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A SOLITARY WAY.

No matter what nor where our lot may be,
 Each heart, mysterious even to itself,
 Must live its inner life in solitude.
 And would you know why this is so?
 It is because the Lord desires your love.
 In every heart he wishes to be first;
 He therefore keeps the secret key himself
 To open all its chambers, and to bless
 With perfect sympathy and holy peace
 Each solitary soul that comes to him.
 So when you feel this utter loneliness,
 It is—it is the voice of Jesus saying,
 "Come to me."
 And every time we are not understood
 It is his call for us to come again.
 For Christ can satisfy the hungry soul,
 And those who walk with him from day to
 day
 Can never have a "solitary way."
 Burns.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

DEAL GENTLY WITH ALL.

During the past few months I have felt sad many times over the treatment of some who have been dropped from our church records without proper labor.
 I believe many of us, in our zeal to get people to unite with the church, do not properly instruct them that they may be established in all points of the message, and they soon become discouraged, and the next thing is to drop their names from the records if they fail to report.
 My brethren in the ministry, and

church elders, we need to be more careful in receiving members, and in our dealings with them in church fellowship, especially with the young.

About thirty-five years ago the church of which I was clerk passed a resolution that all who did not report each quarter, either by person or by letter, should be disfellowshipped. As a result of trying to live up to that resolution we turned out some God-fearing members, and had to acknowledge our mistake. It is hard for some people to express their desires on paper, and while they are isolated shall we make their lot harder by dropping their names?

God has told us in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew just how to deal with the erring and unless we follow his instructions we shall make matters worse. Vol. 7, pp. 262-264, also tells us how we should proceed.

"No church officer should advise, no committee should recommend, nor should any church vote, that the name of a wrong doer shall be removed from the church books until the instruction given by Christ has been faithfully followed. When this instruction has been followed the church has cleared herself before God. The evil must then be made to appear as it is, and must be removed, that it may not become more and more widespread."

"Matters of grave import come up for settlement by the church. God's ministers, ordained by him as guides for his people, after doing their part, are to submit the whole matter to the church, that there may be unity in the decision made."

After spending months visiting our churches and isolated people I do not need to be told that there are names on our records that should not be

there, but brethren and sisters, let us move carefully in dealing with these erring ones, and first, do all we can to win them back, realizing that "if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." O, for more of the gentleness of Christ in dealing with each other in our Conference, in our church and in our home work, and we shall not see so many giving up the truth.

GEO. O. STATES.

THE TRACT WORK.

My heart goes out in thanksgiving to our dear Father in heaven for the revival of the spirit that characterized the giving of the message in the years past. I well remember the faithful ones going from home to home with tracts and papers laden with the precious truth, and many hungry souls feeding thereon.

I also thank you, dear brethren and sisters of the Colorado Conference, for your hearty co-operation in this grand work.

Many thousand tracts are leaving our office, to be placed by willing hands in the homes of the people. May this good work go on until every family in Colorado and New Mexico may know that our Lord is coming, and coming soon. Let us work while the day lasts.

Send in your orders for tracts, and they will be promptly filled.

G. F. WATSON.

"It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say he is one who never inflicts pain."

"A good word is an easy obligation; but not to speak ill, requires only our silence, which costs us nothing."

FIELD REPORTS.

CALHAN.

The cause is onward in this vicinity. Two more have lately begun the observance of the Lord's day, making seven in all since I first came here. With one exception they live near each other, which makes it convenient for them to come together for Sabbath-school and meetings.

I am now holding meetings in a school house about five miles north of Calhan. The attendance is increasing. Urgent calls have come from two other places for me to go and hold meetings with them. I am of good courage.

J. F. JENSON.

LEADVILLE.

Our Convention was opened at ten a. m. with a song by the school. Sister Evans read the fourth chapter of Malachi, and Brother Alway offered prayer. "The Object of Our School" was presented by the superintendent, Alma Moore. Papers were read by Brother Gage and Sister Peck. Brother Alway spoke of one of "The Needs of Our School," as being consecration. A paper was read by Sister Cossor on "Reverence." The children took part in the exercises, and added much by their singing and recitations. We all felt that it was good for us to be there.

MRS. J. COSSOR.

PITKIN.

Very interesting sessions were held at our Sabbath-school Convention at Pitkin, February fourteenth. Papers both interesting and instructive were read and discussed, nearly all present taking part in the discussions.

The program as given in ECHOES was to have been carried out in full, but one subject was omitted because the writer was called away. Papers by Brother Will Pearson, Sister Eva Conklin and Maggie Pearson, with singing, occupied the morning hour.

