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The Way.

Hope on, hope on, thou soul oppressed,
There's nought to gain by faltering here.
No balm thou'lt find, tho sore distressed,
In tarrying on 'mid deepening fear.

Thy way is on, and on, and on,
And upward, as you toiling go;
Marked all along by sigh and groan,
And footprints stained with blood and woe.

Before thy toiling feet I see
Thy path marked out for thee to tread.
It winds along o'er moor and lee,
And leads thee where thy Lord was led.

Blest path that leads where Jesus trod,
Tho through Gethsemane's deepening gloom,
And even 'neath the royal rod,
Twice blest the path, follow thou on.

—Barton W. Marsh.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

"Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death."

The historic words of Patrick Henry still thrill the heart of the man or woman who understands their true import. But there are thousands of well-meaning people today who know so little of the true principles of liberty that they would gladly, and as a Christian duty, aid in enacting and enforcing laws upon their

fellow-men which would deprive them of their liberty and their life.

Upon Seventh-day Adventists God has placed the responsibility of giving to the world the "everlasting gospel," the last warning of the coming judgment. This "everlasting gospel" contains the true principles which should govern every man in his relations to God and to his fellow-men. The true principles of religious liberty which are so clearly set forth in this message will convince and convert those who are honest. We shall be held responsible for the work of giving these truths to the world. It is our privilege to do it now.

The first in the series of four new tracts on Religious Liberty is entitled "Principles Too Little Understood." It treats of the ignorance of the masses concerning this subject and, the advantage being taken of the situation by the National Reform Association; what that great movement means, the dangers threatening our country, and briefly setting forth the great principle of freedom.

The second tract is entitled "Sunday Laws, Their Origin, Nature and Object."

Beginning with the first Sunday law, contained in the decree of Constantine, and the fatal results to both church and state of this illegitimate union, a parallel is drawn with the present situation in our country. Statements of eminent men are given in regard to the question at issue—the observance of the Sabbath.

The third tract is entitled, "The Logic of Sabbath Legislation." In this tract the author gives forcible and conclusive evidence that the Sabbath is exclusively religious in its nature; that it has to do with man's relations to God only, and to him alone is he responsible for its observance or non-observance.

The fourth tract of the series, "The Civil Sabbath," gives additional information concerning the character of religious legislation, and the methods employed by those advocating it, in contrast with the principles of religious liberty and our obligation to observe the true Sabbath of the Lord.

These are small, eight and twelve-page tracts, envelope size, and we really believe that our people will never have a more favorable time to circulate this literature than now. Shall we not place the four leaflets in the hands of every minister, lawyer, physician and prominent man in our conference? It would not cost much, nor take much time if each individual in each church and company would take up the work in his vicinity. The tracts are here at the office awaiting your demand. Will not the leaders in every church get together and lay plans for a systematic work with these leaflets? May the Lord help us to be minute men on the walls of Zion, giving the trumpet a "certain sound."

M. MacGuire.

The East Side Academy.

Some weeks ago you read an article from my pen setting forth, as I view the situation, a great helper in the saving of the youth among us, namely, the erection of a few good school buildings, well equipped, where our youth can be educated. Such a school is greatly needed in the eastern part of our state. The location is already selected, a six-acre plot of good land donated by Brother Hankins, near Berthoud. I stated in what I had to say some weeks ago, that March 18 there would be a collection throughout the conference for the benefit of this enterprise, but it is thought best to have

this collection taken March 25. We hope that all will see that they have something to give on that day, for we must have money with which to build this spring so we can hold our much needed summer school. May God help us to be able and willing to give.

G. F. Watson.

FIELD REPORTS.

Cripple Creek.

The work is moving off very nicely here. Some very nice families are much interested in the truth, and some have decided to keep the Sabbath. Remember the work here in your prayers.

C. H. Bates.

Good News from Hayti.

In this town we gained a victory for the truth recently. An influential native schoolmaster has accepted the Sabbath. He kept the first Sabbath with his boarding scholars at home, and last week with us. There is a great stir among his friends, on account of the stand which he has taken. The pastor to whose church he was attached as a member has taken away his son from this brother's school, saying he has gone to 'become a Jew.' The water is stirred in Hayti.

Villa Grove.

Mrs. Hills and myself are in fairly good health and of excellent courage. I have been holding Bible studies for some time, using The Family Bible Teacher. The people attend and seem to be much interested. Last Sunday evening there were nineteen present besides Mrs. Hills and myself, which is certainly very encouraging.

The Message is being proclaimed in Villa Grove, and some will hear it. May some be saved in the kingdom of God as the result of our efforts here.

The first of the year I succeeded in getting eight new subscribers to the *Signs*, so I am sure some here will know more about the truth before the year closes, if they will only read.

F. M. Hills.

Denver.

