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### Why He Forgave.

My heart was heavy, for its trust had been  
 Abused, its kindness answer'd with foul wrong;  
 So, turning gloomily from my fellow men,  
 One summer Sabbath-day I strolled among  
 The green mounds of the village burying place;  
 Where, pondering how all human love and hate  
 Find one sad level, and how, soon or late,  
 Wronged and wrong-doer, each with weakened  
 face  
 And cold hands folded over a still heart,  
 Pass the green threshold of our common grave,  
 Whither all footsteps tend, whence none de-  
 part,—  
 Awe'd for myself, and pitying my race,  
 Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,  
 Swept all my pride away, and, trembling, I  
 forgave.

—John Greenleaf Whittier.

## GENERAL ARTICLES.

### The King's Business Requires Haste.

We would take this opportunity to urge upon all the importance of making haste in the circulation of the petition remonstrating against the Sunday bills that are now before Congress, for the present session will be a short one, as it must close by the first of March.

There will be only about six weeks at most after the receipt of this issue of your

paper before our opportunities to present the petition against these present bills will be over, so it will require special haste to secure the signature of these petitions and to return them in sufficient time for us to send them in to the Legislature, if possible before the bills are acted upon.

The following was said in substance to one of our brethren the other day, "We will not sign your petition, for this concerns only the District of Columbia, but when Congress does anything to interfere with our state laws then we will sign a petition." A good answer to such an argument will be found in the leaflet that accompanies the petition blanks entitled "Sunday Bills Now Before Congress," under a subheading, "A District Law an Entering Wedge." The facts are that the city of Washington is unlike all other cities in the United States in that it is not a self-governing city, that is, Congress legislates for it.

With this thought in view it will be readily seen that every citizen in this country is directly concerned in any action the government may take on a question of this character, for the District of Columbia; for the National Legislators are representatives of the people from the respective states from which they come, and are pledged to carry out the will of the people in harmony with the constitution of the United States. Let it ever be remembered, therefore, that when once congress commits itself to Sunday legislation in the District of Columbia, it then would without doubt take its stand for a National Sunday law.

Those who circulate the petition should be careful to fill in the name of the place and state where it is circulated in the blank space at the head of the petition and see that each person signing, signs

both petitions, the one addressed to the House and the one addressed to the Senate.

K. C. Russell.

### The Meeting at Grand Junction.

This meeting convened Dec. 23, and continued until Jan. 1. It was indeed a feast of good things for all who were present. Quite a number of our people were in attendance and the good things were carried to several churches on the Western Slope. We have already received some good letters from those who could not attend stating that the good tidings brought to them by those who were there had given them new hope and courage.

The meetings held at 6 o'clock a. m. were seasons of great refreshing. Brother Farnsworth's work was greatly appreciated by all, both young and old. The instructors endeavored in every lesson to bring God and the people near to each other.

But few not of our faith attended these meetings, and in this we were disappointed. Elder Spring had the meeting in charge, and everyone was made welcome and comfortable. The members of the Grand Junction church helped in caring for those who came unprepared to care for themselves. The members of the Palisade church proved themselves true by their gifts of money and provisions. The expense of the meeting, which was \$90, was fully met by the careful management of the Elder. I am sure that is more such seasons could be spent together by our people a better state of things would exist and we would learn to love the truth and each other more than we do. The work is onward on the Western Slope. To the Lord be all the praise.

G. F. Watson.

## FIELD REPORTS.

### District No. 2.

The work in this district is advancing along steady lines. At Salida, Elder Kennedy has an excellent interest which he has been unable to leave, although under appointment to other fields.

The Rocky Ford church, under the labors of Elder Alway, is prospering and have almost completed a new and commodious house of worship.

Elder Bates reports some good additions to the believers in the Cripple Creek district. Elder Granger of Ohio has located at Canon City and writes very encouragingly of the prospects there. Although here for his health, it has so improved that he is able to do considerable work in this great cause, for which we are indeed thankful.

