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

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The Church

Very close and sacred is the relation between Christ and His church,— He the Bridegroom, and the church the bride; He the Head, and the church the body. Connection with Christ, then, involves connection with His church.— *Education.*

A Letter

Loma Linda, Cal., April 10, 1909.

*To Those Assembled at Camp-Meeting,
Dear Brethren:*

I am instructed to urge all who shall attend the camp-meeting to make this a special season of repentance and heart-searching, and of cleansing the life from everything that would lead to a course of action that would dishonor the truth, or cast a shadow of reproach upon the cause of God. Satan is rallying his forces to contend with the advancing work. He would bring reproach upon the work of God by setting brother against brother, and bringing in the elements of suspicion and evil surmising. I am bidden to say to our people, Do not devise evil one against another; do not cherish unbelief in your hearts; do not harbor suspicion against your brethren and sisters. This is one of the most successful ways in which Satan works to alienate the hearts of those who should be doing God's service. Spend much time in earnest prayer for your individual selves. Talk and act as if in the presence of God.

During the past night I seemed to be standing before a large company of be-

lievers. I was saying to them, Now, at the very beginning of this meeting, is the time for you individually to search your own hearts and discern your individual needs. Have you committed wrongs and concealed them? If so, you have a work of confession to do. You have not to confess the sins of your neighbor or your brother, but you need to come to God in repentance and confession of your own wrong-doing. Let your hearts be humbled before God. Let your self-confidence be removed, and in a sincere and humble spirit receive the blessings that God desires to give you at this time.

Representations have been made to me of some who have borne witness against a brother or a sister instead of going to the erring one and, in kindness and love, pointing out the wrong that has been done. Because of this the happy union which they once enjoyed is broken up. My brethren and sisters, let everything of this character be put away. Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that you may obtain forgiveness and pardon, and that unity and peace may be restored to you. Guard the false tongue. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." Be kind and courteous to one another. Do not wound Christ in the person of His saints.

Disaffection began in heaven, because Satan could not have the place he coveted. Disaffection and distrust had never before entered any heart. When Satan began his evil work, he did not himself see where it would lead. But the thoughts he entertained after a time were expressed in suggestions of evil, and these, diffused among the angels,

led to the great rebellion which was the beginning of all the woe and misery that have befallen mankind.

To those who are inclined to suspect others of wrong-doing, and to charge their brethren with evil, I would say, Please read in the book "Great Controversy" the chapter entitled "The Origin of Evil." Bring home its truths to your individual hearts. Remember that it was the spirit of envy and evil surmising, cherished in the heart of the rebel angel, that began the evil work that opened the flood-gates of woe upon our world.

Satan is working in every church to spoil the flock of God. He seeks to lead brother to think evil of brother, and in this way he causes a great deal of grief and pain. I am instructed to say to every soul who professes to be a follower of Christ, Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips, that they speak no guile.

Through self-exaltation Satan works to ruin the soul, and his working may be seen in every church. My brethren and sisters, keep strict guardianship over your spirit. Guard your words, lest Satan lead you to repeat his own history. Guard your thoughts. In these closing days of earth's history, Satan is working with desperate effort to seduce souls into sin. Keep your tongue as with a bridle. Keep your thoughts upon the word of the living God. The same spirit that prompted rebellion in heaven is at work in our churches. I am instructed to bring to your attention the light contained in the book "Great Controversy." If you have not this book, get it and read it prayerfully. We are living in the last days of this earth's history,

and Satan is making determined efforts to subvert the mind. O that those who have for years been at war with the Testimonies God has graciously given in warnings to save His people from the snares of Satan, would come into harmony with the requirements of God. Light, precious light, has been given, and is the genuine higher education.

In dealing with sin, God could employ only methods of righteousness and truth. Satan has sought to falsify the word of God, to misrepresent His plan of government before angels and men. Satan's rebellion has been repeated over and over again in the history of our race—a perpetual testimony as to the nature and results of sin and the working out of Satan's rule. Its sure effects on both men and angels speak loudly as to what will ever be the fruit of setting aside the light God sends, and of rejecting His authority.

Ellen G. White.

Sketches of the Past—No. 65

In the discourse mentioned in our last article, Brother J. N. Andrews not only answered every text I had relied upon as teaching the abrogation of the Ten Commandments at the cross, but proceeded to establish the fact that by the law of Ten Commandments was the knowledge of sin; that we did not make void the law by faith in Christ, but thus established the law, virtually acknowledging its claims. It thus became "our school-master [pedagogue] to bring us unto Christ." He claimed that being "under the law" meant "under condemnation for transgression," and when forgiven by repentance and faith in Christ, we are free from the condemnation of the law—no longer "under" it; and that there was a "God forbid" to the idea of being at liberty to transgress the law because freed from the condemnation of our sins.

He also dwelt with force upon Christ's reply to the lawyer's question, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" and our Saviour's reply that the first great commandment is "Love the Lord with all thy heart," etc., and the second, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matt. 22: 36-40. He showed that the law, here referred to as hanging to—attached

to—the two great commandments, was made clear by the fact that our Saviour proceeded to illustrate His subject by reference to the seventh of the Ten Commandments.

