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### Not Forgotten

It has been nearly two years since we left Colorado and came to New York. While this time has passed away quickly, and has been filled up with activities in the work of God, we have not forgotten the friends, and brethren and sisters, in Colorado. Our minds go back to the times when we enjoyed the hospitalities of the people of Colorado. Yes, we remember the days of spiritual uplift as we met for divine worship in the house of prayer.

This conference differs widely from that of Colorado. A large per cent of the people are those who came into the truth in early days under the labors of the pioneers of the message. They are now getting well along in years, and consequently are unable to engage in active work, and take up with new enterprises, as are those who are younger.

The New York conference has the honor of having within its boundaries the first church building ever built by Seventh-day Adventists. This is located at Bucksbridge, and is one of the places where Sister White had some of her first visions. The church building in Washington, N. H., was owned by Adventist people, and was transferred to the Seventh-day Adventist before the Bucksbridge church was built. The Battle Creek church was the first church dedicated by this people.

While many of our people are declining in years, their love for the finishing of the work is growing. During the last biennial period they paid a per capita tithe of \$29.98, and a per capita of tithe and offerings of \$48.82. This is an increase of \$20.38 per capita in tithe and offerings over the previous two years. The book sales for the year 1911

amounted to \$10,946, an increase of \$6,000 over the year 1910.

We have a great work to do in the large cities in this conference, a work that the Lord has spoken of by His servant. It requires much wisdom, and a careful selection of men, to work in these conservative cities, and also a large financial outlay. The city work is the call of the hour, and the Lord has promised the fullness of His spirit for the finishing of this work. It will be done, and the Lord will then come for His people. Whether we are in the east or the west we can have a part in the work, for we can all give of our means

J. W. LAIR.

### Question Box

Questions answered by Elder Daniells at the College View Institute:

In giving studies on the different subjects, would it not be better for ministers to read from the Bible and Testimonies to prove points, than to read the statements of popular authors, even though they be considered to be strong men of experience on the point in question.

It is impossible for us as workers always to read from the Bible and the Testimonies. For example, in the study of the prophecies, which deal largely with questions involving historical data, it is necessary to read from history to show the fulfilment of these prophecies. In dealing with great problems to which men have given much research and careful study, I would not recommend that we set aside the books that they have placed at our disposal. I do not think that we should take a conserva-

tive position that we will not read books written by authors other than our own. Our own authors read extensively, and quote from other authors. Our editors read the best journals of the day that they may be informed on current events. It would narrow our minds to confine our reading to our own denominational books.

When Christ called the disciples, they left all. Would you gather from this that an ordained minister should leave his farm, or anything else that may divide his attention, to enter the ministry?

There is a general principle to be observed, and there are also exceptions. The general principle is that stated by Paul in 2 Tim. 2:4: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life: that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

When the Lord chose Aaron to be a priest he directed that Aaron and his tribe should not have an inheritance in the land. "And the Lord spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thy inheritance among the children of Israel."—Num. 18:20. From this text it is evident that God did not intend that the priesthood should be absorbed in financial affairs. In the New Testament the same principle is stated. The ministers of Christ left their business; they left their nets, they left all. The general principle is that the ministry should be free from the cares of the world, that they may give themselves wholly to the work of the Lord, and make the greatest possible success.

I do not understand from this, however, that there should be no exceptions

to this general principle. There may be cases where it would be unwise for a man to dispose of his farm, or other property, to enter the ministry. He may have a large family to provide for, or otherwise so situated that to dispose of his property would work hardship for him. So long as he is willing to go where the conference asks him to go, is faithful in paying tithes and offerings, and is so situated that he can give his undivided attention to the work of the ministry, I do not think it is imperative that a man should dispose of his property. Many men thus situated pay into the Lord's treasury as much as they receive from it. A man should be very careful and conscientious, however, not to allow these interests to in any way detract from the earnest endeavors he should put forth in the ministry.

Should conferences for the election of officers be held at some other time than during the camp-meeting, or in connection with the camp-meeting?

I believe that we should hold our conferences in connection with our camp-meetings, for the reason that at these gatherings we have a much larger representation of our people than we could possibly have when the conference is held in the winter time. This affords a better opportunity to place before our people the facts relating to the cause, its development, its growth, and its needs, and to secure their co-operation in carrying out plans. We should never separate the interests of the cause from the rank and file of the people. We should be careful, however, to guard against crowding the time of the camp-meeting so full of business matters as to detract from the spiritual interest of the meeting.