We met again at two o'clock p. m. and gave the time to the children. Papers were read by Lulu Pearson, Gladys Ivy, Byron Conklin, Marie Brimer, Byron Pearson, Susie Knopp, Ida Ivy, L. S. Barger and J. F. Pearson.

The day was a pleasant and profitable one to all present, including a number of visitors. We only wish convention days might come more frequently.

MAUDE M. KNOPP.

GRAND JUNCTION.

The Sabbath-school at Grand Junction held its Convention Sabbath, February fourteenth. The first paper, entitled "How Shall We Secure a More Thorough Preparation of the Lesson?" was read by Sister Garten, and followed by an interesting discussion. "How Shall We Meet the Demand for Sabbath-school Teachers?" by Brother Barton. The next thing on the program was a recitation, "The Leper," by Nellie Dowden.

In the afternoon session Sister Neilson read a paper on "The Home Department." A duet, "Whispering Hope," was rendered by Jennie and Katie Berray. Sister McReynolds presented "The Greatest Need in Our Sabbath-school." "Kindergarten Demonstration" was given by Sister Hatton.

The Convention was not as well attended as we had hoped on account of the bitter cold weather, but an interesting discussion followed each paper, and I am sure each one derived much good from our Convention.

GRACE DOWDEN.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

I came here a short time ago at the request of the Conference Committee and found the little band of commandment keepers of good courage, although sickness and death had caused them to drop their weekly meetings for a short time. Of a membership of twenty-five or thirty but five live near enough to attend the meetings. We have begun the regular services again, and all enjoy them.

Though few in number, they are active in missionary work. Twenty-five copies of the Signs of The Times are received and distributed each week, beside the loaning of books and tracts. We have ordered three hundred tracts, "We Would See Jesus," and these are being placed in every home in the town. We expect to follow these with the succeeding numbers of the special series, and we hope for good results.

This place is a pleasure resort, and the people care but little for the eternal pleasures, but we are finding some who are glad to study the Bible with us. We are of good courage, but feel the need of the prayers of the ECHOES family. Every member here reads ECHOES.

L. A. SPRING.

ORDER NOW.

To our Sabbath-school secretaries and others ordering Sabbath-school quarterlies we would say, if you wish them in time you must order in time. The quarterlies are sent out at pound rates and therefore cannot be mailed every day. If your order reaches us just after we have mailed our second-class matter it must wait until it is time to send out second-class matter again, which is not more than once each week. If all orders were sent in early they could be filled in time and no one would be disappointed. Some secretaries wait until Thursday or Friday preceding the Sabbath on which the quarterlies are needed, then send in a hasty order with the request to "send them in time for next Sabbath." We usually find these orders waiting for us on the following Sunday morning, and we wonder why such impossible things are expected. Others wait till the first Sabbath of the new quarter has passed then sometime during the following week forward their order asking that the quarterlies be sent "at once." In such cases the Sabbath-school is without quarterlies two Sabbaths when it would be such an easy matter to have them in ample time.

Please send in your orders now, and do not keep your school waiting unnecessarily.

H.

OBITUARY.

I write these few words to say that one of the lights and joys of our home has gone out until the resurrection morn, when the Master shall call his own, and the cruel grave shall give up her dead. On Feb. 26 our oldest child, Dora M., died of membranous croup, and on Sabbath we laid her to rest in the Sterling cemetery to await the Master's call. She would have been four years old March 9.

A few words of consolation and admonition, and a few words of prayer were spoken by our Brother, T. J. Landrum.

J. H. and GATHA LANDRUM

We have almost reached the close of another quarter, and are sending out the quarterly report blanks to the proper ones where we have their names and addresses. We earnestly hope that these will be attended to without delay. Please fill them out and return them as soon as the quarter is closed to the proper ones.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

GATHER IN THE CHILDREN.

Slowly but surely the branch Sabbath-school work is coming to be regarded as effective missionary work. These branch schools can be conducted wherever a few children can be gathered together. The following extract from a letter shows what may be done by an isolated family:—

"A year ago mother and I were talking to a neighbor lady about the training of children in spiritual things. We told her that we had our lessons every Sabbath, and invited her children to meet with us. The next Sabbath two bright boys, aged ten and twelve, came and studied with us. They said if we would have a Sunday-school they would come every time, but they were needed to work on Saturdays. We thought it would be best to have them come when they could, although we would have much preferred having them come on Sabbath. They came four or five Sundays and became so interested that we told them to bring others. They did some real missionary work, and so did we. All children love my mother, and she invited every one she could. The two boys and two others have come nearly every time since. Others have come as they could get a chance. Some times we have had as many as thirty at a time. Every one seems so interested when they come, but it is hard to keep the large number coming right along.

