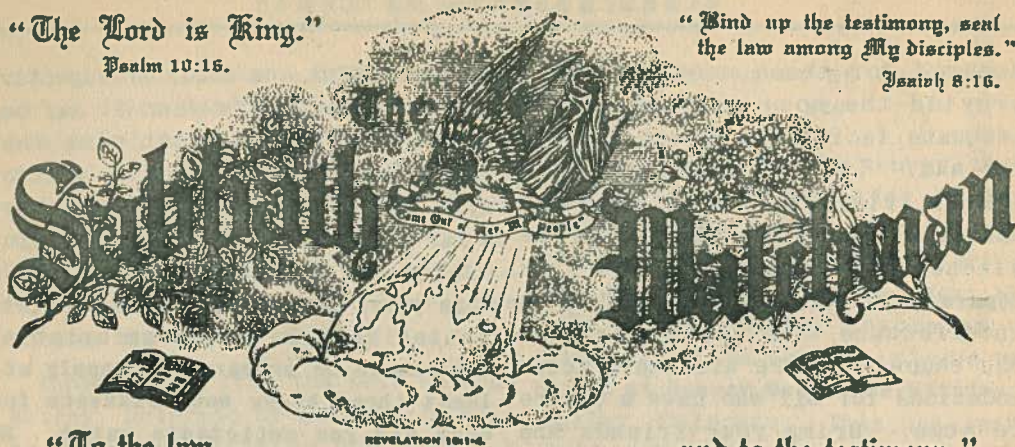


"The Lord is King."
Psalm 10:16.

"Bind up the testimony, seal
the law among My disciples."
Isaiah 8:16.



"To the law —

— and to the testimony."

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Mid-West Field Conference

TO BE HELD JUNE 4 - 8, 1952.

AT "CAMP IDRA-HA-JE"

NEAR BAILEY, COLORADO.

Our believers will be happy to learn that arrangements have been made to conduct a spiritual feast in the interest of God's people. Many of our believers take yearly vacations, and what could be more profitable than to spent it in the mountains, near to God, in company with others of like faith? We are sure that none of our believers have ever been disappointed in these spiritual gatherings out in God's nature. The beauty, the quietness, and even the cool nights, are invigorating, both physically and spiritually. Only those, who will attend, can experience this peace, joy and satisfaction. Surely, you cannot afford to miss out on it.

for the American Union Committee. The general advancement of the cause, both nationally and inter-nationally, presents new problems and added responsibilities, which can only be met by prayer and counsel. Special instruction will also be given to our people, so that they will be better prepared to give Bible studies and engage in the Home Missionary Work. With the help of the Lord, we shall endeavor to take advantage of every moment and make it profitable. All preliminary arrangements will be made so that the Conference will be officially opened on WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 4, 8.00 P.M. Please plan your program so as to arrive on time.

In addition to being a Field Conference, this convention will also serve as a special Spring Counsel

DESCRIPTION OF CAMP AND ITS LOCATION

We feel that the camp we have

secured for these meetings, will provide the most convenient and adequate facilities of any we have yet had. It is a new place. The chapel, kitchen, dining room and cabins are neat and clean. As the kitchen and dining hall are in a separate building, there will be no interference with the services in the chapel. There are ample accommodations for all who have a desire to come. Bring your friends and relatives also. Let us make the meetings a real success and a great blessing.

Each cabin is equipped with a heater, which will be helpful in removing the usual morning chill. Beside the regular chapel, there is an outdoor meeting place which we know will be enjoyed especially by the young people. There is a piano in the chapel and one in the dining hall. This will afford an opportunity for practice for those who plan to have special programs or songs.

The camp is located on a hillside, overlooking a distant valley. Our older believers will be happy to know that it is situated on only a very gentle slope and that there are no unpleasant rocks, but rather grass throughout the camp grounds.

It is located approximately 40 miles Southwest of Denver, Colorado. Approximately 10 miles Northeast of Bailey, Colorado.

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

As in the past, it will be necessary for our believers and visiting friends to provide their own pillows, linens and blankets. May we again caution you: the nights in

the mountains are cold, irrespective of what time of the year it may be. Despite of our earnest plea last year, that everyone provide sufficient for their comfort, there were some who did not have enough. Please do not make such a mistake this year, for nothing is more disturbing than to be uncomfortable. **You should be prepared to supply at least three heavy wool blankets for each bed you anticipate using.** So again: please do not make the mistake of bringing too little. You need not bring any cooking utensils, knives, forks, spoons, or dishes. These are furnished. You need not make any preparation for food, as it will be prepared and served on the grounds.

