

Early Testimonies from Hazel Hendricks:

Early Rod Believer Turned Traitor and Author of "A True Witness Speaks"

"We have a splendid report from Sr. Hendricks from Sheridan, Wyoming of the work and progress, and the zeal attending the entire company in spreading the light, which we shall later publish along with other news items."--[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 1, p. 3](#)

The Work In Wyoming

"Sister Hendricks sends a fine report from Sheridan. We one or two extracts from her letter. "I was happy to receive...the first copy of the Symbolic Code. It cheered our hearts to hear of the reports from other fields. At times we feel almost crushed by the opposition and ridicule on every hand and it seems that we are all alone, so it helps us wonderfully and urges us to fight the battle to the finish when we hear from others that are standing for Present Truth...."
[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 2, p. 2](#)

An Appeal

We here append a short list of some of the workers in various places, and make a general appeal to the readers of "The Symbolic Code," who may have S.D.A. acquaintances or relatives in these localities, that you put the worker in touch with them by a letter of introduction. The workers will be very grateful for all such help received.

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[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 3, 4](#)

News From Wyoming

A letter from that state says that a Conference Committee appeared one night in the Sheridan Church and disfellowshipped all SRod believers. The Conference president acted as the chairman, and as he admitted, that evening, of not knowing the name of the author of the SRod, it proves that without personal investigation he condemned the message and those who believed in it. And though having no personal knowledge of what they believe, he gave none a voice in defense of themselves. The customary procedure and opposition was the order of the meeting.

Sr. Hendricks understands that they are going to re-organize the church and endeavor to prevent any of the SRod believers from attending the services. It is

hard to believe that the S.D.A. church, which has from its very infancy advocated religious liberty, would engage in persecuting its own members for no other reason than for studying the Bible through the eyes of the Spirit of Prophecy. It was just such a policy which the papacy employed when they forbade their people to study the Bible for themselves.

We are sorry that our brethren have allowed themselves to be controlled and lead by the spirit of the papal tyrant of the dark ages. Thus our hearts are saddened for those who think they are doing God service by crowning themselves as "correctors" of "heretics," and not for those who are being persecuted, for to them the promise is: "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets." (Lu. 6:22, 23.)

Two of the Sheridan sisters composed a letter and sent a copy of it to every member of the church.

This seems to be real activity, and let us pray to God that by the faithful efforts of these sisters, many will awake to search the Scriptures for themselves before the "door" is "closed."--[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 3, pp. 1, 2](#)

FROM WYOMING

Sr. Hendricks writes the following:

"We still find those who will let us in and who will listen, a good number of whom are taking studies at this time. It seems that the more they fight against the message, the more it opens the eyes of those who are honest in heart....Two members of the church here were very anxious to hear the studies, but their not being able to understand English made it necessary that an interpreter assist us. Though the one interpreting could not understand the study (being an outsider), the party being interpreted for seemed to grasp it.

"Sr. Pruett and I have been out visiting each member. They are sick and tired of the way the church is acting and are really more ready to hear than before all the opposition began. All save one whom we have visited took one tract or more....We have not visited all of them yet, but are going to keep on until we have....All those who asked the Elders what the S.Rod was all about, said that the elders could not tell them anything except not to investigate. Sr. Pruett and I have already been warned that we are fixing for trouble,...but we are not afraid of what they can do. We have learned that there are just certain ones who are running things and trying to cause all the trouble, and that a lot of the members, in fact most of them, are not in the least behind the opposers of the message, who have simply exposed themselves by their actions."--[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 5, p. 3](#)

FURTHER IN THE TRACKS OF ROMANISM

"The Superintendent of the Wyoming Mission was here Jan. 12 and preached 2 hours against the S Rod. Before they separated to celebrate the ordinance of humility, he had them vote that they would not allow any one to take part that was fighting the church, as he put it, and as he did not mention the S Rod, had we not ventured to take part, it would have argued that we were guilty of fighting the church which, of course, is not true.

"When the congregation was finally separated and the water and basins were ready, they hurried and got them all before we could get any, and whenever they were finished with one, a sister, standing ready, would quickly take it and put it under her arm, thus keeping us from getting it!

"Sister Hendricks finally went up and asked for one, and the sister hit her in the stomach, almost knocking her breath out of her, and said 'No,' adding 'I will not let any of you have one.' Then Sister Hendricks suggested that we sing a hymn, after which one of the sisters immediately began a song, and we joined in singing. At the communion service following, they refused to serve us, thus carrying to completion 'their unholy feast.'

"That night at business meeting the elder reproved the sister for starting the song, saying that she should have let us start it, for which disturbance he would have had us arrested! He thanked her, though, for holding the basins so we could not get any.

"At this meeting, they 'cast out' as evil the name of another sister, who cried for several days over the mockery which took place during the meeting.

