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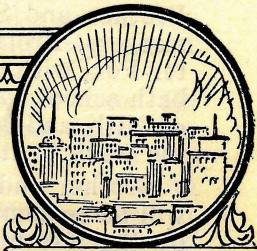
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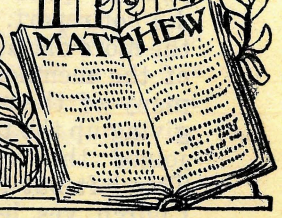
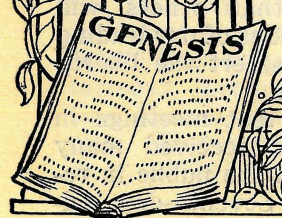
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ELDER MANNS' VISIT TO THE PACIFIC COAST

Before leaving for Cuba last May to attend the Cuban Assembly Session, Elder Manns promised the brethren of Los Angeles, California, that as soon as he returned from Cuba, he would visit them if they would help to meet the expenses. To this they gladly responded, and early in August he left Savannah for that City of the Golden West.

En route to Los Angeles I visited our little company in Omaha, Nebraska. Here I met Brother and Sister Harris, our workers, Brother Rice and Sister Fox, with others of the Sabbath school. All seem to be full of faith, and determined to push the work to its finish.

Brother and Sister Harris, it will be remembered, were asked by the Executive Committee to labour in Omaha, and since last September one year ago, they have located in that city. I was more than pleased to note the interest manifested in the work by Brother Harris and wife. A nice building had been rented and prepared very neatly, and made a real good and an attractive appearance, in which they are conducting Gospel meetings. Interesting meetings were held Sabbath and Sunday, August 29th and 30th, with very good attendance.

Monday, August 31st, I left Omaha for Los Angeles, Calif., arriving Thursday, Sept. 3rd. Here I found the little Berean Church of Free Seventh-day Adventists greatly decreased in membership. Many of the readers of this article will remember that in 1920 I visited Los Angeles, and this same church voted to connect with the General Assembly. Elder J. W. Ownes was left as pastor of the church. Trouble soon commenced, and as the church property was not property of the General Assembly, the members voted to sever their connection, and for quite a long time they did not report. This brought all the more dissatisfaction to many of the members, and so caused many of them to scatter, some giving up the truth, while others joined the conference church. This left but few in the Berean Church, yes, less than ten mem-

bers. However, these were determined to remain on the outside of the conference church, and are to be commended for such firmness in standing for the right in this respect.

When asked if they wanted to unite with the General Assembly whole-heartedly, or as they did before, the reply was very quick and prompt, "We want to go all the way." A business meeting was held, and the church voted to unite with the Assembly, property and all. An attorney was secured, and the Berean Church property was conveyed by deed to the General Assembly of Free Seventh-day Adventists, headquarters at Savannah, Georgia.

While I had not planned to conduct tent meetings in Los Angeles, the brethren rather urged that I should do so. A large tent fully equipped at a cost of a little less than \$500.00, all of which and more, was raised by the members and friends of the Berean Church. On Sept. 20th the Chautauqua Gospel Tent Meetings began, the tent being located on Central Ave., near Pico Street.

While this meeting was not as largely attended as other meetings I have conducted, nevertheless, it was an interesting meeting. Several, I am glad to report, took their stand for the truth, and rejoicing in the Lord and in the light of the Third Angel's Message. The membership of the Berean Church was increased from about seven members to about twenty-five. I am sure others will soon unite with Free Seventh-day Adventists, if they will remain faithful and loyal to their grand principles of freedom.

Among those who connected with the Berean Church of Los Angeles was Sister Elizabeth Smith, formerly of Brunswick, Georgia, and who was also connected with the "Beacon Light Gospel Tent Meetings" conducted here in Savannah, in 1912. Many will no doubt remember Sister Smith and those most touching prayers she made which helped to win souls to the cause of Christ. We are glad to have Sister Smith united with Free S. D. A., and trust that she will bring many more from the bondage of sin as well as from

the bondage of our leading brethren of the conference organization. Mrs. E. G. White, quoting from Jer. 34:15, says: "Ye were now turned and had done right in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor." "What should man do? What should we not allow? Allow no one to be brain for you, allow no one to do your thinking, your investigating and your praying. This is the instruction that we need to take to heart today." Special Testimonies on Education, page 193. She further asked: "What belongs to every individual? There are rights which belong to every individual. We have an individuality and an identity that is our own. No man can submerge his identity into that of any other. All must act for themselves, according to the dictates of their own conscience." Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers, page 59, No. 9.

"Many minds are in bondage through laziness, others through fear of men. . . IN THIS WORLD? there are but few who think for themselves."

"It is the privilege of all men to be FREE from the fear of their fellow men." Isa. 8:12, 13. Isa. 51:12, 13. The Church Officers Gazette, No. 2, Vol. 3, page 5, Issue of February, 1916.