The missionary work is being pushed in Denver. We have formed a class of workers. Each Wednesday afternoon we come together at the church, spend a short time in talking over our plans of

work, etc., and engaging in a season of prayer together. Then we all go to our districts, which we are working with the Family Bible Teacher. A good interest in our work is being created. We are planning to work the whole city in this way, and hope to see many souls brought into the light. G. W. Anglebarger.

Colorado Springs.

The Lord has been good to me. There has been only one day that I remained at home on account of bad weather. I made up the work another day.

I want to tell you about one of the fruits of circulating the Family Bible Teacher. After calling on a lady and leaving the Family Bible Teacher a few times, she invited me to call and study the Bible with her. After giving her some readings on the prophecies, I felt impressed to give a reading on conversion. When I left she asked me to pray for her. At prayer meeting I asked special prayer to be offered for her. Tuesday I made my usual call, and found that she was converted while we were praying for her at church the week before. One of the first questions she asked was, "Did you pray for me last Tuesday night?" She felt the blessing of God come to her, and is rejoicing in her Saviour. Before I called with the leaflets, she had been asking God for the light, and feels that God sent me to answer her prayers. Alice Finch.

In the Field.

Since December 3, I have been among the churches on the Western Slope, in the interests of the canvassing and educational work. I have held meetings and visited at Glenwood Springs, Palisades, Grand Junction, Fruita, Delta, Paonia, Montrose, Cedar Creek, Gunnison, Crested Butte, Salida and Florence. This was my first visit to the most of these places, and while the unsettled weather made it very difficult to accomplish what might have been otherwise, yet it has been a very pleasant and, in some ways, profitable trip.

Besides visiting the church schools, it has also given me an opportunity to meet most of the young people in that part of the state, and opened the way for correspondence with them. The Western Slope Industrial School, at Palisades, under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. Wolcott, is doing excellent work. In the three weeks spent at Palisades I did not hear one word of criticism of their work. While this school is called a Western

Slope school, it is so only in name so far. A meeting was held while there towards taking steps to interest the other churches on that side of the range, and place the school on a better financial basis. Our brethren and sisters will make no mistake in placing their children in this school.

The few days spent in Gunnison and Crested Butte were busy ones. This is the field where Mrs. Farnsworth and I first began work in the Colorado Conference two years ago. All who were interested then seem more interested now, and I never have had more freedom in Bible study than when visiting these at their homes. Every one seemed anxious that we should come back and take up work there again. Quite a number are deeply convinced of the truth. A small Sabbath-school was organized at Gunnison.

The church school at Salida, under the direction of Miss Jessie Glasgow, is a credit to the church, and all are proud of the same. Elder Kennedy is having a good interest in Bible studies, and several have taken their stand for the truth. The attendance at the Sabbath meetings is much increased since I was there in the early fall.

I have been treated very cordially at every place that I have been, and feel to thank the brethren and sisters for their many kindnesses to me, and may God richly bless the work on the Western Slope. E. E. Farnsworth.

Missionary Report.

Following is a summary of the missionary work reported by the librarians for the last quarter of 1904:

Number of churches reporting.....	18
Number of individuals who reported.....	138
Letters written.....	264
Letters received.....	130
Bible readings held.....	486
Subscriptions for periodicals.....	293
Periodicals distributed.....	11,162
Pages of books and tracts distrib'd.....	56,953

Though this report represents only about one third of our churches, we can readily see that a grand work is being done in the circulation of our literature. The printed pages of truth are falling in the homes in our conference like the leaves of autumn. Let us not forget that the most important part of our work is to "pray without ceasing" that the Spirit of God may attend the truth, and a harvest of souls result from the distribution of our tracts and periodicals.

M. M.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

Extracts on Sabbath-School Work.

The Model Teacher.

"It is of the first importance in any art that we work by true models. If our pattern be defective, so will be our work. Our ideal must be high if we would reach to excellence. It must be the best pictures which we copy if we would attain to the highest art. But where is our ideal Sabbath-school teacher? After what living example will we mould and fashion our model that we may all strive to imitate it? We look around us on the great army of rising teachers with mingled pleasure and pain. We find much, very much, that is excellent, and very much that might be improved. We see one whose mind is stored with varied and abundant knowledge; another whose heart is glowing and warm; another whose zeal and industry know no weariness; still another of marvelous tact and skill. But where shall we find one in whom all the excellencies, in their highest degree, are beautifully and harmoniously blended? for only such a one will suffice as a model. We think of one ever prompt and faithful, around whom the heads of eager pupils are drawn in earnest attention, to listen to her gathered treasures of instruction. Of one after another of her class brought to the cross of Christ and within his fold; of one after another, with tearful eyes, led away, themselves to become teachers. Excellence we may find, but none that reaches near enough to perfection to sit for a picture to be copied by all. What shall we do? Must we give it up in despair, and be satisfied with imperfection? For this model cannot be wrought out of our own heart and brain. We look further—away at the head and front of the great Sabbath-school columns. There is a model—not of cold marble—not a mere copy upon the dead historic page, but living, breathing, acting, and ever present to be studied and imitated. JESUS IS THE MODEL TEACHER.

