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"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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## The Church

### In the Books

"An idle word at random dropped,  
I fain would call it back;  
But it is gone, and others swift  
Still follow on its track.  
O angel with the pen of fire!  
How many idle words  
Have been set down against my name,  
Thy book of truth records.

"And angry words, a bitter train,  
And unkind, sinful vain,—  
How black the list grows as I gaze,  
How filled my heart with pain!  
The angel's eyes are sad to know  
The record he must keep—  
Nothing left out—a fearful list  
With which my God to meet!

"O heavenly Father! For His sake  
Who loved humanity,  
My sinful words, my every act  
Of dark iniquity,  
Blot from Thy books! and in their  
place,  
Write 'Pardoned,' O my God!  
So shall I know, not guilt, but grace,  
Saved by His precious blood."

### Sketches of the Past. No. 26

In our last we mentioned the opposition of some of the universalists to my grandfather, which opposition took the form of damaging property. At the time of the hiding of the pears (which, by the way, were found hidden and rotted in the hay mow, the next winter, when the hay was fed down to their

resting-place) there was a Methodist preacher on the circuit, who in his teaching claimed that in the final judgment every man's case would be revealed in actuality. That is, if a man had stolen a piece of property, the said property would appear to all in that great day conspicuously displayed in connection with the man.

As the said minister learned of the theft and hiding of the pears, supposed to have been done by those who taught and professed to believe that all men were to be saved, he could not restrain himself from irony in portraying the case in harmony with his theory of real appearance of actual crime, in these words, "How they would look coming up to heaven, with all of Father Loughborough's pears on their backs."

Amid all these perplexing transactions, grandfather sought for grace to bear such persecution without complaining, often using a favorite expression with him, "It is a long road that does not have a turn in it." He expected there would be a respite after a while. At last it came, and came in a very peculiar manner. It was on this wise: on the back side of his farm, and out of sight of the house or road, there was a long ten-acre field of wheat. It was nearly ripe. His enemies thought to do him damage by cutting the wheat before it was fully ripe, supposing that it would shrink, and that thus he would be greatly damaged. So on Sunday, while the whole family was at the meeting, three miles away, these enemies went in and cut the whole ten acres of wheat and laid it nicely in swaths.

Little did they realize that what they were doing was a favor instead of a curse. Grandfather had decided that

year to cut his wheat before it was ripe enough to shell. He had, unbeknown to these enemies, however, engaged two men to come on Monday morning to help him harvest that field of wheat. What was their astonishment, on coming to that field, to find the whole ten acres nicely laid in swaths!

With a smile grandfather said, "Well, I think the devil overshot the mark this time." His men had only to bind and shock the wheat. As the result of the early cutting there was no damage. His enemies had really done him a favor, even if they had done it upon Sunday, a day which he regarded as holy time. That ended all opposition of that nature from those opponents. Although they did not change their faith in Universalism, they became his earnest friends and real neighbors. In his last days, let any one say a word against Nathan Loughborough, and these persons were ready in an instant to speak of his merits.

His religion was not a mere form, but entered into all the business transactions of life. Often have I heard him say, "A poor man can not afford to pay more than \$1.00 a bushel for wheat." Even when wheat sold for \$2.00 a bushel at the canal markets a few miles away, he would sell it to the poor laboring men for \$1.00 per bushel. In the winter he would furnish work to these laboring men to help them through the severe weather. He did not even wait for them to plead for help, but he would inquire after their needs. Those who carry out such principles, of course, are of the kind whom Paul called "Living epistles, known and read of all men." What the world needs to-day is men and women of principle, and with a

principle of right sufficiently strong to hold them to right in all their dealings with their fellow men; in all the walks of life, whether in the home, or among their fellow men.

J. N. Loughborough.

## The Field

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Items of Interest

On a recent Sabbath, seven persons were baptized and united with the San Bernardino church.

Sister Stevens, who has been engaged in Bible work in San Bernardino for about two years, is now located in Riverside. She will continue in the same line of work.

G. W. Reaser.

May 5.

### Report of the "Christ's Object Lessons" Work in Los Angeles

(April 27 to May 3, 1908.)

As stated in my last article, the students of Fernando Academy voted to close the school for one week so as to give the teachers and students an opportunity to sell "Object Lessons" in Los Angeles.

This work was undertaken in response to the Testimony that was received last fall. Six teachers and thirty-five students participated in this effort. Arrangements were made to have all camp on the same premises so as to facilitate the work of preparing meals, and having evening meetings.