"The children all know that we keep the Sabbath, and we make every explanation of Christ's words and example, point to the commandments of God. Those who have come every time know about Christ's soon coming, and the judgment and resurrection. Each week a card with a scripture text written on it is given to each child and they are very much interested in learning the verses. They have learned nearly all of the Sermon on the Mount, besides many proverbs and other familiar texts."

Another sister living in a large city began last fall to hold a branch Sabbath-school at her home on Sabbath afternoons. She invited the children of the neighborhood to attend. In a recent letter she says:—

"Our regular attendance is about thirty, but when I can do a little vis-

iting, we have as high as seventy. Many of the children would not miss our school for anything. A number of the boys are ready to leave any play to come. I am getting acquainted with the parents, and am selling some 'Object Lessons.' This work is branching out into many openings for good missionary work. I use the *Little Friend* lessons in the school, and illustrate them as well as I can."

In one place there are four branch schools held regularly on Sabbath afternoon, besides the regular Sabbath-school held Sabbath morning. One of our ministers in writing of this place says: "One great advantage of the branch work is the keeping of the young people busy in the Lord's work on Sabbath. It also helps to develop in them a spirit of work. It also opens the way for other lines of work. When people know we are doing what we can to help their children, they become more friendly and some are asking questions upon themes, which, if studied, will lead them into the truth."

Some of our workers in mission fields have found this plan a helpful one. Sister Minnie Hoffman, in Finland, writes of a branch school which she has been holding in Borga. In addition to the teaching of the Bible lesson to these children which she had gathered together, she told them of the people in other countries. These little Finnish children became so interested in the heathen in Africa that they obtained from their parents and friends a donation of \$9.80 for our African Mission.

Once more we desire to call the attention of the readers of this paper to the testimony which says: "Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will in turn take it into the home circle." Does not the witness of these who are carrying on the branch Sabbath-school work, prove that God is ready now to fulfill His promise? Surely what these have done, many others could be doing.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

We are behind in this work—why need this be? Every school in the Conference should take an active interest and have a decided part in our Home

Department work. This department is designed to reach all those who, from any cause are unable to attend our Sabbath-schools, including both our own people and those who are not.

The spirit of Christ is the missionary spirit and this spirit will lead you to seek for the interested and the honest ones and to place them in touch with the message of to-day. We must also do all we possibly can to encourage and keep in contact with those of our own people who are denied the privileges of the Sabbath-school. In every community there are those who would like to study our lessons, but who cannot come to the school. Let these be sought out. See that the secretary of the school secures from the state secretary some Home Department report blanks; each quarter be sure and supply every home member with a report blank and a quarterly at least. It is expected that they will study the lesson in their home each Sabbath at the time appointed for the school to meet, and that they will fill out their blanks and forward them, at the close of the quarter, to the school with which they are connected. Then there are our scattered Sabbath keepers who are too far away to attend. Every one of these should be members of the Home Department of the nearest school. We hope every school will obtain a supply of the necessary blanks and at once commence the enlistment of members.

The superintendent is the one first responsible, and we hope you will not lose one day in putting this plan in active operation. Encourage every member to have a part in it. Here is a most excellent work for the assistant secretaries; to look after the details of this branch and personally, or through assistants, correspond with all out-of-town members of the department and visit those in town and see that all are supplied with blanks, quarterlies, etc. Of course, in small schools these duties will fall upon the secretary.

Secretaries will please note that the quarterly report blank for your school has a space in which to report the number belonging to the Home Department.

We will be glad to answer any questions concerning this matter through the columns of the ECHOES.

DR. WILLARD W. HILLS.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Judge C. C. Holbrook and F. W. Ford called at the office last Wednesday.

Mrs. Jennie Dailey has gone to California to spend a couple of months with her Sister, Mrs. Fuqua.

Brother Watson Ziegler is conducting a series of meetings in the church at Ft. Collins. May God give the increase.

Brother Grant Adkins has preached in the Congregational church at Littleton several Sunday evenings by special request.

About a dozen of our young people in Denver joined the Life Boat workers and several hundred copies of that excellent little journal were sold in the City.

Mrs. L. A. Spring left Denver recently to join her husband at Glenwood Springs, where he has been laboring for several weeks. May God bless them in their work.

There was a mistake in the annual offerings reported from the church at Farmington. The amount donated was twenty-nine dollars and forty cents instead of forty dollars, as reported.

Elder H. M. J. Richards spent Sabbath, March 7, with the church at Colorado Springs. From there he went to Fruita to look after the work in his district. Let our prayers go with him.

