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

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## The Church

### Sketches of the Past—No. 3

When I was about three years of age a Miss Bibbins started a school for little tots in one of the class-rooms of the Methodist Church building. This was something like the present day kindergarten, though not called by that name, and lacking in the multitude of materials now used in such work. Young as I was, my parents sent me to Miss Bibbins' school. Some things connected with this school are the beginnings of my recollections of earlier years. I remember there was one boy in the school who said to me one day "I am four years old to-day. You are not so old as that." I distinctly remember inquiring very earnestly of my mother when I would be four years old, and how disappointed I was that I had to tell my school-mate that it would be six months before I would be four years old.

I remember also that Miss Bibbins had the very little ones learn verses, and then stand and repeat them before the whole school. One she taught me was:

"Were I so tall as to reach the sky,  
Or grasp the ocean in my span;

I must be measured by my soul,  
The mind's the standard of the man."

Then there came a day they called "the last day of school." We were all taken into the room of the church building. There were our parents and many others who had assembled. There were recitations before them. Among the rest I was called upon to make my first public speech, which consisted in the bit of poetry which I had learned. At this the people clapped their hands, which I did not then know had any reference to what I had done, but of course supposed it to be their part of the meeting.

There was another thing connected with the teaching of Miss Bibbins that I have called to mind in later years as showing the importance of making right impressions on the mind of a child. In one of her talks she began to tell us about the stars, and the glory of heaven, and how light and glorious was the place from which all light came. Finally she told us of a child's definition to the

we received impressions of the power of the spirit of God with a humble people. I well remember as testimonies were borne in these love feasts, they were moistened with tears, and accompanied with shouts of praise that touched our young hearts. I remember, too, how plainly that people dressed—nothing untidy, or slovenly, but neatly, yet discarding all display of jewelry, and things of that character.

In those days those who were to partake of the communion received a ticket from their class leader. There was a case of a woman who did not get her ticket because she had put on gold. Shortly afterward her daughter was excluded from the church for attending a ball. Poor girl! she took a violent cold as the result of a night of dancing, sickened and died. At her funeral the minister made reference to her case. He expressed some doubts as to her acceptance with the Lord, but at last said, "If she was saved, it was as we read in Job, she escaped with the skin of her teeth."

There is some differences between those experiences and the action of a late general conference where they came near expunging from their discipline the article against wearing gold, attending theaters, shows, etc., I spoke of this difference to one of their ministers, and said, "It is quite in contrast with the teachings of John Wesley." "O," he replied, "John Wesley had some peculiar ideas that the Methodists have now outgrown." I replied, "Yes, and may it not be that there were some other things connected with Wesley's times that they have outgrown?" With a solemn look and downcast eyes, he replied, "Yes, that may be, too."

J. N. Loughborough.

### Leland Stanford Junior University

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

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The recent issue of the *Signs of the Times*, devoted to foreign missions, is a very interesting one and especially from the series of portraits of leaders in the work of foreign missions from John Eliot to William Duncan.

David Starr Jordan.

question of "What are the stars?" The child's reply was, "They are holes cut in the sky to let the glory through." That was a delight to me, and as she left the matter there for that lesson, I was looking at the stars, and my little mind was in ecstasy over the "glory beyond," of which the teacher had told us. What was my disappointment, when, some days later, she began to explain that these stars were worlds like ours. My childish mind wished she had let this alone, and had not spoiled the "glory holes" in the sky.

In our childhood days our parents took us little folks to the "love feasts" and communion seasons of the church. I am glad they did, for in these meetings

### A Lesson in Liberality—No. 1

To the church in Corinth, Paul wrote:

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we should receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord and unto us by the will of God."

At the time of this writing, the apostle was on a journey, one object of which was to collect means for the relief of the poor saints at Jerusalem. He had established in the Corinthian church, as also in Galatia, a system of weekly offerings, and had enjoined upon Titus, in his visits to the churches, to give special attention to the forwarding of this benevolent enterprise.