All who went out to meet the people had an excellent experience in presenting a Saviour's love to the people. In our evening gatherings many testimonies were given telling of their happiness in taking up this work. We all could see more of the love of God and of present truth in "Object Lessons" than we had ever seen before. There were quite a number of young students in the company who had never canvassed before, and they took hold of the work with willing hearts. Their own souls were watered as they presented the book to the people.

Times were hard, yet, as the result of

one week's effort three hundred and sixty-nine orders were taken. We kept in mind constantly what the Testimony said. We were told that a threefold blessing would ensue if we would take up this work—we would be giving the truth to the people, our own souls would be watered, and the school would be helped financially. Every day they saw this prophecy fulfilled. We only wish that our other schools would take up this work with "Object Lessons," for there is a blessing in it.

We have already planned a third campaign for the fall of 1908, before school opens. Our teachers and students are with us in this effort for doing something practical for the Master. This work brings spiritual good such as can not be obtained in the schoolroom.

The following are some of the experiences that were had during the week:

1. One of our workers went up to a door one morning to present the book. The lady of the house was interested at once, and invited her to come in. After she had made her canvass, the lady said that she wanted the book, for the reason that her daughter had dreamed the night before that a lady had called and shown them a beautiful book. The worker saw that the angel of the Lord had gone before her to prepare the way.

2. Another worker had been canvassing and heard that there was a Baptist missionary in the next block. She did not know where the missionary lived, but when she arrived she took her order in two minutes. She was anxious to go away to do some missionary work for herself, but she returned later and had a good talk with the canvasser, and said that she was interested in Seventh-day-Adventism. When the book was delivered, she received it with pleasure. She wanted to know whether we could use her services as a teacher in the school.

3. Our Bible teacher was canvassing for the book and met a young girl at her aunt's home. When he spoke of the value of a Christian life, she said that she did not believe in such things, but our Bible teacher told her that he had associated with young people for a good many years, and he could read behind the scene. He said, "If you will invite me in, I will explain this book to you and convince you that you do believe in spiritual things." She was greatly

touched with the recital, and said that she would read the book if her aunt would buy it. It turned out, however, that her aunt was a Catholic, so she would not purchase the book when called upon later.

4. Another of our workers called on a middle-aged lady who was very kind and pleasant. She readily gave her order, and when she learned that it was an Adventist book she said that she had relatives in Kansas that had become Adventists a good many years ago. She said she was sorry to hear, however, that this family had given up the Adventist faith, and would not go to any church at all. Although she is not an Adventist herself, she gave this worker the name and address of this family and asked the worker to write to them.

5. Another worker found a family of Southern people who received them very kindly. One of the family was a cripple who had to keep her wheel-chair constantly. She was about sixty years of age, and was intensely interested in the book when it was shown her. She ordered the book for her own use, and when it was delivered three days later, the family told the worker that she had been talking about the book quite a good deal since it was ordered. She was waiting to see it.

6. Another worker found a French Catholic girl. She ordered the book to be delivered later. She invited the worker to call upon her often. She said that she had gone to Protestant churches to find out what they believed. She does not tell her parents of her attitude, but she wants to learn as much truth as possible.

7. Another worker found a colored lady who at first did not wish to listen to the truths found in the book. Finally she became intensely interested, but when he asked for her order she seemed to be struggling with the spirit of God, and refused to yield to it. The worker received the impression that she was of the class of whom it is said, "almost persuaded to be a Christian."

H. G. Lucas.

"Listen, you girls, I've a word for you; 'Tis the very same—Be true! be true!"

For truth is the sun, and falsehood the night;

Be true, little maid, and stand for the right."

**Santa Barbara Church**

On March 24 of this year, Elder F. I. Richardson and family left this field to work in connection with Elder Healey, in conducting a series of meetings at San Diego. While this deprived the church here of a minister, yet we did not feel free to urge the conference officers to keep him in this field longer at this time. Elder Richardson had done much toward strengthening the church in adding several new members, and also in the instruction and encouragement to press on in the message.

The Sabbath following Elder Richardson's departure, Elder Ralph Miller, of Pasadena, paid us a visit and gave a very interesting discourse on Isa. 1:9, admonishing us to come nearer to the Christ life as we journey down the stream of time.