Mrs. Kate Ziegler of Ft. Collins spent a few hours with her nieces, Mrs. Dunham and Mrs. Herrell, last week, on her way to Nebraska, where she was called by the sickness of friends.

Mrs. Van Atta and Miss Adams of Telluride were in Denver last week. Sister Van Atta expects to go East for a visit with relatives, and Sister Adams will join the nurses' training class in Boulder.

Mrs. Ada Smith and daughter Besie of Cripple Creek are visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Brother and Sister Rees of Kansas City, Missouri. We are sorry to learn that Sister Rees is in very poor health.

Elder Merrill of the Kansas Conference made a short visit to Colorado last week. He spent Sabbath in Boulder and preached to the church at that place. He gave the office a pleasant call as he passed through Denver.

Brother and Sister E. C. Porter of Boulder passed through Denver the ninth inst. on their way to Albuquerque, N. M., where they expect to locate for the purpose of engaging in missionary work. May the blessing of God go with them to this needy place.

We have just learned of the death of the little daughter of Brother and Sister J. H. Landrum of Merino, Colorado. We sympathize with them in their bereavement and trust that the infinite love and compassion of our heavenly Father may comfort them at this time.

Brother and Sister L. H. Proctor are visiting friends in Iowa for a short time before going on to New York, where they will connect with the work. We are sorry to lose them from our own Conference, but we are glad that we can meet some of the calls that come for help, and we wish them success in their new field.

From a letter received from Sister Williams of Denver, who is now with her husband and mother in California, we learn that Brother McWhorter and family have gone to California to locate. We also learn of the death of Sister McWhorter's father, Mr. Merchant, and extend to her our deepest sympathy in this affliction.

In the death of Elder Uriah Smith the third angel's message has lost one of its oldest and most able advocates. We all know him through his many years of loving service and each one will feel that he has lost a personal friend. He was editor of *The Review* and *Herald* for more than fifty years, and the fruits of his earnest, careful and critical study have been given unstintingly to the world.

Elder Martin of the Upper Columbia Conference occupied the morning hour in the Denver church, Sabbath, March 7. He took for his text I. John, 1:3. He spoke earnestly of the coming of the Lord, the signs which precede his coming, and the preparation that must be made if we would be like him, and see him as he is. "Under sorrows, trials and difficulties it is the design of the Master to mold and fashion his people, and develop beautiful, lovable characters. The purifying process must pass upon every life. The same hand that takes away sin places upon us the garment that is woven in the loom of heaven."

Following the first payment on the church at Washington, D. C., the members held a praise service in which God was remembered for his good gifts, and resolutions of gratitude were passed to the many friends who had responded so promptly in the hour of need.

Convention day was much enjoyed by the Sabbath-school at Denver, though it was two weeks late. The afternoon meeting was devoted to the Junior and intermediate work. Interesting papers were read by Jessie Truesdell, Lillie Noah, and others. Questions pertaining to this work were handed in and Sister Olson called upon members of the congregation for answers.

An excellent opportunity for missionary work is open to the members of the young peoples' societies. Other young people should have good literature, and there is no better paper printed for the young than *The Youth's Instructor*. An earnest effort should be made to place this paper in every home, and this is just the work for our young people. Will you not try it?

NOTICES.

Wanted—A man and wife to work on farm. Address B. W. Marsh, Montrose, Colo.

For Rent—15 acres beet land, and 15 acres oat land with good five room house and out buildings near church at Hygiene. Alex Marx, Hygiene, Colo.

Unemployed nurses who are interested in pioneer medical missionary work, and who wish employment please write to the Riverside Sanitarium, Montrose, Colo.

Canvassing Report.

For six weeks ending March 7, 1903.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
Great Controversy				
Grace Dowden,	11	6	\$ 21.50	\$ 3.75
Warren Hopkins,	104	48	126.75	52.50
Bible Readings,				
C. M. French,	21	5	12.00	3.00
Home Hand Book,				
Jennie Berray,	19	5	24.00	
Katie Berray,	16	6	30.50	
Howard Welty,	22	5	25.00	
Desire of Ages,				
Davis Barton,	24	3	14.00	1.00
Heralds of the Morning,				
Albin Wearer,	113	87	123.75	3.75
Miscellaneous,				
C. B. Plummer,	86		39.00	
O. Einarson,	8		8.25	
	380	259	424.75	64.00

Deliveries.

	Books.	Value
O. Einarson	8	8.25
C. B. Plummer	83	36.62
Albin Wearer	37	53.50
Howard Welty	6	25.25
	134	123.62