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

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## The Church

### To-day

Sow, for the hours are fleeting,  
And the seed must fall to-day;  
And care not what hands may reap it,  
Or if you shall have passed away  
Before the waving corn-fields  
Shall gladden the sunny day.

—A. Proctor.

### Sketches of the Past—No. 4

I do not wish it understood that early impressions of right made complete saints of the children in my father's family, for it is true of all, as expressed by the psalmist, that the natural tendency is to "go astray as soon as they be born." Ps. 55:3. One sister once said to us of her son, "He would not do any wrong, for he was a *natural-born* Christian." Another remarked on hearing this, "If he were a *natural-born* Christian, he must have been a natural-born fool if he escaped all Satan's temptations to wrong."

It may be the sister's idea of goodness was like that of a sister to whom Elder J. H. Waggoner, many years ago, gave some counsel about restraining her son. Her reply was, "Elder, you do not understand my son, he is the best boy in the world if you will only let him do just as he has a mind to do." There is at the present day too much of the sentiment "Let them do as they wish, they will get their wild oats sowed after a while." This lax way with children is filling the world with great selfishness.

There is certainly a great lack among the masses in the proper training of children. A few years ago, when hood-

lums made havoc in San Francisco, there were many articles in the city papers on the training of children. Finally the editor of the *Chronicle* suggested that it might be a good thing to talk about the training of parents. He thought much of the trouble grew out of the wrong ideas of the parents relative to the care of their children; and then made reference to the course pursued in earlier times when parents were more diligent to correct, restrain, and punish their children. Too many, alas, deal with their children as did David with Adonijah, of whom we are told, "His father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so?" 1 Kings 1:5, 6.

I think our parents must have taken to heart the words of Solomon when he said, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." Prov. 13:24. I have no recollection of ever receiving a whipping from the hands of my father. There were a few times, however, when my mother had occasion to apply the "peach sprout." I well remember the last time I was ever punished by her. I must have been about five years old. The circumstance was this: We had a cow which was pastured about one-fourth of a mile from our home. We children drove the cow home at night, and in the morning returned her to the pasture. A young man who worked on the pasture farm would take me and seat me on a horse and lead the horse around the yard. Of course this was fine sport for me. When the other children went home I stopped to enjoy more of the ride. The result was that I was home late, and

consequently was late to the church school. I was told by my mother how wrong this was, and that I must not do so again.

The next morning, as we started for the pasture she said to me, "Now, John, you must come home with the other children. Do not let that man keep you by riding on the horse. If you are home late you can not go to school to-day, and I shall whip you besides." I did not want to disobey my mother, but when the man got me on the horse again, of course I enjoyed it. As the other children started, I wished to get off the horse and go. He said, "O, your mother won't care; let them go." So I stayed and enjoyed the sport a little longer. When I got home I hustled around to get ready for school. Mother very calmly said, "No, John, you are not going to school to-day. You stayed against my command, you are not going to school, and I am going to whip you, just as I told you."

I wished she would whip me and be done with it. What a day I had! All the forenoon I tried to amuse myself, expecting the whipping, but it did not come. I knew when my mother said a thing it was so, and the whipping would come. At noon we had a fine dinner, and all seemed pleasant. No reference was made to my disobedience. After dinner I began to prepare to go with the children to school, but my mother calmly said, "No, John, you are not going to school to-day, and I am going to whip you, just as I told you this morning."

The afternoon went on. But, O dear! what an afternoon to me, anticipating the whipping, and yet it did not come.

Really I was having a whole day of punishment before the whipping came. Finally, about five o'clock P.M., she, with the peach sprout in hand and tears in her eyes, took me into another room. She told me how much it hurt her to punish me. She applied a few smart strokes. I knew I deserved them. Of course I cried, but she wept more than I did. It was the cure. I learned from that time to regard her word as law. She never had occasion to apply the rod afterward.

J. N. Loughborough.

### Missionary Work for Missions

All our people in North America ought fully to understand that just now they have an unusual opportunity to render the cause of God excellent service. This particular opportunity will last for only a short time. In a few months it will be gone. A similar one may not come again for a number of years, if ever.

I refer to the circulation of the World's Missions Special of the *Signs of the Times*. This important, valuable, and timely special number of the *Signs* has been prepared at great expense and untiring energy by the publishers and editors. When the matter was nearly ready to go to press one year ago, the manuscripts and illustrations were all destroyed in the Pacific Press fire. During the past year new articles and illustrations have been secured from all parts of the world and fresh, up-to-date facts and figures relating to missions have been gathered.

