died suddenly at Sterling, Colo., Friday, October 4, and was buried in the Sterling cemetery, Sabbath, October 5, after a funeral service conducted by the writer. Brother Rhodes was 57 years old, and supposed to be in good health. He never complained of heart disease, which the physician declared to be the cause of his death.

The deepest sympathy was shown for Sister Rhodes and her son, Brother Albert Guest, because of their sad affliction.

U. P. Long.

**Signs of the Times.**

Last May a special camp meeting in behalf of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES was inaugurated, and as a result of the splendid efforts put forth by its friends the subscription list was more than doubled.

This series has been received with such favor that the publishers have decided to issue another series of twenty-five special numbers immediately following this one. This new series will be inaugurated October 30, by the

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