As he proceeded with his discourse, I saw clearly that the idea of the abolition of the Ten Commandments at the cross was absurd, and that he had plainly established the claim which he had first stated, that the Ten Commandments were a standard of right for all time.

Now rapidly was passing through my mind the question, What am I going to do with this light I have received? Not only was the Spirit of God pressing this question upon me, but just back of me in the room were my Parma and Clarkson brethren. How was I going to meet them? There was Father Lamson, who had done so much to encourage me in the gospel ministry. I thought, When this meeting closes, his arms will be around my neck as usual; how will I meet him? Sure enough, when the meeting closed, it was just as I had anticipated. With arms around my neck he greeted me with, "Brother John, does not that subject look pretty clear?" "Yes," said I, "it does." "Well," said he, "You will have to keep the Sabbath, won't you?" I calmly replied, "Brother Lamson, unless I can find something stronger than what I had supposed teaches the abolition of the law of Ten Commandments, I shall have to keep the Sabbath." This was the last meeting of that gathering of the Seventh-day Adventists in that part of the State of New York, but here was a problem: There were eight of us (adults) who plainly stated that we wanted to hear more. So Brother Andrews appointed meetings during the evenings throughout that week for us and the few in Rochester. We also invited him to visit at our homes.

As his newly interested ones were all acquainted with the Advent Movement under the first and second angels' messages, his talks were of that character to explain to us the connection of that past movement with the present proclamation of a special message on "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." He did not need to go at length into the history of the first and second messages, for we were familiar with those. But not having had the clear light on the third message, we had mixed that with the first and second, supposing that the

opposition to the enforcement of creeds upon those who held fast their faith in the word of God, and rejected church fallacies, was in some way what was involved in beast worship, etc.

We had, however, no definite light as to what was meant by the image of the beast, its worship, and the mark, only we had adopted Brother Litch's idea that this "two-horned beast" movement in its entirety was some power yet to be developed. So we grasped with eagerness the light presented by Brother Andrews on the true and clear application of the two-horned beast to the United States of America, and that the "worship of the beast" had reference to the accepting of the Sunday institution in place of obeying the fourth-commandment Sabbath. He fortified this claim in the same terms advocated by "Bliss on the Apocalypse," stated in these words, "When any civil or ecclesiastical enactment conflicts with the requirements of Jehovah, that power is worshiped whose laws we obey in preference to the other."

Having this third angel's message thus clearly set before us, we were furnished a strong link in the chain of belief that just now a message was due to the world setting forth the eternal perpetuity of God's law of Ten Commandments.

J. N. Loughborough.

Remember the Time Continually May 13 to June 6, 1909

"I expect to go to the General Conference." Is this what you say, dear reader? Then be sure that you get ready *before* you go; it may be *too late after* you get there.

There are temporal preparations to be made, but I have no fears that these will be neglected by you. But I do greatly fear that some, yea, it may be, many will neglect the *all-important preparation*.

The preparation to which I refer is a deep sense of lukewarmness (a condition that covers a multitude of sins). You want to admit and confess that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked,—truly a fearfully dangerous spiritual condition. A sense of need and danger, followed by zealous repentance, is the only remedy.

Every soul that goes to this important General Conference ought to go hunger-

ing and thirsting to be filled with the righteousness of Christ. They should be constantly yearning and longing for the gold tried in the fire, the white raiment, the eye salve. They should go with body, soul, and spirit a living sacrifice on the altar Christ Jesus, which altar will surely sanctify the gift.

They should go reaching up by faith for that fulness of God, that perfection of love, that awaits our demand and reception. They should go confidently expecting the latter rain, a refreshing from on high. It is promised, it is time for it, it is waiting. It is not enough to be filled with the fulness of the *truth* of the gospel of Christ; we must be *filled* with "the *fulness* of the *blessing* of the gospel of Christ." Rom. 15:29.

If all who attend the next General Conference could go away thus filled, so they could say of a truth that they knew and were sure that wherever they went they would go in the fulness not only of the *truth*, but also "of the *blessing* of the gospel of Christ," how quickly would that *overflowing fulness* of *truth* and *blessing* go to all people, and the very earth be lighted with its glory. Pray earnestly, dear soul, that such may be the glorious result of our 1909 General Conference.

"But I do not expect to go," are words I seem to hear many thousands utter. True, you may not expect to go, and hence you can dispense with the preparation in temporal matters; but the all-important spiritual preparation above mentioned is for all who remain at home, if we would share in the blessings of that very important meeting.

If the Lord sees such a fitness on the part of His people when assembled in that conference as will meet the conditions of His rich promises, He will surely open the windows of heaven, and pour out upon them such an overflowing pentecostal blessing that there will not be room enough in the hearts of the people or in Washington to receive it. Where will the overflow go, do you think? Let me tell you. It will go to earth's remotest bounds, to every soul who has made a like preparation to receive it.

Now, my dear brethren and sisters who remain at home, let us give diligence by earnest prayer for *ourselves* and the *conference*, and by true repentance, strong faith, and entire consecration, that we may share "in the fulness of the

blessing of the gospel of Christ." Then we can quickly finish our work with gladness, hear the "Well done," and go home to glory.