And now this Special is ready for distribution. It is ready to tell its splendid message to the world. Its message is intensely interesting. It is instructive, thrilling, uplifting. It will tell the world that God has decreed that the gospel of His coming kingdom is to be given to all the world in this generation and that when this is done the end will come. It will tell of God's wonderful providences during the last century which have been preparing the way for the gospel to be preached in all the world in this generation. It will tell of the open doors in all lands for God's messengers to enter. And for the first time it will tell the Christian churches in this country of the world-wide missionary work now being carried on by Seventh-day Adventists. This is information the people ought to have. It will impress many minds as nothing else will that we can tell them. The paper is ready for circulation. This is

the opportunity for our people. In a few months it will be gone. What we fail to do now can not be done six months from now. Surely our people will be wise and prompt in this matter. People who have confidence in this cause, and love it as we do will not let this opening for service go by default.

The good news has recently come to us that one of our young people's societies has subscribed for over two thousand copies of this Missions Number, and has dedicated the profits to the ever-needy and interesting cause of foreign missions. This donation of profits amounts to \$131. Such a liberal consecration of both time and money for the home and foreign missionary work affords a beautiful example for others to follow.

May the Holy Spirit move all to great earnestness.

A. G. Daniels.

### Liberty, No. 4

"The Rome and the United States" Number of *Liberty* for the fourth quarter issue, comes out with sixteen strong editorials showing that religious legislation ever leads to persecution, that the present attitude of the ministry, the ever-recurring school matter, the demand for Sunday legislation, the strange experiments in legislation, the dangerous precedents, the making of and enforcing Sabbath laws, the inconsistency of enforced religious observances, and the present tendency to make Christ's kingdom of this world, are subverting the principles of good government and destroying the genuine religious experience.

The general articles of this number are unusually strong, among which are:

"Rome and the Constitution."—The marvelous change fifteen years has made in the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the government of the United States.

"Conscience-Free."—Can not be coerced—"you can forge a crowbar on an anvil, but you can not hammer out a conscience."

"The Triumph of Rome."—In her cooperation with Protestants in the exalting of Sunday, she is seeking to regain her lost supremacy.

"Threatening Shadows."—The lamb-like nature of this nation to be changed into that of the dragon—historical and Scriptural evidence given.

"The Sphere of Law."—The object of civil law is to regulate civil conduct,

but the civil law that modifies, changes, or interferes with the law of God transcends the powers conferred, and is not respected by the courts of heaven.

"The Papal Theory of Government."—A union of church and state, with the church as the *superior*, and commanding obedience from the state as the *inferior*.

"The Importance of the Sabbath."—The Sabbath of the fourth commandment—its purpose. The enforcing of its observance being the transgression of the moral law of which it is a part.

"Why Religion Was Disestablished in Virginia."—An interesting sketch of American history in which is revealed the evils of a union of church and state, and the blessing of religious liberty.

"Teaching Only What God Has Commanded."—Men are to take the law of God just as they find it. They have no right to urge as a matter of universal obligation what God has left as a matter to be decided by every man's conscience.

"Temperance."—Sunday-closing of the saloon; the cause of the moral paralysis upon society, Lincoln's temperance pledge, England's drink bill, liquor-drinking in the United States.

The magazine has been enlarged to 48 pages, better illustrated, and the price raised to *ten cents per copy*. The costs to agents are as follows:

2 to 25 copies, 5 cents each.

25 to 500, 4 cents.

Subscription price, 25 cents; foreign, 35 cents.

Ten or more copies, one order to one address, 15 cents per copy.

Place all orders for *Liberty* with the state tract society.

### How I Memorize the Bible

I am a busy housekeeper, but every day brings tasks that employ my hands, leaving my mind idle. It is while doing these things that I learn verses from the Bible, or review those already learned. The results are surprising, but there is no secret about my success, except that I began and have kept on. Sometimes I am too tired and dull to learn, and then I wait till the next day and try again.

I find that this memorizing is good mental discipline. At first, being long unused to study, it was difficult for me to learn even one verse correctly, but with a determination to have every "and" and "the" right, I can now commit to memory accurately and rapidly.

I find, too, that the constant repetition

of high thoughts and noble language improves my own thoughts and expressions, especially in prayer.

While committing the Bible to memory, cares, worries, bitter thoughts, vain regrets, morbid fancies, and all the jumble of things that lumber an unoccupied mind are crowded out. By frequent repetition, rich meanings often stand out clearly in the lines, which would otherwise escape my notice. This growing familiarity with the Bible makes it ready for use in guiding my own way and in helping others. How can I walk and talk with God unless I have in mind some word of His to which I can respond, or which satisfies my own questions and aspirations?