At what age is it advisable for children to vote at church elections?

Children may begin voting in church elections when they are baptized and taken into the church. Any child who has a membership is entitled to vote. Only church members have the right to vote in church elections, and this includes the children as well as the older members.

### Conference Committee Meeting

The Colorado Conference Committee met at Boulder, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13 and 14, and among other things, the following plans were made which will be of interest to ECHOES readers.

It was recommended that a series of

revival meetings be held in the various churches in our Conference, and in order to have the benefit of Elder MacGuire's assistance the one at La Salle be held beginning Friday, February 23. It is expected that Elder Aufderhar, Brother Gaede, and Sister Warfle will be present on this occasion and render assistance.

It was also recommended that the revival services at Boulder be held Friday, March 1. Elder MacGuire will be present there also. Elder Kite, Elder Rouse, and Sister Warfle will also be present and render assistance.

It was further recommended that Elder Anglebarger and Brother Hay be asked to conduct revival services in Pueblo, the date to be determined later.

Arrangements for revival services in other churches in the Conference will be made later and notice given of the date through the ECHOES.

It was also recommended that our brethren in the various churches be urged to prepare for these services by earnest seeking of God for the success of this work and by arranging their affairs so they can devote their time as much as possible in a united effort to the advancement of Present Truth.

It was further recommended that the third Sabbath in each quarter be devoted to the study of Tithes and Offerings and that a program for the occasion be provided and published in the ECHOES for the use of our churches.

C. R. KITE, President.

G. M. ALWAY, Secretary.

### Report of Central Union Conference

#### The Publishing Work

Several resolutions relating to the publishing work were considered and passed at the late session of the Central Union Conference. And just previous to the Ministerial Institute an enthusiastic convention was held for the bookmen of the two union conferences.

The bookmen reported a most profitable meeting. Some of the reports for 1911 were not so encouraging as was hoped at the beginning of the year. But the field was studied, together with methods of work, and the field agents in attendance all resolved to do extraordinary things during 1912. As they studied the principles of salesmanship they learned that it was nothing less than the science of persuading men, the work to which the Apostle Paul gave his life, and which was consecrated by the

example of our Saviour when upon earth.

Several resolutions were adopted during the conference bearing on the publishing work. One of these was a resolution approving of action of the General Conference relative to the field leadership of this branch of the work, which action was taken at the fall council of 1911. This provides for a unification of the book and magazine work, placing it under one leadership. It also emphasizes the importance of conference laborers looking after the tract and missionary work as they visit the different churches.

A resolution was passed recommending that the different conferences grant conference papers to colporteurs, this to be done in the regular way at the time of the annual conference sessions. These papers will not carry with them any financial support, but will give the moral support of the conferences to worthy workers. Brother Bellah and others in speaking to this resolution referred to instances where they felt sure such papers would have been helpful in holding permanent workers in the field. Two classes of papers were provided for. Colporteurs' credentials were recommended to canvassers who have had a good experience of some length in the field, and colporteurs' license to those of less experience who give promise of success, and who can be recommended to continue in the work.

A resolution was also passed recommending that all canvassers who sell and deliver books during the year having a retail value of at least \$1,000 have their fare and entertainment paid to the annual Bookmen's Convention for this territory. This expense is to be shared jointly by the local conferences and the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

It was voted to adopt the change in the scholarship plan recommended for all our schools and publishing houses by the General Conference. This plan provides a discount of 15 per cent from the regular charge of the school, the school to stand half of the discount, and the tract societies and publishers to divide the other half.

#### Church School Teachers

Instead of providing for a summer school during the coming summer, it was recommended that the local and union conferences unite in aiding worthy teachers to take a year's work in Union College. It was thought this would be more helpful to the teachers than a

course at the summer school could possibly be. And it would be no more expensive to the conferences.

#### Sanitarium Meeting

The regular legal meeting of the constituency of the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium was held during the session of the conference. This constituency consists of the delegates to the Central Union, representing the different conferences in the Union. The following named persons were chosen as a board of trustees for the ensuing biennial period: E. T. Russell, A. T. Robinson, Dr. H. A. Green, C. R. Kite, J. G. Wel-ler, J. S. Rouse, and E. J. Baker. The treasurer, C. E. Rice, rendered his report for the last two years, showing a gain of some \$7,000 for that period.

A resolution was presented to the delegates providing for the incorporation of the Colorado Sanitarium Food Factory. This was voted.