It has been my privilege during the last two months to visit the churches at Pueblo, Florence, Canon City, La Veta and Trinidad. One most encouraging feature of this part of the district is the desire to work for those in darkness, and the great interest taken in the distribution of the Family Bible Teacher is sure to bring blessed results. These five churches are taking and distributing 900 sets of the Family Bible Teacher. Thus every week 900 families are reading a good Bible reading on this precious truth. Think of it, brethren and sisters! What a wonderful opportunity we have in this way to take the truth everywhere.

At Raton, New Mexico, Brother Cassell and wife alone are distributing once a week 100 copies of the Bible Teacher. This makes 1000 good Bible readings given every week to as many families within 100 miles of territory.

I am glad also to report that we have three good church schools in operation located as follows: Trinidad, Florence and Salida. Three or four members were dropped at Trinidad, but nine were received into the church, so they have a larger membership than before.

In District No. 2 we are especially anxious for the building of the Eastern Colorado Industrial Academy at Campion near Berthoud, where the beautiful tract of land has been donated and received for the purpose. We have many bright young people ready to attend.

It was my privilege to dedicate the Trinidad church building while there. There has been much sacrifice and consecration in securing to the cause this

building and lot free from debt. There is a stone basement beneath in which the school is conducted by Brother Kinney. The property is valued at about \$1200.

I am assisting Elder Zeigler a few days in work at Loveland while I wait for the meeting of the conference committee which has been called to meet in Denver.

I am of good cheer as I see the prosperity of every branch of the work. I am glad to report also that the week of prayer offerings, so far as I have heard, have been good through Dist. No. 2. Let us press on to victory in every good work.

H. M. J. Richards.

### District No. 3.

I spent the week of prayer with the churches of Monte Vista and Alamosa. Last Sabbath we enjoyed a good Sabbath school convention at Monte Vista. Many interesting papers were read from which we expect lasting results. Tuesday three were united to their Saviour by baptism. Wednesday night we enjoyed being present at the Young Peoples' meeting. Sabbath, Jan. 7, we celebrated the ordinances with the Alamosa church. Though few were present because most of the members live so far away, the meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. I wish to call the attention of those who cannot, or rather who think they cannot get to Sabbath-school by ten o'clock, that we have one sister here who drives sixteen miles, opens ten gates, attends to her own team; and the thermometer sometimes goes thirty below zero in this valley. Yet, this sister has not failed to be at service and on time but three times in more than a year; and then sickness prevented.

M. Mackintosh.

### For Echoes Family.

#### Report From Niwot.

Sabbath, Jan. 14, I had the privilege of meeting with the brethren at Niwot to celebrate the ordinance meeting of the Lord's house. We read the scripture lesson from John 7:14-26, showing the necessity of the sanctifying influence of the Holy Spirit, and the truth; and that the spirit and the truth will make us members of the body, the church of which Jesus Christ is the head. Having become members of one body, guided by one head; receiving our nourishment from one spirit, and one truth, we then become one in christian love, fellowship and kindred mind; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares. The Spirit of the Lord came very near,

and there being unity and harmony in the church we felt that God, by his Spirit came in and gave us a foretaste of a pentecostal shower. All the members present took part in the ordinances. Two dear souls, very aged persons, were received on confession of faith.

In the afternoon we met to elect officers for the ensuing year, when again we could see a spirit of unity and harmony. The treasurer's annual report was read and showed that over \$400 was paid in the year 1904, for various purposes in the missionary field. It cheers our hearts to see a Gideon's band, full of courage and faith, filled with a missionary spirit. We have no fears nor doubt that God is with this people as a denomination, and we long to see the day when each individual will have the faith and courage to say, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

H. A. Aufderhar.

### Albuquerque, N. M.

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer at this place. Two meetings were held daily: One with the English and one with the Spanish brethren. The Lord came very near in every prayer service, and all seemed to enjoy the readings very much.