Sometime I may be deprived of reading, and then what riches I shall have in this store of Bible verses hid in my heart! Often at twilight or in help-less hours I say the sweet words over with a sense of comfort and companionship that otherwise I should miss. Then, besides all this, I believe in tracing out God's providences in the light of His word, and for that reason I can never be too familiar with the Bible.—*Bible Reader.*

**Self-Restraint or Strong Will**

Without self-restraint the whole order and beauty and worth of life are destroyed. A well-balanced character implies an all-round, effective control. One unbridled passion is not only a failure at a single point, but is an indication of failure at the center also. In the best there are evil tendencies and evil desires that are ever claimant; so that in the ordinary conduct of life the habit of self-restraint is essential if a straight course is to be steered, or even if fatal shipwreck is to be avoided.

A weak, undisciplined nature, however naturally sweet and gentle and pure, is sure to meet some day a concourse of circumstances, or an overwhelming temptation, which will end in moral disaster.

We constantly underestimate the power of a trained and restraining will, not only over outside circumstances, but also over the inner nature, amending constitutional defects, checking impulses, impelling to right courses of action, and thus altering the very character. Like every other faculty, the will needs to be educated and strengthened by the exercise of itself.—*Selected.*

**Report of the Home Agents for Week Ending Oct. 25, 1907**  
**Miscellaneous Books and Papers**

Agent	Hours' Work	Books Sold	Value Books	Papers Sold	Value Papers	Sales Total
Mrs. Myrtle Cushman *	51			731	\$49.30	\$49.30
B. Julius	14	40	\$23.05	4	.20	23.25
Mrs Phebe Press	5	2	3.00	64	3.20	6.20
Bert Myers **				7	8.25	8.25
Mrs. Von Fitinghoff **				100	10.00	10.00
James Harvey ***				1	.75	.75
		42	\$26.05	907	\$71.70	\$97.75

\* 2 1/2 weeks.      \*\* Order.      \*\*\*Papers distributed, 708; pages of tracts, 3,188.

**The Field**

**Coulterville**

After spending the summer months with the tent company in Hanford and other places, I am again at home.

We closed our meetings in Coalinga October 6, when I at once started to this field and found indeed a needy one. The people being so scattered, it is hard to get to them or to get them together. I was able to see only a few of the people, but found the few ready for a course of studies.

Having secured a schoolhouse for the purpose, I commenced meetings Sunday, the 13th, with a nice attendance. Every one seems ready to hear. Indications are that the interest is growing.

I am following up an interest that requires a walk of ten miles to reach, but it is a pleasure to meet such kind-hearted people as one meets here and give to them the message. While with many of the people here in the mountains there is a rough exterior yet they are most friendly, and one finds himself made quite at home by them. Practically nothing has been done here to spread the message and the majority of the people were born and raised here and know nothing of it. I ask the prayers of our people for the work at this place. It is a much neglected field. If any one can furnish me with a few copies of the *Signs* I would appreciate using them.

Brethren, the battle is the Lord's, let us be courageous.      J. R. Patterson,  
October 29.

Vanity makes us wish to be superior to others; moral aspiration, to be superior to ourselves.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

**Report for Week Ending Oct. 25, 1907**

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Esta E. Landis *	38	12	\$ 39.00
Esta E. Landis **	36	20	64.00
J. V. Pierson	36	38	73.25
Chas. T. E. Johnson	34	13	63.00
Walter Harper ***	25	49	129.80
Bessie Hart	14	7	16.50
	183	139	\$385.55

\* Week ending October 11.  
\*\*Week ending October 4.  
\*\*\*Udenominational works reported, \$231, making a total of \$360.80 for one week.

**Total Sales for Week Ending Oct. 25, 1907**

By "King's Messengers" . . . . .	\$385.55
By the Home Agents . . . . .	97.75
	\$483.30

Cornelius Vanderbilt was asked the secret of his success. "There's no secret to it," he answered. "It's just dig, dig, dig."

**OBITUARY**

Conand.—Died in Stockton, Cal., Oct. 19, 1907, Sister Conand, a faithful worker in the Stockton church, and one of its oldest members. She was eighty-two years and nine months old, and has been paralyzed for some time. She died in the bright hope of the third angel's message. Funeral services were conducted at the Stockton S. D. A. church by Elder H. Shultz.

"No old person has a right to be ugly, because he has had all his life in which to grow beautiful."

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1907

Brother James Harvey, 726 11th St., Oakland, Cal., desires clean copies of the *Signs, Watchman, and Bible Training School* to use in missionary work. These papers should be sent to him prepaid.