#### Press Reports

One interesting feature of the meeting was the work of the secretary of the General Conference Press Bureau, Brother Walter Burgan. Brother Burgan has had a long experience in the newspaper work, being connected with the Baltimore American for years, a portion of the time as one of the editors.

During the College View meeting he conducted a regular class in newspaper reporting which met every morning at eight. A deep interest was shown in this work. The members of the class were taught how to write a newspaper story so it would be acceptable to the editor of the paper. They were also told the conditions under which a newspaper is prepared, and were shown how to prepare their manuscript to meet the requirements of the newspaper office.

Another feature of the work of Brother Burgan was the furnishing of news to the daily press of Lincoln. Many columns of matter appeared in each of the three daily papers. Among them were some first page articles. The Nebraska State Journal gave several columns on the first page of the editorial section of the two Sunday papers issued during the meeting, stating the work of Seventh-day Adventists. One Sunday there were over three columns devoted to a detailed statement of our belief. These reports brought our work prominently and accurately to the attention of the people of Lincoln and that section of the state of Nebraska.

During the meeting Elder Daniells received letters from the mayor of Nash-

ville, the governor of Tennessee, and other prominent citizens of Nashville inviting our people to hold the next session of the General Conference at that place. This invitation was undoubtedly given because of the attention that was given to our work during the session of the Southern Union Conference which had just been held in Nashville. During that meeting the papers of the city had been generous in granting space for reports. Elder Daniells stated that for years he had been attending general meetings in Nashville, and that practically no newspaper notice had ever been given of their occurrence. But owing to the work of the brethren connected with our Press Bureau this condition was changed. And one result of the work was the invitation received. This invitation carried with it free use of the large auditorium in Nashville, and such other accommodations as would be necessary.

#### Union College

Plans for Union College and the organization of educational work in the two union conferences were carefully and fully considered at joint sessions held Sunday and Monday. After careful and earnest consideration a large committee was appointed to consider the matter further and report at another meeting. This committee consisted of the local presidents in the territory, together with a number of educational men and General Conference laborers present. They brought in the following resolution which was adopted.

"Whereas, There has been a tendency to lower the standard of preparation for service among our young people; and,

"Whereas, We recognize the serious effects of this situation upon our future missionary endeavor,

"We recommend,

"1. That we adopt the general plan of organization as outlined by the General Conference for our denominational work as local conferences in the Central and Northern Union Conferences.

"2. That an earnest educational campaign be inaugurated in these union conferences in behalf of Christian education, that by the mutual co-operation of the local conferences, under God's blessing, we may bring our young people into our various denominational schools,—church, intermediate, and college.

"3. That Union College be placed upon a basis of operation where it will not show a deficit in its operating ex-

penses, and that to accomplish this end the various conferences of the Central and Northern Union Conferences be invited to assume the indebtedness of Union College, less the original debt, and \$20,000 to be retained by the college, the obligation to be divided one-third to the conferences of the Northern Union and two-thirds to the conferences of the Central Union.

"4. That the conferences of each union, in accord with these arrangements, be invited to become responsible for the interest of their apportionment to be made by each union, beginning Jan. 1, 1912.

"5. That the Executive Board of Union College be composed of seven members, at least three of whom shall be from the Northern Union Conference.

"6. That the executive officers of Union College Board be instructed to borrow no more money further increasing the note indebtedness of Union College for its operating expenses after the present school year, and, further, that no equipment be purchased nor accounts payable shall be incurred unless the money is first provided; and that fifty per cent of the net gain of the institution be applied on the indebtedness.

"7. That the conferences of the Northern and Central Unions be asked to support teachers in Union College on the following basis:—

State	Tithe	Member-ship	Teacher
Iowa	\$41,500	2,500	1
Minnesota	36,700	1,550	1
Nebraska	33,200	2,143	2
Colorado	31,000	2,200	1
Kansas	39,000	2,400	1
Wyo. and Mo.	27,500	1,784	1
N. and S. Dak.	31,000	2,100	½
N. U. Conf.			1
C. U. Conf.			

Salary of President

"The wages of each teacher is to be reckoned at \$550 a year."

The 1912 Temperance *Instructor*, "The Temperance Annual," will be dated March 5, and ready to mail before that date. It will eclipse any previous Temperance number both in appearance and contents. The circulation of past Temperance numbers of the *Instructor* has steadily increased as follows:

1908-----	50,000 copies
1909-----	110,000 copies
1910-----	210,000 copies
1911-----	340,000 copies

Will it be reasonable to expect the circulation of the 1912 number will reach a circulation of 500,000 copies?