Their donation was about \$50, which was a third more than last year. One was added to the church by letter.

Albuquerque has been a hard town to work out, but the truth is gaining. We are pleased to state that Dr. Mary Hunter and two trained nurses are here and will soon open an office and bath rooms in the city. We trust this may be a great help to the church and work in this place.

H. L. Hoover.

### Rocky Ford.

As the year 1904 has just come to a close it seemed to me that a testimony from the little company at Rocky Ford might be of interest to the readers of ECHOES.

One year ago at the first quarterly meeting the roll call showed a membership of eighteen. At the roll call at the last quarterly meeting the membership was just doubled. One year ago at our business meeting there was reported tithe collected \$62.55. At our business meeting this year the tithe reported collected was \$327.95.

One year ago our annual offerings were \$19.22. This year they were \$35.25. So you can see that on all lines we have

been spreading out. We also have a neat and substantial little church 24x40 nearing completion and which we hope to occupy the last Sabbath in this month.

For all these things we praise the Lord and humbly ask a continuation of growth to his honor and glory. Our courage is good and although the enemy is busy in this vicinity, we are finding precious souls occasionally who are desirous of hearing the truth.

Geo. M. Alway.

### Western Slope Academy.

The winter term for the Western Slope Academy began Jan. 2, with a full attendance. Two new pupils entered and others will during the month.

The school family were remembered Christmas time by the Boulder Sanitarium and the Boulder church. From the former we received a large quantity of "health foods," the freight on which was donated by the Sanitarium family; and from the latter we received a bag containing bedding, towels, table linen and dishes, all of which were very acceptable. We are indeed glad to know that our brethren and sisters in Boulder have such an interest in the school. May God answer the prayers they offer in our behalf.

B. A. Wolcott.

### Church Dedicated—Sunday, January 8

#### Seventh-Day Adventists Open Their New Church in Glenwood.

Yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock a new church was opened to the people of Glenwood Springs. It was the pretty church of the Seventh-day Adventists, which has been in course of construction for considerable time, on Colorado avenue, south of Eleventh street.

The history of this religious element in this place dates back to November 18, 1899, when Elder Mackintosh gathered a few members of his belief about him. He remained here for some time administering to the wants of his people and nearly two years ago Elder Spring assumed charge.

And since that time Pastor Spring has been ever active for the success of his work and one of his ardent appeals to his people was a home of their church. And now the efforts of his labors are realized and the people, and especially Mr. Spring, have every reason to rejoice.

The church property is valued at \$2,500. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Elder G. F. Watson, president of the Colorado conference.—*The Daily Avalanche*, Jan. 9, 1905.

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL

### The Teacher's Duty to His Class.

Paper Read by Meade MacGuire at the Arvada Sabbath-School Convention.

(CONCLUDED.)

To succeed in the Sabbath-school work, the teacher must love his scholars. The first verses of 1 Cor. 13 may well be applied to the Sabbath-school teacher. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned," and have not love for my scholars, I am nothing as a teacher.

Love is the one thing without which success is impossible. Love for our pupils will produce the same emotions and tender sympathies in our hearts that we feel for the dearest members of our own households. We shall be interested in their welfare and prosperity; in all the conditions and circumstances which affect their lives. Such a genuine sorrow and disappointment will fill our hearts when one is absent that we shall not rest until we have visited him and ascertained the cause. As for our remaining away from our class for some trivial cause, it will never be thought of. When we realize each Sabbath morning that this day may mark the turning point, the great crisis in the life of one of our pupils; that our words may be the means of starting him on the upward road; and when we estimate such opportunities at their true value, then nothing will ever keep us away which does not more than balance them in importance. Jesus loves each one, for this reason we must do the same. It is not enough to care for our class in a general way, we must know them, and love them and pray for and with them individually.