On Sabbath, April 4, Elder W. C. White pleasantly surprised us, and gave a general outline of a few of the missionary fields, showing the wonderful working of the Lord in gathering souls out from the dark superstitions of heathenism, and also pointing out the dearth of means and workers to finish the third angel's message in the foreign lands. Such talks on missionary fields, are a source of help and encouragement to the members of the smaller companies, as they see how the Lord works in behalf of others. It strengthens their faith, helping them to understand that the Saviour is still willing and able to help us all out of trying places, if we only faithfully trust Him.

The church building has been newly painted, which adds very much to the appearance, and together with the improvements on the interior last year, gives us a very neat and comfortable meeting-house.

The work that next claimed our attention was in preparing for the arrival of the fleet. Visitors were coming from as far as Saugus on the south, and San Luis Obispo on the north. People were to be here on this occasion that seldom leave their home town, and are not often seen by our canvassers. This was an opportunity not accorded to us very often, and it demanded vigorous action. The church-membership is small and not made up of many that could do street work. In our helplessness, so far as workers was concerned, we appealed to the San Fernando Academy, and were

assisted to the extent of fourteen young ladies and gentlemen, who worked faithfully and well until nearly all of the visitors had gone to their homes. The accompanying table will show the result of their effort. Only two of this number, J. H. Hidley and J. R. Robinson could be classed as having worked with papers before. With some this was their first effort in religious work of any kind.

Name	S.	M.	T.	W.	T.	total
Laura Dart	31	45	65	23	10	174
Miss Nichols	8	32	25	26	9	100
Ida Lothrop	24	27	32	23	6	112
Amie Lothrop	25	42	43	59	11	180
Bertha Dart	25	54	81	48	12	220
Alice Pickering	25	23	30	10	22	110
Georgia Norris	39	120	48	77	35	319
J. H. Hidley	41	37	46	52	16	192
Philip Knox	9	23	46	42	14	134
Guy Kay	12	30	16	21	5	84
Glenn Emmert	10	30	14			54
J. Robinson	14	16	5			35
Byron Dart	1	6	16	10	1	34
Silas Davis	7	7	16			30
Miss Earp			7	11		18
Maggie Reichard				6		6
Grand total	271	492	490	408	141	1802

The work done by these young people is commendable, and only the heavenly records will show to how many, and to what lands, this message in the papers has gone.

The experiences of the workers were many and varied, but through it all they maintained a true Christian spirit, and felt that the Lord would finally reward them double for all the reproaches cast upon them.

A short song and prayer service was held on Sunday afternoon before they began work, and on Tuesday evening all assembled again for an experience meeting. These meetings were impressive, and the right spirit was present. To the Lord is all praise given for the work accomplished.

Dr. M. E. Eastman.

**CALIFORNIA  
School Items**

The school year is drawing to a close.

Final examinations are being taken by the eighth-grade pupils.

Pupils and teachers are busy with preparations for the closing exercises.

Few substitutions among the teachers have been made this year.

Miss Gregory of the Bishop school was hurt in a runaway, but after a week's rest and good treatment for her wounds and bruises, she was able to continue her school work.

Miss Smith, of Reno, was called home by a telegram on account of the severe illness of her sister who is now slowly recovering from a terrific battle with pneumonia. Mrs. Hammersmark takes Miss Smith's place.

The Lodi church has a strong school employing two teachers. Although much crowded for room, the order in this school has been excellent. Sisters Holbrook and Hansen have done faithful work and maintained a high standard, both in scholarship and morals of the pupils.

The coming union institute, which is now planned to be held at Healdsburg, beginning June 16 and continuing for four weeks, is looked forward to with much interest. The teachers of the California Conference extend to the teachers of our sister conferences a hearty welcome.

Prof. W. A. Yarnell of the Fresno school says: "We have 50,000 grape cuttings, and two acres of cantaloupes planted. The children are so enthused with garden work that a large part of their recesses and noon hours are spent in work rather than play." This industrial spirit is commendable. During the conference time, in company with several of the delegates, we visited this school. At the close of the speech-making, Elder Thurston manifested his interest in the welfare of the school by a gift of a ten-dollar gold piece. The hat was passed and it gathered in enough to net over thirteen dollars as a benefit. The chairman of the board said, "Thank you, please come again."

Not one of our church-school teachers can afford to miss the opportunity of attending this institute, as a program replete with good things has been outlined. Transportation to and from the institute, and board and lodging of accredited teachers, will be paid by the conference.