According to the latest statistics from the General Conference, there are 91,531 Sabbath-keepers connected with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination throughout the world. This is a gain of 4,220 over the number reported last year.

The *Workers' Bulletin*, Iowa's state paper, comes out this week with a new heading, which is very appropriate for the message it bears. The design and engraving are the work of the Lemos Illustrating Company of Oakland, Cal.

From an exchange we learn that the revival services that are being conducted by Elder Luther Warren at Union College, College View, Neb., are being continued with excellent success. Over one hundred and fifty persons have already been baptized, and there will be another baptism soon. Offerings and pledges for the work among the colored people amounted to over \$1,500.

Just after our paper was in the hands of the printers last week, word came from Oakland of the death of Brother Wm. Saunders, who for many years has been identified with the Pacific Press and publishing work on the Coast. He was taking his usual afternoon rest, and had just been in conversation with members of his family, when he turned upon his couch and expired without a struggle. Heart failure was the cause. Funeral services were conducted Thursday.

In a late issue of the RECORDER it was stated that all supplies for the Missionary Volunteers' Reading Course should be ordered from the Review and Herald Publishing Company of Washington, D. C. We have since been informed that the California Tract Society, located at Mountain View, is in a position to fill all orders for said supplies in its territory from its office, thus saving the delay which would be necessitated by having to order them from the East.

The western Canadian field was organized into a union conference at a meeting held at Leduc, Alberta, October 18 to 22. It will be known as the Western Canadian Union Conference. It comprises four local organized conferences. Elders G. A. Irwin, A. J. Breed, R. A. Underwood, and Brother H. H. Hall were present from abroad and assisted in planning for the different departments of the work. Elder E. L. Stewart, formerly president of the British Columbia Conference, was elected president of the union, and Elder H. S. Shaw, of Saskatchewan, vice-president; Mrs. H. S. Shaw, secretary and treasurer.

"Incidents in the Book Work Revival," by H. H. Hall, Manager of the Book and Sales Department of the Pacific Press, is the title of a 32-page booklet just issued by the Pacific Press Publishing Company in the interests of the subscription-book business. It gives a good synopsis of the work that has been done both in the field and in the office during the past summer. The developments which have led up to the successful campaign just closed are here clearly outlined, and some of the records made in the different parts of the field are reviewed. Suggestions are made as to plans for future work and the best methods of cooperation in carrying the message-filled literature to the world. A number of full-page illustrations of workers and places of interest are given, and the whole makes a very interesting sketch. It should be read and studied by every one who is contemplating entering the canvassing work. Copies are being sent to the state agents for use in their respective fields.

The following notice from the Union College Press is taken from one of our exchanges:

"Owing to the fire of October 6 it is necessary to give notice to our tract

societies, schools, and people generally, that we can no longer fill orders for the books published by us, as our entire stock was destroyed. This includes 'The Missionary Idea,' 'Addresses for Young People,' 'Studies in Gospel History,' 'Studies in Apostolic History,' and 'Story of the Convention.' We have a few copies left of 'Why I Am What I Am' on hand. When these are gone the edition will be exhausted. Arrangements have been made with the Pacific Press for the republishing of Professor Kern's 'Gospel Studies,' and 'Apostolic Studies.' Orders for these should be sent to them, and will be filled as soon as the books are off the press. The book, 'Distribution of the Races,' by Professor Kern, is nearly ready for shipping. Orders for this book should be sent to the Union College Press, College View, Neb.

"We have been compelled to omit several issues of the *Educational Messenger*. However, the list was saved from the fire, and we will begin publishing this paper as soon as type can be received."

## Do We Appreciate It?

After examining several periodicals published especially for young people, I am free to say that the *Youth's Instructor* is by far the best I have seen, viewed from the standpoint of wholesome reading. And when we stop to consider that this paper is the organ of our Young People's Missionary Volunteer movement, and is our instructor in the truths of the third angel's message, and a medium through which we may take this truth to others, it is surely, for us, the most important paper.

Do we appreciate it?

Have we asked others to subscribe for it?

Let us be loyal, young people, to our good friend, the *Instructor*.

M. E. Kern.

## Wanted, Teacher

WANTED.—Home school teacher for girls, one musically inclined preferred. Apply by letter to Mrs. Eva J. Brooke, Point Sur Light Station, Monterey Co., Cal.

## Woman to Work

WANTED.—A Seventh-day Adventist woman to do housework. Good home and wages to the right party. Address, O. O. Osborne, Lodi, Cal.