H. A. St. John.

The Field

UTAH

Vernal

This place is located in a nice valley in eastern Utah near the Colorado line, and is the county seat of Uinta County. I came here the third of last November.

A brother and his wife were living some distance from town, and through them some had become interested in the truth.

Soon after coming here I organized a little Sabbath-school with eight members.

Not being able to secure a hall in which to hold a course of lectures, I began cottage meetings. These were quite well attended for a while. Afterward I held some meetings in Mormon meeting-houses and in schoolhouses both in town and in the country. Have done house-to-house work, distributed literature, and have secured some subscriptions for our periodicals. The Lord has blessed in the efforts put forth, and some have taken a firm stand for the truth.

On April 18 I had the pleasure of baptizing six. One man is keeping the Sabbath who was hindered by sickness from going forward in the ordinance at the time. Some others are interested.

I will leave here April 28 for Milford to join Elder Hare in a tent effort at that place. Chas. Nelson.

April 26.

NEVADA

Goldfield

Since our last report we have been working steadily with the "Family Bible Teacher," and find a few who are willing to read, and when once started are usually interested.

We have about one hundred seventy readers now who are progressing nicely, some having reached the testing truths. Pray with us that they may decide for the Lord.

We expect soon to begin public meetings, and press the battle to the gates.

J. Adams Stevens.

C. H. Moler.

April 25.

Obituary

Mrs. Fanistada Lujan died at Sanchez, Ariz., April 24. Sister Lujan leaves a husband, two brothers, and many friends. They were present at the funeral service, which was conducted by the writer. M. Serna.

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THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1909

Elder H. W. Cottrell spent several days last week and the fore part of this week attending the Chico camp-meeting.

Elder C. E. Leland recently baptized eight persons, five of them men, at Placerville. He reports very good meetings there.

Recent word from Arizona seems to indicate that a good spirit is prevailing in the work there. Special services have been held in some places which have resulted in much good.

Brother Geo. G. Sims writes from Arizona that he is trying to work the little towns of Chloride and Kingman at the same time. The interest is good, and he believes fruit will be seen in the near future.

Brother W. R. Beatty, connected with the Pacific Press, made a trip to Chico and Lodi this week. He expected to follow up the interest in the book work created by the Chico camp-meeting which has just closed.

Plans are being laid for Elder C. M. Gardner to remain in Chico with a tent. He will no doubt be assisted for the present by some of the local brethren. Tent meetings are also being arranged for Red Bluff. Elder Fred Brink and Brother J. R. Patterson will engage in this effort.

A letter from Southern California states that Elder R. S. Owen, now connected with Loma Linda Sanitarium, will deliver the commencement address at Keene (Texas) Academy, while he is on his way to the General Conference.

The Chico Intermediate School is just closing a very successful year's work. Besides their regular school work, good progress has been made in fixing up the school grounds. A spirit of work among the students is especially noticeable.

Announcement has been received for the summer term of school at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute at Madison, Tenn. The dates given are June 23 to August 31. Interested parties should correspond with E. A. Sutherland, Madison, Tenn.

The manager of the book and sales department of the Pacific Press, Brother H. H. Hall, left the evening after the Sabbath of this week for Armona, Cal., to assist in the opening of a canvassers' institute in connection with the Central California Intermediate School.

Prof. H. A. Owen and family are spending a few weeks in California before returning to the field of labor in Spanish Honduras. Professor Owen spent a day or two last week on the Chico camp-ground, where he gave a very good description of the school work which they are trying to establish in their chosen field.

A very creditable beginning to a permanent tent fund and camp-meeting fund for the California Conference was made at the Chico camp-meeting. Several hundred dollars were pledged as well as some cash donations received. The conference will no doubt have to purchase at least one or two more large tents in order to have sufficient for the summer's campaign.

In a recent letter, Brother F. W. Field, superintendent of Japan, says that Brother and Sister Foster are planning on spending the hot season in hard language study at Karuizawa, and then locating on the island of Kiushu, to the south of the Inland Sea. We have no

workers or believers on this island, with its millions of inhabitants. Brother Foster will soon visit it, in search of a good location.

The camp-meeting at Chico, which closed last Sunday, was a very profitable occasion. While there was not a large number camped on the ground, the services were quite well attended, a good many people coming in, especially to the evening meetings, from the town and the immediate neighborhood. Most of the preaching was done by Elders Haskell, Corliss, Gardner, and Shultz. Ten were baptized on the last Sabbath of the meeting, and others will follow in this ordinance later.

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“Ah, my friends,” wrote the Rev. F. B. Meyer, “listen to the roar of the Niagara of human souls pouring moment after moment into the unseen without God and without hope. Remember that each one is as sensitive to joy and sorrow, to hope and fear, as you are yourself; remember that *you* have that which they need as urgently as the starving need bread, and then consider if you can not sympathize in the vehemence of the apostle's passionate desire to carry them the gospel: ‘Necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!’”

“Men are of more value than money; but the character of men is often, in no small degree, shown by the way they handle money.”