

Testimonies from Seventh-day Adventists Who Have Investigated the Shepherd's Rod Message for Themselves.

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Sr. Sebring of Hartford City writes as follows:

I have been reading and studying the SRod, Volumes One and Two, and the four tracts....I have read them several times and the more I read, the more I see the truth in them....

I have belonged to the church for 42 years,...but when those in office received word from the conference to drop in 30 days all that believed the SRod, they stopped me from leading the prayer meeting and took my Sabbath School class away from me and warned me not to teach the SRod in the church...but I am glad I can be partaker with Christ in His sufferings.

I am praying that the Lord will give me a greater burden for the brethren. I want to be one of those who will be sighing and crying and praying for the work and workers, for I am glad the Lord has set His hand to finish His work. We have been at a stand still for so many years, but now we should try to do all that can be done so as not to get back in the rut again.

Dear Brethren:

I am writing this to inform you how glad I am for finding present truth in the SRod.

I was baptized into the S.D.A. church about 23 years ago and was happy in the truth at that time. But later, as I saw the church departing from the fundamental principles, in despair I quit going to Sabbath School and paying tithe for something like 10 or 12 years. This summer I took courage and renewed my former experience by repenting and confessing my sins, and by attending regularly the church here at Hartford City, and endeavoring to help it also to return to the old landmarks.

About that time Bro. Cleve Smith, a firm believer in the SRod, came to my house and gave me tracts #1 and #2. At that time Elder Moore and wife were leaving the city for the summer and he put me in charge of the prayer meetings during his absence. Everything went fine until at one prayer meeting I invited Bro. Edwards to give the study, but when they found out

that he was a believer in the SRod, such opposition was raised that I had to take up the study myself.

One Sabbath later on, the assistant elder belittled the SRod so much that his opposition against it urged me to look into the matter for myself. I told them that I had a greater desire now than ever before to read the books. So I ordered Volume 1 and 2, but before I received them the church had called a business meeting in which they asked a certain sister, who has been a S.D.A. for over 40 years, if she believed the teachings of the SRod. Answering in the affirmative, they put her on probation for 30 days, after which they were to remove her name from the church record if she did not by that time renounce the teachings of the SRod. But she is now rejoicing in the sealing message more and more.

The elder also asked me if I believed in the SRod teachings. I answered him that I had never read it and therefore I was taking a neutral position in the matter, but he said that there is no neutral ground, that it had been proven error, and they would therefore have to vote me out of taking charge of the prayer meetings. The vote was taken and out of 33 present, only 3 hands went up against me.

Since that time I have read all the tracts and Vol. 1 and 2, and being convinced of the light of present truth contained in these volumes, and happy over it, I have decided to send all my tithes and offerings for the support of the message in the SRod.

I rejoice that we have at last found the long needed spiritual food, and want to help spread the present truth message. Pray for me.

Yours for faithful service,

(Signed) Harry H. Philebaum

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A LETTER OF INTEREST

Dear Brother Lysinger:

We received your circular letter dated Oct. 24, warning us against "The Shepherd's Rod," and enclosing the little tract: "A Warning Against Error." I had already read the little tract and also the booklet: "A Reply to the Shepherd's Rod." I have also corresponded with Prof. O.J. Graf, who was so clearly the

governing mind in both the Pacific Union Conf. and the Gen. Conf. Committees. He being the chief author if not the editor of both of these pamphlets, my reply to the little tract shall be to him and not to you.

With no desire to question your sincerity, and with all due respect for your office, may I ask whether you have personally made a prayerful investigation of the SRod message? Or is your warning against it based solely on the investigation of another as given in the little tract? My reason for asking this is that your predecessor also sent us a warning against the SRod message based, as he later acknowledged, not on his own investigation, but on a warning received by him from one in higher office.

You say that "among the 2175 ordained ministers that we have in the S.D.A. denomination there is one E.T. Wilson, who has accepted the teachings of the SRod." But is it safe to take this as evidence against the SRod message or to condemn those who do accept it as heretics? We will be better able to judge of this in the light of the following inspired quotations: "Have any of the rulers of the Pharisees believed on Him?" John 7:48.

But beware of rejecting that which is truth. The great danger with our people has been that of depending upon men, and making flesh their arm. Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, of weighing evidence, have confidence in the leading men and accept the decisions they make; and thus many will reject the very messages God sends to His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them.

"No one should claim that he has all the light there is for God's people. The Lord will not tolerate this. He has said: 'I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it.' Even if all our leading men should refuse light and truth, that door will still remain open. The Lord will raise up men who will give the people the message for this time." ("Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 106, 107.)