May we again urge you to come. Bring the family, friends of the truth and relatives. Neither you nor they will be disappointed, we are sure. God has a blessing in store for you. Do not let this opportunity to improve your spirituality pass by. Time is short and we must make the preparations for the impending conflict now! Let us heed the counsel of the beloved apostle Paul: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:25.

LOCATION OF CAMP IDRA-HA-JE:

Camp Idra-Ha-Je is located just off U.S. Highway 285, approximately 45 miles Southwest of Denver, Colorado. When coming by automobile from Denver, you go 6 miles beyond "Schaffers Crossing" on U.S. 285. 6 miles beyond "Schaffers Crossing"

you will see a sign: "Camp Idra-Ha-Je". Other landmarks at this point are a K-Z Ranch sign and a long row of mail boxes. Turn right at this point and continue until you get to the camp grounds. The camp is located on the left hand side of this road and has Idra-Ha-Je written across the top of the entrance.

Those coming from the West through Bailey, Colorado by automobile will go through Bailey on U.S. 285 to a point 4 miles beyond that town. The name Camp Idra-Ha-Je cannot be read coming from this direction. So please watch for a long row of mail boxes and the sign to the K-Z Ranch four miles beyond Bailey (toward Denver). At this row of mail boxes and the K-Z Ranch sign you will turn left, preceeding on this road until you get to the camp grounds. The camp is located on the left hand side of this road and has the name Idra-Ha-Je written across the top of the entrance.

ATTENTION THOSE COMING BY BUS OR TRAIN:

It is best to take a bus or train directly to Denver, Colorado. However, if coming from the West, one can go through Bailey and get off in that town, depending upon what bus-line you take. You may best consult

your ticket agent as to the best route to take by bus.

When you arrive in Denver, telephone either **DEXter 0746** or **PLaza 50137**. Someone will either arrange to take you to the camp or direct you accordingly. In the event that you cannot contact anyone at the above telephone numbers, please take a bus at **Denver Union Bus Station** to Bailey, Colorado. This bus leaves daily at **1:00 P.M.** At Bailey you will be able to arrange for transportation to the camp, as it is only about 5 miles. Please remember the name of the camp: **IDRA-HA-JE**.

ATTENTION EVERYONE:

It would be helpful in arranging accomodations at the camp and transportation to the camp, if those coming would (if possible and you definitely know the time) notify the Union Office, address as follows: **INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY, 1411 So. Glencoe, Denver 7, Colorado,** or telephone Denver, Colorado, **DEXter 0746** or **PLaza 50137**. If this could be done a few days before the opening day of the Conference, June 4th, it would be greatly appreciated by the responsible brethren. Please give information how you are coming, and when you expect to arrive (auto, train, or bus). **THE BRETHERN**

TO OUR BELIEVERS EVERYWHERE

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto Him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto Him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise. **For the word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is**

full of the goodness of the Lord." Psalms 33: 1-5.

We feel confident that our believers are always interested in reading reports of the progress of the cause and the various experiences of brethren and sisters, having a part in them. For this reason we are con-

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Report from the Union Office

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30.

As we pen these various experiences, which we have been privileged to make in the missionary field, we again live in memory in the time of their occurrence and they will long reverberate in our hearts and minds. In the light of these missionary experiences we can appreciate and understand better the words of the Wise Man: "... he that winneth souls is wise." Those, who choose the field of soul-winning as their life's work, have made a very wise decision, and they will be fruitful, even as a tree, yes as a "tree of life", which is planted "by the rivers of waters."

Only a few weeks after the Conference at Bailey, Colorado, we had the privilege of baptizing four dear souls and accepting them into the fellowship of the Denver, Colorado church. Among these were three young people. The faith and courage of these young people, taking this new step, proved a great inspiration to the fine group of young people we already had. It is impossible to describe and express the beautiful experiences in the Home Missionary Work, which we have been privileged to make with these young people. As we went out with the printed page on various days, we had the satisfaction that we were instrumental in bringing the message to a world in darkness. This was indeed God's plan of promulgating

the truth. Many were the blessings and great the joys we received. We shall continue this inspiring work.

MISSION TRIP TO THE WEST COAST

Early in the month of November it became necessary for us to make a mission trip to the West Coast. A severe blizzard was raging in the Rockies a few days before our departure, but God was good. The weather cleared so that we had a very fine trip, without any misfortunes, and the blessings of God accompanied us everywhere.