You may prepare the finest lessons in the world, and make them as interesting and impressive as you please in the Sabbath-school, and another teacher may go and visit your pupils at their homes during the week and talk and pray with them, and interest himself in their work and their play; their joys and their sorrows; and his influence with them will be far greater than yours.

God has given teachers very definite instruction in regard to their responsi-

bility outside of the Sabbath-school. Test on Sabbath-school.

"Those who engage in Sabbath-school work should be persons who have consecrated themselves to God. They should give themselves to the work with unselfish endeavor, and at whatever sacrifice it may require; laying themselves on the altar, and pleading with strong crying and tears for the conversion of the youth who have been committed to their charge. Show your pupils that you have confidence in them; visit them in their homes and invite them to your home. Let it be seen that you love them not only in word, but in deed and in truth. Who will be earnest workers for souls in our Sabbath-schools? Who will take the youth separately and talk and pray with them, and make personal appeals to them, beseeching them to yield their hearts to Jesus, that they may be as a sweet savour to Christ?"

After all, the teacher's main dependence is prayer. Let him go to the one who created the mind and understands its thoughts afar off. He will give access to its surest stronghold that the soul may be won to Christ. The Sabbath-school work wrought in faith, hope and love must endure. God gives us the chance to trace upon the young and impressionable minds principles of eternal truth and righteousness. The world may write its falsities over them, but at last the words of your tracing must come to light.

Said Apelles, the great artist, "I paint for eternity." So our work teaches for eternity. The lessons we teach may lie long in the soil, and yet not lose their vitality. As grains of wheat may grow which have lain for a thousand years in a mummy's hand, so these seeds of truth may bring forth an abundant harvest long after the hand that scatters them has become dust.

After these things have been presented we often hear the remark, "I shall never teach again, the responsibility is too great." But let me say to you, dear teacher, you cannot shirk responsibility. You may go and bury your talent in a napkin, but how terrible will your cowardice look in the judgment. But feel your accountability none the less. Cry out with Paul, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Let the sense of your own weakness overwhelm you. Let the burden of souls rest upon you. Carry it with you in your devotions. Let it lie down with you upon your bed. Let the pictures of those upturned faces and hearts never leave you. But do not let them drive you from your work. Let them drive you to Christ. The same Paul who said "Who is sufficient for these things," said also "Our sufficiency is of God."

NOTES AND ITEMS.

"The man of prayer is the man of power."

Elder Zeigler met with the Arvada church Sabbath, Jan. 14.

Elder Geo. M. Alway is holding meetings at Fowler with a good interest.

"O, that we would remember that it is court week with us, and that our cases are pending."

Elder Kennedy reached Denver Monday evening having been delayed for some time on the road.

Glad instinctive self-sacrifice for others' good is the very essence of Christian discipleship.—*Pentecost Herald*.

Brother Meade MacGuire was called to Wray on the 16th to conduct the funeral services of Sister Rooks.

"We need to bow before God in repentance because of our lack of love for one another and for him who died for us."

Elder Richards came to Denver, Monday the 16th to be present at the meeting of the conference committee held on this date.

Elder J. A. Leland and family have returned to Colorado for a visit after nearly four years spent in Mexico. We are glad to see them again.

Elder Watson has been in Denver for the past ten days looking after conference matters. We are glad to have him with us even for a brief period.

"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for his children. He wants our minds to be clear, our tempers sweet, our love abounding."

In the *United States Trade Reports* of Nov. 10 appears a nice cut of Union College and a fine editorial recommending Union College to any one who is seeking a safe and efficient educational institution for his sons and daughters.

Special prayer was offered by the conference committee in behalf of Sister Armstrong who has been very ill at St. Luke's hospital; also for Sister Proudfit who is seriously ill at St. Joseph's hospital, Denver. Both are improving and their ultimate recovery is hoped for.