In the light of these clear, positive warnings against rejecting truth because men in high office do not accept it, may every Seventh-day Adventist minister and layman search his own heart in the light of his own Bible, before condemning "The Shepherd's Rod" Message as heresy. Have the other 2174 ordained ministers made an earnest and prayerful investigation of "The Shepherd's Rod" Message as has Elder E.T. Wilson? Surely, to be

fair to themselves, honest with the people, and true to God, they should do so before branding him as a heretic, and before barring him from the homes of the people.

This message will stand or fall on its own merits regardless of who may accept it or reject it. Let no one stand by waiting for it to come to naught until they have investigated and proven it false.

(Signed) A.E. Johnson.

I love the SRod message and have loaned the books to several persons. I do not know how any true Seventh-day Adventists could be against such a message, for it upholds and exalts all of Sr. White's writings, which I love with all my soul,...I sincerely pray that all those who are fighting against the truth may be led to see their mistake before it is too late.

Mrs. E.E. Martin,
Kinsale, Montserrat, British West Indies.

I have read, reread, studied, and prayed over the writings of the SRod, and I am convinced that God has sent the message to enlighten our people at this time.

I have wondered many times if dear Sister White had given us all the light that God had for us, but I now see by her own teaching that there is much more light to come, and I truly thank God for the new light in the unfolding of the prophecies.

Praise His holy name. Now I love the truth and the people more and study every day. I have been an Adventist 52 years and have never once in my life doubted the writings of Sister White, but now they are more precious than ever.

(Signed) Mrs. Olive,
Perris, Calif.

I find the SRod to be present truth. If the Montana Conference fights the message, you will receive my tithe and offerings. There is another family here besides ourselves who have accepted the message in the SRod. Surely the Lord is good to His people by showing us our true condition that we may repent.

(Signed) O.O. Callentine,
Bozeman, Montana

"CAN DO NOTHING AGAINST THE TRUTH, BUT FOR THE TRUTH"

After hearing the tirade against the SRod at the Carolina Camp Meeting last June, we returned home determined to fight it, and a little while later were glad to have the opportunity of voting to have 13 members disfellowshipped from the Charleston church. But now we can better appreciate their position, as we ourselves with another were cast out Dec. 19.

A short time ago we received from one of the SRod believers a letter containing many quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy which we never dreamed were there. They put us to studying and we soon clearly saw how unfair the denomination has dealt with the SRod teachings.

We thank God that He mercifully gave us willingness and courage to read and investigate for ourselves after we had set our hearts against His message. Praises be to Him for His goodness and for present truth. We expect to put ourselves and our all into this work.

(Signed) Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Wessel
Charleston, S. Carolina

REJOICING IN THE MESSAGE

While in Medford I had studies from Bro. _____ and accepted the message at that time. The church here just after I came was warned to have nothing to do with the SRod or anyone connected with it, and not to study with anyone coming to their homes to give Bible or Testimonies studies unless they could show credentials from the Conference. The minister also warned the church elder not to let any speak from the pulpit unless he knew who they were and what they had to say!

I have been receiving the Symbolic Code and read it with great joy. Also I have read the tracts and rejoiced in the truths revealed in them.

(Signed) Mrs. W.E. Phillips
Bend, Ore.

I want to tell you that I am happy in this great message; not

only in having the exalted privilege of being one of the 144,000 but also of having the equally high privilege actually of helping to gather in this most glorious company!

We are having some grand SRod meetings here. Last Sabbath we met at the home of Bro. _____ in Muncie, and there were present 19 in all.

May God bless you and all those connected with this great work. Let us have courage, for victory is sure, and that right soon. I never have felt the Lord so near, nor never have I felt so full of courage as now. Praise His name!

(Signed) Wm. Edwards
Hartford City, Ind.

EFFECTUAL REFORMATION

I am writing just a few lines to let you know that along with my husband I am rejoicing in this wonderful message, which has made a decided change for good in our lives. It is wonderful what the Lord will do when we open our hearts and homes to him....I love to read the SRod books and tracts and can always find new treasures in them.... We want and intend always to be sincere and true and to preach the Word till Jesus comes.

(Signed) Mrs. Wm. Edwards
Hartford City, Ind.

I am rejoicing so much for what the Lord has done for me since I accepted the SRod message that I want to tell you a little about it.

When the reform message came to me it found me for one thing heavily in debt. Immediately I began to ask the Lord to take care of this debt for me in such a way as to satisfy my creditor and leave us on friendly terms. This He straightway did, and now I am in a much better position to fulfill the admonition, "Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."