The first portion of our mission was devoted to visiting some dear souls in the state of Idaho. It had been a long time since we had seen these dear ones. But our hearts were still in tune with heaven and one another, as we had been connected with the same fountain, Christ Jesus. In addition to the devotional studies, we could make some other visits in this state. All too soon we had to leave, as we had an invitation to be in Oregon at a designated time.

We found our believers in this state very happy and rejoicing in the Lord. Some, though handicapped by recent misfortunes, could bring to us rays of joy and happiness. We pray that we may have served a similar purpose to them.

It was our privilege to make some unusual experiences with some, who were not members of our church, and while at that moment we could not see any visible results, we feel that our efforts have not been in

vain. We have since received some good correspondence, after our departure, and we feel confident that the truly honest in heart will find their way into the one true fold. The Pacific Northwest is a promising field, and we wish to urge upon our believers the need of their prayers for this region. The usual heavy rainfall of Oregon could not dampen our spirits.

From there we went on to California, anxiously looking forward to seeing our believers there. Elder Kramer was very busy, having just completed moving the Publishing Office to a new location. This was also time for printing the annual 'Week of Prayer' and 'Quarterlies' for the new year. We could assist brother Kramer in this work, which in turn gave him a little relief in the publishing department, so that he could do some other missionary work. We were privileged to have a number of good meetings in California, one of which was a public lecture in the interest of non-Adventist relatives of our church members in Sacramento. The Lord came very near in this special meeting, and we feel confident that it served to promote better Christian relations between us and those not of our faith.

Besides the meetings we could also make a number of good visits in this state, some with church members, others with newly interested souls. We could counsel with the Sacramento church relative to their building program. They have purchased a suitable piece of land and are making a very fine effort to promote this program, which undoubtedly will prove a blessing to the church there. They will

greatly appreciate your prayers in their behalf, especially now in this great undertaking. When we left Sacramento for Southern California, we all rejoiced that we had once more been privileged to labor together for the advancement of God's cause.

In Los Angeles we could visit souls whom we had not seen for some time. We also made visits to the homes of relatives of our believers, who are not members of this movement, and we had nice discourses with them.

Our final stop in California was at La Jolla. We spent a blessed Sabbath with Elder and Sister Welp, Sen., and the other ones of the believers in La Jolla. We could discuss and counsel concerning some problems of international interest. We are thankful that we have these pioneers of the movement in our midst. The experiences and understanding of Elder Welp in international problems, that often confront the people of God, proves invaluable to us. Even though they both are well up in years, their courage is unfaltering and their faith undimmed. The cause of God is as precious to them, as it was many years ago, when it was first established. They are deserving of our prayers as they so faithfully remember all the believers in all the world in their earnest petitions to the throne of Grace. Nothing is of greater interest to them than to see the work of God prosper and come to a finish, so that Jesus can come and take us home to glory.

On Sunday morning, December 2nd, we bade farewell to California and began our return journey to Color-

ado. The Lord was very good to us on this extremely long journey, giving us reasonable health and, above all, His rich blessings. We were very happy to see our dear loved ones again, and it was especially encouraging to us to find that the local group there had prospered so well spiritually in our absence. It always gives the ministering brethren courage to know that the believers are established in the truth and can stand alone.

Elder Stabel and family, as well as several others from Colorado, were privileged to spend some profitable days with the company of believers in Shattuck, Oklahoma, during the "Week of Prayer." The group there is also of good courage and wants to undertake some missionary activities in the near future, the Lord willing. God abundantly blessed us in the readings and prayer services. From reports we have received, we feel that this was also true of the other believers in the various parts of the States.

Very recently Elder Doerschler was richly blessed on a mission trip to the Eastern part of the United States and Canada. On his way he could spend a few days with the church in St. Louis. We have a good interest in that city and can see that God is working in a mighty way. The visits in Kalamazoo and Detroit, Michigan, were also sources of inspiration to Elder Doerschler and he could encourage the believers in each locality. In Detroit he could make some visits with brother and sister Pfaff. One especially interesting experience was a visit in the home of an interested family

whom the Lord, through a dream, had brought in contact with the believers in Trenton, Michigan.

In New York City Elder Doerschler met a family who were immigrating to this country. He accompanied them to Denver, where they now make their home. Space will not permit to relate all the experiences, but Elder Doerschler was greatly strengthened and encouraged as a result of this mission and assured us that the believers in the various places expressed a like conviction.

We are indeed thankful for the young people in the local church here in Denver. They are very active and through their unselfish efforts we have been able to swell our visitors in both the Sabbath and prayermeeting services. We have begun a new series of Bible studies with a nice group of young people. We also have several interested souls from Laodicea with whom we are studying. Will you not please pray for all these interests? Let us not forget to mention the new family from Europe, who are progressing so wonderfully in this newly found faith.