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### NOTES AND ITEMS.

A large number of expiration notices for the ECHOES has just been mailed out. We trust those to whom they are sent will give them prompt attention, thus helping us to keep our list in first-class shape.

The large number of our readers who are called to work with and for children in our Sabbath schools and children's meetings, will greatly appreciate the series of lessons on "Character Sketches," beginning in the February issue of the *Sabbath School Worker*, and continuing through the year. Any one of these lessons will represent a real value far in excess of the cost of the *Worker* for a full year.

Our stock of the 1912 Year Book is here. The book is exceedingly valuable this year. In addition to the usual information it contains maps showing the division of our work into union and local conferences and mission fields. It also contains many valuable tables relative to the progress and growth of the denomination. Any one who wishes to keep thoroughly informed regarding the work of Seventh-day Adventists should have a copy. The postpaid price is only twenty-five cents.

The membership of the Colorado Conference church now numbers 20. Three of this number are the remaining members of the Villa Grove church, that church having been dropped from the roll since these members joined the Conference church. Five members have been admitted to the Conference church by letter from churches outside this conference, three by letter from the Denver church, two from Canon City, two from Rocky Ford, and one from the church at Boulder. Four have joined on profession of faith. There are many others in different parts of the conference who should unite with us. We will be glad to handle your application for you.

We have heard many words of commendation regarding the new book, Acts

of the Apostles. Those who have read the new book and also the former book by the same author, *Sketches from the Life of Paul*, state emphatically that the new book is far better. It covers a period in the history of the Christian church that should be very familiar to all our people. It deals with the organization of the first churches, and studies the perplexities they had to meet. The fact that we have just covered the ground in our Sabbath school lessons gives us an added reason for needing the book now. After studying the period in detail a reading of Acts of the Apostles will give us a correct view of it all, and help us to fix the chief events and experiences firmly in mind.

The price of Acts of the Apostles is \$1.50 in the cloth, and \$2.00 in the flexible leather binding, both prices including postage.

WANTED—Work on a ranch with Seventh-day Adventists. I am used to farm work in Colorado. John L. Anderson, 1112 Kalamath St., Denver, Colo.

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COLORADO TRACT SOCIETY.

## FINANCE CORNER

Itemized statement of cash receipts in the Colorado Conference toward the \$300,000 Fund (including the Investment Fund), from its beginning to Jan. 10, 1912:

CHURCH	\$300,000 FUND	INVESTMENT FUND	TOTAL
Alamosa.....			
Arvada.....	\$ 10.25		\$ 10.25
Bennett.....	30.00	\$ 3.70	33.70
Berthoud.....	272.50	17 05	289.55
Boulder.....	135.10	3.96	139.06
Brighton.....	14.00		14.00
Canon City.....	60.55		60.55
Colorado Springs	105.80		105.80
Cripple Creek..	2.00		2.00
Denver, First...	581.88	17.10	598.98
Capitol Hill....	67.82	3.50	71.32
Denver, Swedish	10.20	7.30	17.50
Denver, Third..	15.00		15.00
Florence.....	11.00		11.00
Fort Collins....	58.50		58.50
Fort Morgan....	14.40	21.05	35.45
Greeley.....	31.75	20.10	51.85
Hygiene, Eng...	8.00	8.70	16.70
Hygiene, Ger....	74.10		74.10
Idaho Springs...	75.50		75.50
La Junta.....	25.16		25.16
Lamar.....	34.00	103.25	137.25
La Veta.....	15.00		15.00
Longmont.....	78.35	3.35	81.70
Loveland, Eng..	55.00		55.00
Loveland, Ger...	48.10	7.65	55.75
Monte Vista....	10.50		10.50
Niwot.....	50.00	18.20	68.20
Peaceful Valley.	9.25	10.00	19.25
Pueblo.....	88.98	8.25	97.23
Rocky Ford....	63.60		63.60
Salida.....	22.00		22.00
Trinidad.....	9.00		9.00
Victor.....	15.00	5.20	20.20
Villa Grove....	10.00		10.00
Wentz.....	120.00	51.35	171.35
West Plains....			
Wray.....	50.00	19.45	69.45
Yuma.....	32.50		32.50
Isolated.....	89.35	19.05	108.40
TOTAL.....	\$2,404.14	\$348.21	\$2752.35

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