How thankful I am that God hears the faithful prayers of His people and looses their heavy burdens! By His grace I mean to do all to His glory and help finish the work.

(Signed) H.H. Philebaum
Hartford City, Ind.

We are surely rejoicing in this present truth. It has made us firm believers in Sr. White's Testimonies, which we never fully believed before. Besides, we were fast becoming like the world again, but now my husband is out of the Masons and I am asking for my demit this month. We want nothing between us and our Saviour.

Last Sabbath one of the conference elders came to the Cocoa Church and preached against the SRod for two hours. One of the sisters told Mr. Harper that she would let no one tell her what to read and what not to read, but that she would read for herself. Mr. Harper had the first volume of the SRod in his pocket and handed it to her. Now she is reading it!

I want to tell you how greatly I enjoy the Symbolic Code. I read it over and over again. I am preserving all the Bible studies in a large loose leaf note book.

We have been Adventists nearly 16 years and are stronger in the old truth than ever before. Soon after coming into the church in Charleston, S. Carolina, we found that the church was not much different from the world. From that time on we have been mere mental Adventists. But now, thanks to the SRod, we have regained our first love. Praise God! I could shout for joy!

(Signed) Mrs. W.L. Harper
Richmond, Va.

I am surely happy and grateful to the Lord for the wonderful light and message of reform in the SRod. Raised in the truth yet, like most Adventists, I knew very little of what Sr. White's writings consisted and nothing of their real value, with the result that I had drifted from the church when the SRod found me. But now thanks to it I have almost all the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy and study every moment possible. With this additional light every word of the Bible and Testimonies has become precious to me.

I praise God for His love and mercy in sending to us who have been so unfaithful this great reformatory message which is bringing about a change of "ideas and theories, habits and practices."

(Signed) Mrs. Floyd Davis
Greeley, Colo.

I praise the Lord for sending to me this wonderful message of present truth. Hereafter, I shall send my tithe and offerings to the storehouse that this message which is "meat in due season" may be given to others who are hungering for truth.

The Lord has been very merciful in showing me my true condition that I might repent and make sure my salvation. I had been working at a hospital where I had to be 5 or 6 hours on the Sabbath, but now I have given up my work and have closed my account with the world. And now God has given me a little season for study and self preparation to get ready to help finish the work and meet Him when He comes for His faithful servants.

(Signed) Mrs. M.L. Hodgen
Greeley, Colo.

I thank God for the message for the hour that is lifting Laodiceans out of deception, declension, and despondency into the light of the "truth as it is in Jesus."

Not many days ago, because of an extended backsliding, I was indulging in the worldly allurements of Satan. Cigarette smoking, drinking, gambling, dancing, theater going, indulgence of appetite, and Sabbath breaking were among the evils that dominated my being. But glory be to Him for preserving my soul to see and comprehend this message which has joined that of the Third Angel for the finishing of the gospel, and which has made it possible for me to lay aside such evils. Praise His holy name for His great love and merciful dealings and for a message with such effectual reforming and regenerating power.

(Signed) J.L. Looney,
Greeley, Colo.

THANKFUL FOR LIGHT
"Bible New Book"

I have long wanted to get to a post office to send this letter. Sometimes I do get discouraged at the way things go, then I think how God has the work in hand, and how He removed those who were enemies to present truth from this place a few days before I moved here.

I thank God often for the wonderful light I have received through the SRod on the Bible and Testimonies. My Bible has become a new book to me. So many things which I was taught

applied only to the New Earth, but which were never clear, are now so plain and harmonious. I praise God for His truth and for the privilege of suffering a little for the Master.

(Signed) Mrs. A. Oswald
Tom Ball, Texas

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CAST OUTS REJOICING IN THEIR LOT

"I began to read the message contained in the SRod by claiming the promise of John 7:17, and I was never more convinced of anything in all my life than that it is a message from God to backslidden Israel.

I have long felt the need of a revival and reformation in my own heart, and this message has been a shining light to me. If it were heeded, it would save our people from the deadly formalism which is 'leavening our churches everywhere.'

I have suffered a few things for the truth's sake, being one of the seven in our church who were 'cast out' last August, but there is a lull in the storm right at present.

"Others of our church studied with us and were convinced of truth but turned back to the formal grind when persecution started, fulfilling Matt. 13:21. May they return before it is too late is our prayer."

(Signed) Ethel Gilbert
Greenville, S. Car.

"Just about a year and a half ago the SRod came to our church and found seven souls that wanted to be on the Lord's side when He comes in judgment to purify His church. (Eze. 9; 5 T 80.)