"In the study of this model we can do no more than call attention to a few of its divine and incomparable excellencies.

"KNOWLEDGE.

"One excellency of this model teacher is knowledge. It is scarcely necessary to speak of the superlative knowledge of the Great Teacher. He fully *understood* what he endeavored to teach, and he

gained his knowledge as we must gain it, by study and contemplation. We sometimes feel a regret that so little is said by his biographers of his boyhood and youth, but that little very clearly reveals his habits and character.

"We read at the outset that 'The child grew and waxed strong in spirit—*filled with wisdom.*' We read again that at the age of twelve he astonished the Jewish doctors at Jerusalem by the wisdom of his questions. And still again that 'Jesus increased in *wisdom*, in stature, and in favor with God and man.' This is all, but it is enough. By diligent study and earnest thought, he prepared himself for his life work—teaching the great truths of God. Most needful it is that the Sabbath-school teacher should in this respect make Christ his model. He can never indeed hope to reach the measure of his wisdom, but his aim should ever be toward it.

"We place real scriptural knowledge (for in the scriptures alone we find the truths to be taught,) first among the excellencies of this model. We deem it of the first importance, perhaps, because we so frequently and painfully see its need. All other qualifications without this great one will not avail. Zeal, energy, patience, great learning and ability in other departments of knowledge, even real piety and love must be but blind and misdirected forces without knowledge. Let this truth be known and felt and heralded everywhere among those engaged in this work—you can never teach another what you do not understand yourself. It is not enough that you feel the power of the truths in your heart, you must have a clear conception of them in the head before you can teach them.

"And yet how is it when we look upon the workers in the field? How few make the Bible their daily study? How many seldom read it at all, except during their immediate preparation of the lesson to be taught? Their minds are not full of the truths from this great treasure house. They have no clear conception of the character and love of God, of the nature and work of Jesus, of the evil of sin, of the office of the spirit, of the great plan of salvation, nor of the manner in which all these great fundamental truths are focused in the last proclamation of God's mercy to a fallen world—the three angels' messages. They do not give themselves to the study of these essential truths, and excellence here never comes as a reward of indifference and indolence. Often their ideas are confused in regard to these great essential truths

which reveal to us the only possible way of salvation. The obvious reason for this is that they will not give the thought and time and energy demanded in order to understand them. If all your time and thought during the week are given to the business, the cares, the pleasures, and the frivolities of life, and only a poor, paltry hour to the study of the great truths through which only you and your pupils can be saved, do not wonder if you fail. But if you go to your classes with your minds well stored with the rich treasures of sound Christian doctrine, with a clear conception of truths freshly gathered from the word of God, and wrought out by patient and careful thought and study, then you have one of the prime excellencies of the Great Model Teacher. If then you would reach toward the perfection of the great model, study the word of God, fill your mind with these great truths which alone God will bless to the salvation of souls."

(To be continued.)

Report of the Sabbath-school Department for Quarter Ending Dec. 31st.

Number of schools.....	66
Membership.....	1,954
Average attendance.....	1,450
Total contributions.....	\$741.86
Expenses of schools.....	253.82
Donations to missions.....	426.04
Donations to Orphans' Home....	62.00

Obituaries.

DIED—In Denver, Colo., Feb. 7, 1905, Mrs. Emma Jane Armstrong, in the forty-first year of her age. Sister Armstrong has been a great sufferer for the last fifteen years, yet she bore it patiently. She has been a faithful and a consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Denver for about five years. She leaves a husband and a little daughter. Her bright and cheery face is greatly missed by the church. We rest in the blessed hope that our sister sleeps in Jesus. Many of our people, and a number of friends and strangers were present at the funeral services, which were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder S. F. Svensson.

G. W. Anglebarger.

GRAYBILL—Died at her home, in Denver, Colo., Feb. 16th, of Consumption, Mrs. Luella Virginia Graybill, having been a sufferer for the last eight years. Eleven years ago she accepted present truth and united with the church in Washington, D. C. She was an ardent

believer in the second coming of Christ, and remained firm in the truth to the last. When dying, she sent this message to her friends: "Tell my brethren and sisters to be faithful; that we may meet in the resurrection morning." Sister Graybill leaves a loving husband and three children, besides other friends, to mourn their loss. Assisted by Elder Anglebarger, the funeral service was conducted by the writer at the West Side Church, words of comfort being based on John 11:11.

S. F. Svenssen.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Two have been recently added to the church at Farmington, N. M.

Judge Holbrook gave the office a pleasant call while in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin of Boulder have gone to California for a few months' visit.