"At the same time they voted to have the doors guarded, and not to allow any of us to enter in the future. When I went to the next prayer meeting, they barred the door to me, and as they shut me out, I heard great laughter. The following Sabbath they refused to let Sr. Hendricks and me enter, so we stood outside until Sabbath School was over, it being 20 degrees below zero. Last Sabbath there were four of us who were kept without in the cold, but we studied our Sabbath School lesson and they had a council meeting inside to determine what they should do with us.

"Now they say we just come to antagonize them, and we want to know what is our duty: should we stop going all together or should we keep on going? It seems that if we never get to go, not only will our own interest suffer, but they will go on sleeping the sleep of death."

(Signed) Mrs. Faith Pruett,
Sheridan, Wyoming

"We certainly are having plenty of opposition here. They now have guards at the doors to keep us from entering, though it has been very cold weather. Last Sabbath the elder tacked a notice on the church. We were told by the Home Missionary Secretary that the notice was our Sabbath School lesson. The warning was to the effect that anyone disturbing was subject to a \$50 fine or 30 days in

jail! The elder made the remark to one of the company that he wished we would do something so that he could put us in jail! The hatred they manifest is awful, and they claim the right to guard the doors because God cast Satan out of heaven and because the angels have to carry golden cards before they are admitted into the Holy City!

"One of the sisters pleaded with the guards to let us in, but to no avail.

"If I had been told a year ago that the church would act in such a manner, I would never have believed it. It only serves to remind us of the history of the church down through the ages -- how that every time she lost her spiritual power, she resorted to the arm of the law.

"We surely enjoyed the last number of the Code which was a source of strength to every one of us. I only wish it came oftener.

"We need your most earnest prayers."

(Signed) Mrs. Hazel Hendricks,
Sheridan, Wyoming.

--[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 9, pp. 1, 2](#)

GOOD NEWS FROM REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA

Brother Perry Jones, who has been spending a few months in Redlands, Calif. sends the following good word for the Code: "Sixteen of the best members of the Redlands church have recently investigated the message of the SRod, and rejoicing in it. Many more of the thirty-two who have purchased the books are studying and attending the meetings which are being held from time to time."

Sister Hendricks, Bro. Jone's sister, has recently joined him in the work at this place, and doubtless others of God's honest children will investigate this beautiful "present truth" message, and accept it in spite of all the opposition that the dear brethren bringing to bear against it, for the promise of God to cause the "wrath of man" to "praise Him" still holds good.

Sr. Hendricks will be remembered by the readers of the Code as the one who started the work in Sheridan, Wyoming, and has suffered quite a bit of persecution at the hands of those who did not understand her work."--[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 11, 12, p. 4](#)

HATED FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE

Sister Faith Pruett of Sheridan, Wyoming, speaking of the hatred which has been sown in the hearts of many of the members of the S.D.A. church against those who have accepted the message contained in the SRod, telling how the doors of the church have been closed against them, and the longing in her heart to worship in the little church of her choice, says in part:

"It had been so cold to be sitting outside that none of us attended the Wednesday evening prayer meeting for a few weeks. But last Wednesday night, although I knew none of the other believers in the SRod message would be there, I felt I should go. It was snowing very hard, but not so cold. Before reaching the church the thought came to me that perhaps they would not be expecting me on account of the heavy snow, and that the door would not be guarded as formerly, and I got so nervous thinking I might get in that I could hardly breathe, but I asked the Lord to give me strength in case I should gain admittance.

"Sure enough, when I arrived the choir was practicing and no one at the door, so I went in and sat down in the rear of the building, with all eyes staring at me, but I remembered Ezekiel, chapters 2 and 3. One sister arose and rushed back and forth through the building, and then met the elder and told him that I was inside. A deacon said in my hearing, 'So this is her church.' The elder entered in, walked to the front of the auditorium, and all seemed to know what to do, for he opened the door to another room and all marched in. Then I knew it meant for me to remain where I was as a former experience had taught me when Sr. Walters was put out leaving her in the cold, and Sr. Hendricks and I were treated in the same way, except that the lights were turned off, and we were left in the main auditorium, and as soon as we left, they returned for their meeting where it was warm.

But this time I decided that I would sit by the fire and have my prayer meeting by myself, and they could now have theirs in the cold. About this time, the deacon and elder came and told me that they were to turn out the lights and lock the door, and that I had better get out, but I sat still and said nothing. So, true to their word, the lights went off, the door was locked, and they passed into the back room. Although I was locked in the dark, it was cozy and warm and 'the angel of the Lord' who 'encampeth round about them that fear Him' was my companion. So I spent the hour praying for each one of them.

"When they were through they came back, turned on the lights, unlocked the door, and I went out. Poor souls, I don't see how we can ever reach them! How I do thank the Lord for the showers of truth that He is sending. O, I long for more faith in the power of God to save me from sin!"--[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 11, 12, p. 6](#)

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