"Five of them, each had only a few books of Sr. White's writings, and some of them did not believe in her writings at all until the SRod showed them how absolutely necessary it is to have and study the Testimonies.

"Also some were working on the Sabbath besides doing many other things that a true Christian does not do, but by the power of the wonderful truth in the message of the SRod, we have been able to give up those unlawful things and are now rejoicing in the happiness of victory.

On the evening of Dec. 22, 1934, Isa. 66:5 was enacted in unforgettable scenes in the church. Five of the best members were 'cast out,' not because they were not loyal to the Third Angel's Message, but because they were not obeying the General Conference!

"After each had given his testimony for the truth, the elder said: 'The question is not whether the SRod is truth or error, but whether or not you are true to the General Conference!'

"One brother, who had not yet fully taken his stand for the message, upon witnessing the unfairness of the proceedings, said, 'If you are going to cast out these good brethren, then you will have to act upon my name also.' Thus the persecution by the church is making adherents to the message of present truth.

"Through the whole disgraceful procedure, the five were calm and of good spirit, and afterwards one brother said that he never felt so happy and free before. The event has already proven a blessing to all, for since being cast out, each is now more burdened to work for the brethren, and we pray that God will bless our labors to save them from the awful destruction just ahead."

Signed) John Berolinger
Escondido, Calif.

THERE IS POWER TO REFORM

"The Present Truth of the Third Angel's Message (the angel of Rev. 18:1), as revealed in the SRod, has filled my soul, and the power of the Holy Spirit has convinced me that a great reformation is now in progress, and I thank God for reforming influence in my own life.

"May He lead each honest heart to a diligent study of His Word, that we may love the 'truth as it is in Jesus' and be sealed with 'the seal of the living God for eternity.'

(Signed) Mrs. M.M. Mc Cune,
Greeley, Colo.

GRATITUDE FOR LIGHT

"O how thankful I am for the SRod message! It proves from the Bible and Testimonies to be the 'present truth' which 'the

flock needs now,' and I am determined to study and learn more so I can have a part in finishing the work."

(Signed) Mrs. Eva R. Orr,
Greeley, Colo.

"MEAT" TO THE HUNGRY

I just want to tell you that I have found the SRod to be a message for us that is 'meat in due season,' and my prayer is that more will follow in this wonderful truth and bravely walk in its light."

(Signed) V.D. Orr,
Greeley, Colo.

LIGHT GROWS

"I am taking the opportunity of writing to you again. The more I study the SRod the more light I can see in it. Every day it grows more beautiful.

"The other day I received a letter from my pastor warning me against the SRod. He sent me the little pamphlet, 'A Warning Against Error,' but I have found it unreliable, and I know that my pastor has not investigated the teaching of the SRod for himself and is therefore not justified in condemning either it or me, for I am making a thorough study of its teachings, with the Bible and the Testimonies before me, and I find more truth every time I read it over...

I have felt for some time that the little tithe I have should go to 'the storehouse' - where present truth is - so last week I decided to send it, for if the message is of God, we should support it and be willing to suffer for Christ's sake. Please pray for me that I may be strong in faith.

Is the truth still advancing? In the letter from my pastor he said that the General Conference sent Elder ____ to Charleston, S.Car. and succeeded in stamping out the SRod doctrine there, and that it is making a great deal of trouble here and there.

"I do hope that the good Lord will put it into the hearts of many of His dear people to study for themselves before it is too late. My heart is sad for the dear ones who will not investigate for themselves. Do pray for me that I may hold up Jesus in my

life and be prepared to help others find the way, and that I may be 'able to stand' when He appears."

(Signed) Mrs. J.A. Dundore, Hanover, Pa.

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A NEW-MODELED PRAYER AND BUSINESS MEETING

Recently a few of the 600 members of the Glendale Church met for what they were pleased to call a prayer and business meeting. After a few songs were sung and a few short prayers offered, the president of the Conference gave a talk on false prophets and error coming into the church.

The prayer meeting was then quickly turned into a business meeting for the purpose of disfellowshipping another sister who is a believer in the message of the SRod, and the pastor announced that, as business was the order of the meeting, all who were not members of the Glendale Church were kindly requested to leave.

Besides myself there were present two or three other believers in present truth who have also been deprived of their membership rights. Instead of leaving at the pastor's request, we all kept our seats, for the sister with whom we were sitting, the one who was to be "cast out," wished us to stay. But seeing our intention to remain, the pastor called out my name, saying: "Sister _____, you are no longer a member of our church, so I request you to leave, also the ones who are with you." I kept my seat, hoping to be able to stay, but immediately the church was in an uproar, several rising from their seats and requesting us to leave. Then the pastor ordered the deacons to take care of us, we finally deciding to walk out with our escorts, the deacons, by our sides.