The Home Improvement Courses begin March 1. Send in your name and order your books at once.

Brother N. R. Smith left Denver recently for a visit to his mother, who is ill at her home at Sedalia, Mo.

"He is a Christian who aims to reach the highest attainments possible for the purpose of doing others good."—*Christian Education*.

Miss Mabelle Knudson returned to her home in Denver last Monday. She has been quite seriously ill and unable to continue her work.

Mrs. C. A. Washburn of Iowa accompanied her son, Dr. F. A. Washburn, on his return to Boulder, Colo. She will remain with him for some time.

Brother E. E. Farnsworth has just returned to Denver after a tour among the churches in the interests of the educational, young people's and canvassing work.

Brother John Lane is delivering books at Ordway, Colo. He says he is having excellent success, and that his courage is good. We are encouraged by this good report.

The church school at Boulder was closed about two weeks on account of a small pox scare. Since it reopened the attendance has been rather small, and Miss Lamson has taken charge of the entire school, Miss Lilah States returning to her home at Cedaredge.

Miss Grace Hills has been asked to take charge of the Kindergarten work in the West Denver Sabbath-school, which was left without a superintendent by the removal of Sister Adkins from Denver.

The Annual Offering from Colorado at this date is \$1,317.00. We are glad the offering from our conference is so large, and also that it is still coming in. This is the largest Annual Offering Colorado has ever had.

Dr. B. Franklin Richards of San Francisco, Cal., has located in Denver. He will follow his profession, and at the same time will engage actively in missionary work. He preached to the West Denver church last Sabbath.

Brother W. A. Barlow has opened a school for boys, about ten miles from his present mission station. Already eight or ten, chiefly shepherd boys of the Santal race, are attending. Brother Barlow is laboring to train these Santal boys for service among their people.

In addition to important improvements, the new Year Book will contain the Fundamental Principles of the belief of the church, and a clear, concise review of the rise and progress of the denomination, with the historical data pertaining to the organizations and the institutions of the same. Price, 25c. Order now.

Those who met Brother Dan Huguley during his stay in Denver will be pained to learn that he only lived three days after his return to his home in Michigan. We learned to love him while he was with us, and his hopeful, patient life was an example to all. We sympathize deeply with his bereaved wife.

"Fiji is open just now to the message," writes Brother Parker, "and now is the time to give it. I can understand something of how the Saviour felt as he stood by the well of Samaria and pronounced the fields already whitening for the harvest. All things are encouraging for the work in Fiji. The only drawback is the scarcity of laborers."

The Mission Board reports that returns are slowly coming in from the Christmas and New Year gift collecting cards. Word has been received from 450 cards, showing an aggregate gift to missions from this source of over \$675. Two churches in the East report \$40 and \$100 respectively, gathered directly by means of the cards. Doubtless many who have used the cards have not reported to the general office, sending the gift with their regular offerings.

We have received but few field reports for recent issues of ECHOES. What is the matter, brethren, is the work at a standstill in our conference, or are you failing to tell us of the good things you are enjoying? Please remember that our State paper is ECHOES FROM THE FIELD, not echoes from the office; and that the paper will be just what you make it.

Elder R. W. Munson writes as follows from Batavia, Java, where he spent a few weeks: "Since coming here I learn that only after forty years have they got a Chinese Christian community of about fifty or sixty. We have about 30 (in Sumatra) after five years. This is encouraging, and I feel like extending the work to this island. There are many more Chinamen here than in Padang. There we have only 8,000, while in the district of Batavia alone are 100,000. There are probably not far from a quarter of a million Chinese in Java.

The first Presbyterian church of Wichita, Kansas, is worth studying as one studies an experiment station in Agriculture. Eight years ago it was heavily in debt and discouraged. The experiment was tried of impulsively following the drawings of love to Jesus Christ in taking up work for him abroad. The tide turned at once. Since then the church has paid out \$50,000 for its Wichita work, \$15,000 for home missions, \$15,000 for foreign missions, and now supports two missionaries and twenty-five native workers in the foreign field. There is some talk in the newspapers of the effect of the "Puritan microbe" in developing our nation. The experiment at Wichita shows that the microbe of faith makes churches grow—and men grow, too.

WANTED—A steady man for farm work. A steady job. A Sabbath keeper.
WRIGHT BARKER,
Hugo, Colo.

A New Chapel Organ for Sale.

The Denver Church bought a new chapel organ for its own use, but after trying it in our large auditorium it was found not to give sufficient volume for such a large room. We secured the organ at a great bargain. The organ is a No. 7 Hamilton; price \$90. A sister gave us a \$25 order, which was applied on the organ. The merchants also reduced the price, so the organ only cost us \$50 in cash. If any one of our churches wish it they can have it for \$50, and the boxing and freight extra.

G. W. Anglebarger.