The brethren in Macedonia were very poor. In receiving the gospel, they had placed themselves under persecution and oppression. With some, every advantage was denied them because of their faith. Because of their poverty and their trials, they knew how to sympathize with those who were in need. In their poverty, they gave so liberally that the brethren were surprised at the amount raised.

The reason for their liberality was that they had in their hearts the love of the truth. They themselves had tasted of suffering. Trusting in the Lord, they had been comforted, and their hearts went out in sympathy to their brethren in need. They were willing to deprive themselves of goods and of money, that they might relieve the suffering saints in the church at Jerusalem.

Not only was Paul actuated by a desire to relieve the sufferings of his Jewish brethren, but also by the hope that the tangible expression of the love and sympathy of the Gentile converts would soften the bitter feelings cherished toward them by many of the believers in Judea. Notwithstanding the poverty of the brethren in Macedonia, they joined readily in the apostle's plan, and urged him to accept their bounty for the needy Christians at Jerusalem. They had the utmost confidence in his integrity and

judgment, and considered him the proper person to take charge of their gifts.

The brethren in Macedonia experienced the truth of the words of Christ, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." They felt that the cause of Christ was one everywhere. They, therefore, in their poverty, felt called out to help other churches more needy than themselves. This spirit of unsectional liberality should characterize the churches of to-day. They should continually keep the burden on their souls for the advancement of the cause of God in any and every place.

Titus had visited the churches in Macedonia. So successful had he been in calling forth the liberality of the brethren there, that Paul desired, as he wrote to the Corinthians, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in them the same grace also.

"Therefore," he continues, "as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

Here benevolence is placed by the side of faith, love, and Christian diligence. Those who think that they can be good Christians, and yet close their ears and hearts to the calls of God for their liberalities, are in a fearful deception. There are those who abound in professions of great love for the truth, and, so far as words are concerned, have an interest to see the truth advance, but who do nothing for its advancement. The faith of such is dead; not being made perfect by works. The Lord never made such a mistake as to convert a soul, and leave it under the power of covetousness.

In appealing to the brethren at Corinth to give liberally, Paul reminds them of the great sacrifice made in their behalf by the Lord Jesus Christ:

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

"And herein I give my advice," Paul continues, "for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now therefore perform the doing of it, that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

Paul had brought to the attention of the church in Corinth, the liberal example of the brethren in Macedonia, where, though they were exceedingly poor, they had with thankfulness and willingness contributed in response to the appeals for help. In this, however, he did not desire to lay an unduly heavy burden upon them.

"For I mean not that other men be eased and ye burdened," he declares, "but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality: as it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack."

In his journey to Corinth, Titus was accompanied by another brother who was highly esteemed among all the churches. Still another who had labored diligently with the apostle was sent to accompany these brethren. Concerning these laborers the apostle wrote:

"Thanks be to God which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you. And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; and not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind: availing this that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us; providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

"And we have sent with them our brother whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you."

In the following words Paul commends to the Corinthian church these brethren who had so willingly undertaken a difficult task:

"Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellow-helper concerning you; or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches and the glory of Christ. Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf."

Mrs. E. G. White.

Report of the Home Agents for Week Ending Oct. 11, 1907

Miscellaneous Books and Papers

Agent	Hours' Work	Books Sold	Value Books	Papers Sold	Value Papers	Total Sales
B. Julius	27	51	\$31.15	7	\$ .95	\$32.10
Mrs. A. E. Moore	15	6	6.00	10	1.90	7.90
J. E. Austin	14	6	8.75			8.75
Mrs. Phebe Press	10			143	8.65	8.65
Mrs. Von Fitinghoff*	20			300	15.00	15.00
J. R. Ferren	1/2			13	1.35	1.35
A. L. Whitaker		1	2.25			2.25
Mrs. E. E. Parlin**		2	3.25			3.25
Walter Owen**				1	.75	.75
Walter Harper**		10	5.55			5.55
A. R. Hazelton**				1	.75	.75
Miss Mabel Wheeler**				10	.50	.50
C. Chord**		31	46.75			46.75
A. H. Howard**		36	9.05			9.05
Eureka Church***				2	.10	.10
James Harvey****						
		143	\$112.75	487	\$29.95	\$142.70

\*Three weeks. \*\*Order. \*\*\*For \*\*\*\*Papers distributed, 510, pages of 3 months, and 340 Signs, 24 Leaflets, 1 tracts, 2, 689. book distributed.