We have the confidence that the Lord is blessing the work in every region of the land. Our people are of good courage, and amid the hindrances that Satan endeavors to place before us, we press on. We have just completed the publication of 10 000 new "Herald of the Truth," and we pray that our members everywhere will make good use of them in the Home Missionary Work. For all these and the many other blessings we are thankful, and

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REPORT

from

St. Louis

"But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly:..."
Hebrews 11:16.

No more appropriate words could be found to express the desires of our hearts, following the conclusion of a number of spiritual feasts we were privileged to enjoy during Elder Doerschler's recent visit to St. Louis, Mo.

He spent an entire week in the city, therefore we were privileged to have him hold two Sabbath services, besides a blessed meeting held Sunday evening Sept. 30th in the home of Sister Stelling, where a group of relatives and friends had gathered for the occasion.

In Elder Doerschler's first Sabbath sermon, his chosen topic was about "Heaven and How To Obtain It." I feel certain that every one present felt a keener desire than ever for that "better country," as the above verse states.

In his Sunday evening discourse he reminded us again that the straight and narrow road to heaven will not be walked without difficulties, yet we were told that eternal life is not only in the future; its beginning can be lived and known even now. The hearts of the listeners were impressed, I do believe, as he compared the narrow path with the great Broadways of today. We are travelers to the "house of many mansions, which God has prepared for those who love Him and keep His commandments," were the closing, comforting thoughts.

During the rest of his stay in our city, Elder Doerschler visited in

the homes of interested souls, as well as in the homes of Sister Stelling's daughters and their families, who feel very friendly toward this movement, and of which some are already giving the Lord His own tithe.

The last Sabbath day, which we were privileged to spend together, seemed the most precious one, because we had the blessed opportunity of having Elder Doerschler hold the Lord's Supper with us. Thus we were refreshed anew in learning once more that, in having committed ourselves to Christ, and having partaken of these holy symbols, we had taken Jesus' spirit and life into our own bodies. Only those, who have the vision of His tears, can possess His cup. We prayed for the willingness to give our all, and to sacrifice for the Master, and to make us worthy of this cup of His salvation. "Drink ye all of it," we were told, is the challenge of the Master. He indeed drank all that was in the cup and He reserved for us its true meaning.

The Lord came very near in all the meetings and we were deeply moved by the Spirit of God. We all expressed our gratitude to Him, from whom all blessings flow, in sending to us, once again, one of His good servants of His vineyard to serve us in Christian love and brotherhood.

May our Lord Jesus help us to shine among men for His name's honor and glory.

Your Sister in the blessed hope,

SUSAN NEWPHER

California

FIELD REPORT

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10.

Greetings To The Loved Ones In Christ Everywhere!

As we pen these lines, we do it with great joy in our heart, for the Lord has been with us here in the West in a marvelous way. Right here, where the enemy of souls had erected his bulwark against the faithful remnant for the last few years, many a battle has been fought and many a precious victory has been won. Praise be to His holy name!

Ever since 1937, when we left Michigan to settle here in the West, we have seen the miraculous hand of Omnipotence on many occasions, stretching forth His hand to safeguard His children. And our confidence is strong to see this precious cause of Reformation vindicated.

Our little band of believers here in the heart of beautiful California has been standing as an ensign to those of Laodicea. In a land of plenty, where fruits and foods of all kinds thrive in abundance, and where the climatical conditions make life most pleasant, true godliness is a rare thing. Nowhere, perhaps, is on the other hand the "form of godliness" more outstandingly revealed than here in the West. Temples of great magnificence adorn the broad avenues everywhere. In many of these the voice of the True and

Faithful Witness has been heard in past years, as presented by the faithful sentinels of this reform.

It seems rather obvious that the enemy of souls, who never sleeps, was particularly worried about the growth of the influence of the reform here. So, since 1948, he has planted his evil banner right into our city Sacramento, trying to confuse minds as to the original Reform Movement. But praise to God, who has delivered His true children and set their feet upon a rock. Today the cause of true reform is still waving its banner high, and the outlook is brighter at the moment than in the past.

Since, by the grace of God, our church-group is quite solidly founded, and well organized, the lack of a suitable house of worship was keenly felt by all. But it took one of our dear sisters to stir up our dormant minds to a realization that something constructive ought to be done in this respect. Inquiries of many interested souls as to the whereabouts of our meeting place, which then was at a remote location, quickened our actions. We saw the leadings of our heavenly Father in that we were able to dispose of our old meeting place, and by doing so, pay in full for the present building site here in Sacramento. We wish to herewith graciously acknowledge also the wonderful support that others of our dear believers elsewhere have given us in their love-offerings for this project. Now we are working for the accomplishment of our goal to see a humble house of worship erected, that may become a lighthouse for many a weary soul in this dark and troubled world. Will you pray with us toward this end?