From a letter received from Miss Lida Moore we glean the following: "The week of prayer was a good time for us. Our hearts were encouraged and strengthened

as we studied the progress of the work in different parts of the field. We desire to be more faithful the coming year than we have been in the past. Some of my readers are very much interested in the truth and others are calling for the readings. I trust the Lord can use me in this work."

"Words of suspicion and distrust, like the thistle-down carried by the wind, are scattered far and wide, and can never be recalled. The truly converted man has no inclination to think or talk of the faults of others. Those only will enter heaven who have overcome the temptation to think and speak evil."

Some one has said that the three hardest words in the English language to say are these: "I was wrong." If by force or self-discipline, we could make these words the easiest to say when we know justice demands them, how peaceful and happy would be our home life with each other.—*Scottish Reformer*.

Brother Herbert Randal writes the following encouraging words: "Our little company at Arvada can join with Job in saying, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand in the latter day upon the earth.' At our quarterly meeting Sabbath, Jan. 14, five persons were united to our church by letter and one has asked for baptism. We enjoy the presence of the Lord and are looking for the day when we shall meet him."

Mrs. Sarah McGrew of Bird City, Kan., who last spring lost her husband in a prairie fire, is again called to pass through affliction, in the loss of her six months' old babe; the last of her little family. Baby Frank died Jan. 8, of membranous croup. Mrs. McGrew writes, "I can understand better now why Frank and I studied so earnestly and so carefully the book of Job before he was taken from me in that horrible way. I felt that I had passed through so much that my baby would be spared to me, and so I did not have a fear for him until he was taken. I do not mourn as those who have no hope, but it seems to me my heart will break. Oh, how I long for Jesus to come and bring my loved ones back to me." May the infinite love and compassion of him who was acquainted with grief comfort her heart in this sorrow where human love and sympathy seem so powerless.

An Important Publication.

At a recent meeting of the popular ministers of Washington, D. C., it was decided that on Sunday, Jan. 1, sermons

should be preached in all the churches on the better observance of the Lord's day, and this especially in view of the fact that there are now before Congress bills to enact Sunday laws for the District of Columbia.

In view of these things, the leading brethren in the city of Washington prepared an "open letter" which was published in the *Washington Post*, the most prominent newspaper of the city. This has caused no little comment and the matter is being generally agitated.

Requests have come from conference presidents and others in different parts of the field who have seen this article to have it published in tract form. After due consultation with brethren Spicer, Russell, Thompson, Warren and others, the *Review and Herald* Publishing Association decided to issue the matter at once, and it is now in the hands of the printers. The price will be 1/2 cent each, 40 cents per hundred, \$3.75 per thousand.

This tract, while short, is right to the point; is filled with scripture texts, and strikes direct blows at the theories generally advanced by advocates of the first day. After dealing with these, it cites proof of the change of the day, and closes with an appeal to abandon the counterfeit and all that attaches to it and return to the true Sabbath.

This tract ought to be circulated by the thousands, especially at this time, when, should the Congress of the United States enact Sunday laws, it will there establish a dangerous precedent for every state, city and minor corporation.

Who will be the minute men at this time? Orders may be sent through the usual channels.

Petition Blanks.

We have on hand quite a number of the petition blanks against the proposed Sunday legislation in Washington, D. C., and anyone desiring more of them should write for them at once. Elder K. C. Russell writes that they are receiving many from Colorado. Send them in to him as quickly as you can get them filled with names.

Report of Canvassing Work.

For six weeks ending January 22, 1904.			
	Hrs.	Ord. Val.	Total Val.
		Helps.	
Home Hand Book			
S. E. Jennings	7	\$ 2.00	\$18.50
Daniel and Revelation	9	10.78	34.53
R. M. Dennis			
Sostena Tojola	1	.25	.25
Miscellaneous.			
M. D. Cook	10	1.25	9.45
No name	38		26.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$14.28</b>	<b>\$108.73</b>
<b>DELIVERIES.</b>			
S. E. Jennings	13		\$86.00