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B. Julius*	18	37	\$18.65			\$18.65
Mrs. Phebe Press	10	1	1.50	148	\$ 7.40	8.90
Mrs. C. A. Knight	8	9	8.60			8.60
Mr. & Mrs. G. A. Kuhns**	15	15	23.00	1300	65.00	88.00
Mrs. A. H. Howard***	20	20	5.00			5.00
Mrs. E. E. Parlin****	17	17	50.50			50.50
Mr. & Mrs. J. Turner***	6	6	2.00			2.00
R. J. Robertson***	10	10	2.50			2.50
Lodi Society***	3	3	10.50			10.50
W. L. Sims***	1	1	1.00	4	3.00	4.00
Mabel Wheeler***				10	.50	.50
Mountain View Church Society	251			847	95.90	95.90
James Harvey*****						
		110	\$124.75	2,309	\$171.80	\$296.55

\*20 papers given away. \*\*9 months, Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, gave away 620 periodicals (\$31.00), 3,050 tracts, or 48,800 pp. (\$30.50). \*\*\*Order. \*\*\*\*200 papers given away. \*\*\*\*\*Periodicals distributed, 807; pages of tracts, 582.

Report of "King's Messengers" for Two Weeks Ending Oct. 18, 1907

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
*C. T. E. Johnson	34	11	\$ 34.00
Miss Besise Hart	30	20	40.00
C. T. E. Johnson	25	13	39.00
J. V. Pierson	24	32	59.75
C. T. E. Johnson	24	12	36.00
Walter Harper	30	97	225.20
			\$443.95

\*Week ending October 4.

Total Sales for Two Weeks Ending Oct. 18, 1907

By the "King's Messengers"	\$433.95
By the Home Agents	439.25
	\$873.20

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

It Can be Done

In the early part of 1905 it was proposed that the \$100,000 Fund should be closed up by the time of the General Conference, which met in Washington, May 11-30, 1905. Some thought it would be impossible to make up the balance of the fund by that time, but there was a special and united effort made to raise the \$100,000 Fund, and by the close of the meeting the fund had been made up and more too; so that the secretaries of the Treasury Department could not keep up with the flow that came in from all sources. The limit of \$100,000 was passed, and over \$16,000 was sent in besides.

Now why can not we awaken to the importance of finishing up the \$150,000 fund before the first of January, 1908? Very important enterprises are waiting until the fund is made up. If all will enlist as one California sister has done, it will not take two months to accomplish this work, and in fact it could be done within a week.

We quote a few lines from her letter. "I am giving a part—for that is all I can call my own—of every dollar I earn (under God), to that sum, and shall continue to do so until it is finished; then I stand ready for the next call."

We have no doubt that this fund will be finished some time, but why not by the first of next year, and then, as with the \$100,000 Fund, can not there be a large overflow? Some have given to this fund several times, but if the spirit of the writer from whose letter we have quoted is followed, they will continue giving regularly until the whole amount is made up.

Are there not those who will come in with large donations, say of \$100 to \$1000, until this work is finished? Many others can give regularly until there is no more need, and all can give as God has prospered them.

J. S. Washburn.

Notice to Tract Societies, Depositories, or Canvassers

Any one having copies of "Patriarchs and Prophets" in English to sell, new or in good, clean condition, write me first, at once, stating number of copies of each style of binding. No foreign books wanted. If you can locate these books anywhere, please inform me, as stated. Walter Harper, care Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1907

Prof. E. S. Ballenger, from Southern California, was a caller at the office last Thursday.

A German meeting has been appointed by the General Conference to be held in Chicago, Ill., Nov. 29 to Dec. 9, 1907.

What are you doing to help circulate the Missions Special of the *Signs of the Times*? "Actions speak louder than words."

Mrs. E. G. White and her company stopped off in Mountain View Sunday on their way to the medical convention in Los Angeles.