How strikingly these words of Sister White and the blessed old Bible remind me of the actions and doings of a certain S. D. A. Conference Negro minister of Los Angeles, who in very loud tones, declares that he is no "JELLY-FISH," and yet there has never been a bigger jelly-fish in the sea, than this Negro Evangelist proves to be on land. Only men with steel backbones can escape the dope meted out by our leading white brethren of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

Sister Smith with others in Los Angeles have broken the SHACKLES, and we feel sure that they have been stirred by the Spirit of God to so do. We are praying that others will break the shackles of our leading brethren and assert the liberty in Christ Jesus.

During the tent meetings in Los Angeles I received many questions from the public in regard to Free Seventh-day Ad-

ventists and their reasons for being separated from the original body of Seventh-day Adventists, all of which were reserved to be answered Thursday night, October 15th. There was quite a crowd gathered at this meeting to learn the truth concerning the matter. After the question was placed before that audience, a vote was asked for, either for or against the position taken by Free Seventh-day Adventists, and all, both white and black, voted in favor of Free Seventh-day Adventists, and some of both races asked to speak a word for our cause. Brethren, we are right. Every self-respecting white Seventh-day Adventist leader says: "I don't blame you folks." Every Negro Seventh-day Adventist minister whispers: "We know you are right, Elder Manns," Sister White assures us that we are right, and God, Jesus Christ and all His holy angels know we are right, and I know the Bible proves we are right, and we must be right.

After spending about two months on the Pacific Coast establishing order in the church, I left Monday, Nov. 2nd, returning to the office, where I found much to be done. May the Lord continue His blessings upon us, and through us bring many souls to His kingdom.

VICTORY DAY BY DAY

How are you getting along? Is there a victory song in your heart each day as the sun sinks behind the western hills? Or are you sad at heart tonight? Did you lose out in the battle with temptation today? Well, keep up your courage. Whatever your experience has been, think quietly and carefully about the secret of victory and the secret of defeat. How did you come to win out yesterday? And why did you fail today?

First of all let us set down this great fact: We may be victorious every day! Every day?—Yes, every day. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able." Then why are we not victorious? Let us face this question squarely and without self-pity. There can be but one answer. When we fail, it is be-

cause we do not make use of the way of escape which the Saviour has provided for us.

We cannot escape temptations. They are bound to come. But most of us encounter more than those that lie in wait for us along the path of duty. Now and then we wander away to gaze at the forbidden fruit. And when we do, we are almost sure to fail, just as Eve did; and just as Achan did a few centuries later. A temptation that rises up before us in the path of duty is a call to fight. But a temptation that we have gone out of our way to find is a call to flee. We cannot overcome in the tempter's country. We cannot fight on his battlefield. We must hasten to the place of safety, and the quickest way to reach that fort is by the path of unconditional surrender,—no matter how often we have made the surrender before.

It is told that at the siege of Namur, William of Orange saw Godfrey, a deputy governor of the Bank of England, standing in a dangerous place. He had come to the camp on business and his curiosity led him out on the battlefield. "What are you doing here?" demanded William of Orange. You have no business here, and have no right to run these hazards."

"But, my dear Majesty, I run no more risk than you do."

"Not so; I am where duty calls me, and without presumption may commit my life to the care of God; but you—"

His sentence was not finished, for at that moment a cannonball killed the unfortunate man whose curiosity had led him into unnecessary danger.

Now let us ask you quietly: Do you really desire to be kept from sin? Or is it the fear of the results of wrong-doing that keeps you back? Do you realize that, as Horace Mann once said, "Whoever yields to temptation submits himself to the law of falling bodies." This is a truth we cannot emphasize too much to our own hearts, for every sin we harbor, however small, is a magnet drawing other sins into our lives and dragging us down. We pray, "Lead us not into temptation," but are we co-operating by trying to keep away from temptation? Truly, as

Ruskin has said, "No one can ask honestly and hopefully to be delivered from temptation unless he honestly and firmly is determined to keep out of it."

"Why am I tempted?" you ask. The question will depend upon your viewpoint. But always remember that when you slip out of the path of duty and go browsing in the "pleasant" pastures of sin, you will have more temptations than your heavenly Father desires to permit. In one sense we really make many of our own temptations. Our appetites become perverted, and clamoring for more they lead us on and on, while blunted senses and a seared conscience almost fail to warn us of the danger ahead.

God would not have it so. He would have us stand firmly for the right, and if you and I follow closely where he guides, we shall always find the way of escape. Think what that will mean! It is the tree that lives on and on for years on the storm swept plain, that is ready for the highest polish and can render the most valuable service. Just so, if we stand firmly for right, temptation about us will be to our lives what the storms are to the oak. And that is why God permits temptations to sweep across your path of duty.

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