God's church on earth is a working church. With this in mind our dear believers have set out on a special missionary endeavor. So far every second Sunday we forget about our earthly pursuits and devote some time for house-to-house visits, with our papers in hand. And what precious experiences have been ours! In contrast with those not of our faith, how glistens the precious truth which we profess! How happy are our hearts when we can set aside with a clear "Thus saith the Lord" the strongholds of darkness. New life pulsates through our whole spiritual being. It may well be compared with the invigorating effects experienced by one, who has been in a sitting position for a longer period of time, and then takes in a healthy exercise. Too many church-goers are dormant listeners, sitting quietly in meetings, but lacking the exercise of practical missionary work. If all our churches, groups and individual members would rally to go out in earnest endeavor, what a great change in our spiritual life would be affected!

Sabbath mornings we gather for study and worship, in which we drink freely from the fountain of life. The afternoon, instead of spending it in indolence, we have begun to divert into a very blessed channel. With many of us gifted with a voice that can "sing and make melody", we go out and visit the sick and the shut-ins. We call this our "Sunshine Band". And, oh the grateful hearts for such heavenly sunshine, that drives away the gray, forbidding clouds of sadness, gloom and despair. This being followed by a fitting reading of the promises of our heavenly Father and a closing prayer, is missionary work of the highest

rank, worthy of imitation everywhere by all members, young and old.

Doors have opened of late again by those who are showing an interest in present truth. Let us pray for these souls, that they may be led to embrace Jesus as their personal Savior.

We were greatly delighted to have our dear brethren from Denver in our midst during the latter part of 1951. Their visit proved a great inspiration and help to us. We could sit as brethren in counsel about the publishing work here and lay some concrete plans for the future. During their visit we had also a special meeting at the Y.W.C.A., which proved a great blessing to us, as well as our invited friends who attended.

Indeed, "Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Psalms 16:11. No other joy, no other pleasure equals that of a true Christian, for it is pure and elevating, everlasting and beneficial to body and soul. Let us therefore answer to the heavenly call for earnest workers with a decided "Here am I; send me!" If our lips are touched with heavenly sanctification, we cannot but speak of those things, which we have seen and heard.

Bro. O. Kramer

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surely we cannot find more appropriate words to express our thankfulness than those expressed by the Psalmist: "Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart." "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the

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city of our God, in the mountain of
holiness." Psalms 73:1; 48:1.

Your Brethren
E. J. STABEL, A. W. DOERSCHLER

Asleep in Jesus

We were profoundly touched by the
sad news that our dear sister

GRACE, GERTENA WEIMER
of Petaluma, California, had passed
to her final rest on December 23,
1951, at the age of nearly 75 years.
It made us sad, because we dearly
loved this sister for her wonderful
Christian spirit and unwavering
faith, which proved a great inspir-
ation to others. With unbroken
fidelity she served the Lord, stand-
ing as an isolated member, when
others forsook the colors. Her
favored expression will long be
remembered: "I am not a switch-
button!" And thus she victoriously
went to her rest, waiting for the

voice of the Archangel to call her
forth on the morning of resurrexction,
when we expect to see her again.

The undersigned had the privilege
to speak to the audience of mourners
words of comfort and admonition. The
life of her, who received strength
from day to day, as she drank from
Calvary's never-ceasing fountain,
tells us in resounding words to ac-
cept Christ as our personal Saviour.

May those, who are left behind,
husband, children and relatives,
have heard the sweet voice of Him
at this occasion, who is calling
them to follow after the footsteps
of mother, as she followed Jesus.
Then, too, they may meet her again
in that land where we will never
say "Good-bye".

Bro. O. KRAMER

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fining this issue to reports, and to
announcements concerning the Field
Conference to be held in the state
of Colorado, June 4 to 8 of this
year.

We recognize that it is only
through the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ, that we can bring you these
reports of the work in general.
Words are inadequate to describe the
joys and blessings that have been
received by those who had a part in
these experiences. It is our earnest
prayer that you, dear believer, may
be richly blessed as you read them.
Truly, it gives us every reason to
be greatly encouraged. Shall we not
continue to sustain the cause by our
earnest, persevering prayers, and by
our liberal and timely sacrifices?

THE BRETHREN