The Arizona corps of laborers has also been strengthened by the arrival of Elder S. Thurston, father of Elder H. G. Thurston.

It has been decided to hold the medical convention that was announced last week for Loma Linda at Los Angeles. The meeting is now in session.

Elders A. G. Daniells and G. A. Irwin, and Dr. W. A. Ruble expect to be in attendance at the medical convention in Los Angeles this week.

Elder H. W. Cottrell and Brother J. J. Ireland left the middle of last week for Los Angeles to attend the medical convention, and to look after other conference interests.

A recent letter from Arizona states that Elder Wheeler, who formerly labored in that conference, but who has been for some time in California, has returned to take up work in that field.

H. H. Hall, manager of the Book Department of the Pacific Press, is spending a few weeks in Canada in the interests of the branch office which is being started in Regina, Saskatchewan.

On Wednesday, October 23, the Pacific Union Conference Committee held a meeting at its office in Mountain View. It was decided to hold the next biennial session of the union conference at Sanitarium, Cal., Jan. 17 to 25, 1908, and delegates at large were appointed by the committee. Other plans were also laid for the forthcoming session.

The New York branch of the Review & Herald informs us that a few tracts and pamphlets can now be secured in the Slavonian, Russian, Bohemian, Servian, Portuguese, Hungarian, Bulgarian, and Roumanian languages. Prices sent on application. If you have friends or neighbors who speak any of these languages, would it not be well to furnish them with some of the reading-matter? Many of these foreigners in this country will read anything they can get in their own language.

Reference has already been made to the special, "The Morning Cometh," issue of the *Watchman*. We are not informed just when this number will be ready; but it is now in preparation and promises to be something good. A number of our leading writers will have articles on different phases of present truth, and the whole paper will give the message a certain sound. Prices, single copies, ten cents; in quantities less than 100, five cents; 100 to 499, four cents; 500 or more, three and one-half cents; ten or more mailed to list of names, each six cents. Order of your tract society. Watch for further notice.

A recent communication from Los Angeles states that there has been an agitation of late toward Sunday-closing in that city. The theaters and playhouses were the principal objects of attack, the cause being championed by a Baptist minister, and others of the city pastors' union. Their efforts, however, were not as much appreciated by those connected with the playhouses as had been anticipated; so that when the matter was brought before the city council some of the leading theater managers were present to oppose it. The Seventh-day Adventists also had presented a petition of

remonstrance against any enactment of a religious measure, and were present at the council meeting to oppose the Sunday legislation. Very little enthusiasm in favor of the proposed rest law was manifested by some of the members of the city council, and finally it was decided to lay the question over until the next city election in 1909, and let it be settled at that time by a vote of the people. It is a question whether it will ever be considered again. However, the delay gives plenty of opportunity for our people to educate the citizens of Los Angeles upon the motives underlying all such movements and the true principles of religious liberty.

Prof. F. R. Rogers, of Vicksburg, Miss., is now laboring among the churches of the California Conference in the interests of the colored school work in the South. He has visited a number of the churches and has received some substantial aid for that needy work. Brother Rogers spent Sabbath and Sunday with the people at Mountain View, speaking twice during his stay. Sabbath forenoon he recited some of his experiences and difficulties in starting the school work among the colored people of Mississippi ten years ago. For four years he and his faithful wife braved almost every kind of abuse in the schools at Yazoo City and Vicksburg, Miss., until they could train colored teachers to take their places. For the past six years Brother Rogers has had charge of all the colored mission schools in the South, a part of the time being connected directly with the Huntsville Training-school. Sunday evening he gave a stereopticon lecture on the South and the educational work being conducted there. The views of places, buildings and people connected with the schools in that field were appreciated by all, as were also those showing different phases of typical negro life. An opportunity was given for as many as desired to assist in this good cause by paying the tuition of one or more students in the mission schools. About twenty responded, besides a liberal cash donation being taken.

## Announcement

The new church in Oakland, Cal., will be dedicated on Sabbath, November 9, dedicatory service to be held at 11:00 A. M. There will also be general exercises following at 7:30 P. M. The church is located on 25th Street, one-half block west of Telegraph Avenue.