I. C. Colcord,  
Educational Supt. Cal. Conf.

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1908

At a forenoon service on the last Sunday of the Lodi Camp-meeting nearly \$1,150 was raised in cash and pledges for the Oakwood Training School at Huntsville, Ala.

In a sermon during the conference meeting, Elder I. H. Evans said: "No man in this denomination can keep pace with the progress of this message. At a meeting of the mission board two years ago it was decided that it would be impossible to open any new mission stations during the year, but to the surprise of all connected with planning the forward work, one station was opened in one country, and another in another place, until eighteen stations were opened without the consent of the Mission Board. No persons nor boards can stem the onward progress of the message."

Among the laborers at the Lodi Camp-meeting who did not arrive until late in the meeting were the following: Dr. H. F. Rand, superintendent of the St. Helena Sanitarium; Dr. Maria L. Edwards of the same institution; Elder G. F. Haffner, who has charge of all of the German work among our people west of the Mississippi River; Dr. L. A. Reed, president of Pacific Union College at Healdsburg; Prof. E. D. Sharpe, director of the Normal Institute at the same place; Prof. I. C. Colcord, educational superintendent in the California Conference; Prof. E. A. Sutherland, of the Nashville (Tenn.) Normal and Agricultural Training School; and Prof. G. W. Caviness, recently from Mexico.

One of the most notable features of the Lodi Camp-meeting was the attitude

of those in attendance regarding missionary work and the circulation of our literature, and the readiness with which they responded to calls to assist in scattering the pages containing present truth. At the various meetings day by day, as the necessity of acting well our part in this great work was presented, and tracts and books containing our precious truth were offered to the people to sell, the hearts of our brethren and sisters were made tender to respond to the call to labor in the Master's vineyard. The Spirit of God was in the camp because the spirit of work for souls was being revived. Many thousands of pages of tracts and papers, as well as large numbers of books, were taken by our people to scatter on their way home or in their own neighborhoods. And with this literature they carried away much of the blessing of God which otherwise they would not have received, for in the bearing of the truth to the world is the greatest blessing which the Lord has for His people at this time.

## School of Correct Dress

The School of Correct Dress is now open for students. A fine opportunity is offered our people. Garments made to patterns cut to fit YOU. Write to-day to School of Correct Dress, 257 S. Hill St., Los Angeles, Cal. Jennette O. Smith, Director.

## CALIFORNIA

(Continued from page 3.)

### San Martin

On April 10 Elder C. L. Taylor spoke in the school hall in this place to a fair-sized and appreciative audience in the interest of religious liberty. This was deemed necessary more particularly because the great Sunday-law advocate, Rev. Tufts, had spoken here a short time before to an audience of about twenty, urging his hearers to work early and late for a Sunday law in California.

Among other things he said was that Jesus Christ is King of California, and that God instituted the *Sunday* rest at Creation.

Elder Taylor's arguments were convincing, and the best of attention was given from first to last. The minds of many were changed in regard to religious legislation. A number said it was the best thing that ever came to San

Martin. Several remarked that they hoped he would come again, and that if he did, the house would not hold the people.

There seemed to be such a desire on the part of many to hear him further that arrangements were made for another meeting on April 29.

Although there was no moon, and many out of town were busy haying, the attendance was even better than before, and the attention was the best. It seemed to be just what the people wanted, and a good many went away from the meeting with new ideas in regard to Sunday laws.

I believe it would help the cause of religious liberty very much if the subject could be presented in every community as it was in San Martin.

F. M. Hills.

## Report of Regular Agents for Six Weeks Ending April 24, 1908

"Desire of Ages"

A. C. Logan	85	14	\$48.20
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"Great Controversy"

S. A. Nagel	38	36	97.00
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"Bible Readings"

L. L. Hutchinson	49	37	99.00
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H. M. Witbeck	45	19	50.50
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"Coming King"

Mrs. Mattie Peach	96	87	132.50
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* J. D. Thompson	10	10	20.00
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Miscellaneous

R. S. Frees	109	74	207.00
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** A. C. Logan	36	31	12.25
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\* Order.

\*\* Including week ending February 28.

"What we sow in the home and the school we reap in the nation."

## Bad Logic

(Mark 2:27; 1 Cor. 11:9.)

That the Sabbath for man was designed,  
The Bible most clearly has stated;

It also as plainly declares

That woman for man was created;

Yet people insist that the Lord

For the Jews the Sabbath intended;

If the Jews all the women should claim,

Would the rest of the world be offended?

—Mrs. Dora Brorsen.