On the outside we met some S.D.A.'s, members of other churches, who were waiting for their friends and relatives, to whom we passed out tracts and gave the message, one dear old lady consenting to a Bible study. We now thank the deacons.

I thank the Lord for the simple means which He uses to get before the people this wonderful truth that He will soon have a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, pure and perfect, by which to warn the world in the Loud Cry and quickly cut short His work on earth, as we read in 5 T 187:

"Shake off your spiritual lethargy. Work with all your might to save your own souls and the souls of others. It is no time now to cry peace and safety. It is not silver-tongued orators that are needed to give this message. The truth in all its pointed severity must be spoken. Men of action are needed, - men who will labor with earnest, ceaseless energy for the purifying of the church and the warning of the world.

"A great work is to be accomplished; broader plans must be laid; a voice must go forth to arouse the nations. Men whose faith is weak and wavering are not the ones to carry forward the work at this important crisis. We need the courage of heroes and the faith of martyrs."

I thank the Lord for the glorious light that is shining upon our pathway, and I want to follow my Saviour all the way at any cost. And in behalf of the leaders and members of the Glendale Church, I ask your prayers, that they may fall on the Rock Christ Jesus, and be broken before the Rock falls upon them and grinds them to pieces. (Luke 20:18.)

(Signed) Mrs. E.M. Crawford
Glendale, Calif.

AN "UNHOLY FEAST"

On Jan. 22nd I received from the church clerk a registered letter whereby I was notified that the question of my membership in the Glendale S.D.A. Church would be given consideration at a business meeting the following evening.

I thank God that, in a call like that, we do not need time for a special preparation, but can claim that wonderful promise of the Lord that when we are delivered up to the councils or brought before governors or kings for His name's sake, we shall take no thought how or what we shall speak, for it shall be given us in the same hour.

When I arrived at the meeting a few sisters, believers in the message for the hour, were already there; but they were asked to leave the church; and as some of them refused to leave on my account, they were roughly put out, after which the Elder of the church read the charges and accusations against me, in which I noticed he was not particular always about stating the truth.

When finally they gave me time for remarks, I reminded them that if I should be summoned before a secular court, I would be

allowed to have my witnesses; but as they preferred to deal with me all alone, I assured them that God was with me and if God is for us, who can be against us?

I then gave my conviction that the S.D.A. church is the only church on earth today that God recognizes as His church, and that this movement will go through to the kingdom; but that the present spiritual condition of the church is so deplorable that a revival and reformation must needs take place to save us, in proof of which I read several statements from the Testimonies, until it got so uncomfortable for them that they limited me and demanded a straight answer to the question as whether or not I believed the SRod.

I stated that I believe the Bible and the Testimonies 100% as the Word of God, also any other book that is fully in harmony with them; and therefore if they did vote me out of the church, I am no offshoot but an outcast.

The climax came when the president of the Conference got up and said: "Those statements which this sister has been reading are nothing but condemnation, and we know that condemnation comes from the devil!"

The statements which I read were all from the pen of Sr. E.G.White, some of which are as follows; 5 T 217; T.M. 359; C.O.R. 50-51, 67, etc.

Well they voted me out on the grounds that I do not believe as the church does; but how can I believe as they do, when they have drifted so far from the old landmarks as publicly to state that Sr. White's writings come from the devil? God forgive them for they know not what they do.

(Signed) Mrs. Anna Engen
Glendale, Calif.

OF UNDAUNTED COURAGE

We are sowing the seed and praying that the Lord will water it. The conference men and the ministers have implanted that frightful fear in the hearts of the people that makes them afraid even to read. It is a case of spider and fly: the fear has been deeply inculcated that if they read, the fabled deadly black spider will grab them and hold them tight in the soul destroying meshes of error. I plainly see that the church is God's church

but that those who do such work are not His people, for they act just like the papists did in Luther's time!

I thank God that He has given us the grit and will power to stand on our own feet, and by His grace we shall stand upon them if we have to stand alone as we do now.

Pray for us, for our hearts and souls are in the message of the SRod, which has made a great change in our lives; and with God's help and guiding hand, we are going through to the kingdom, numbered among the 144,000 - Praise God!

(Signed) Mrs. W.L. Harper
Richmond, Va.

NEW EXPERIENCE

In all the years that I have been a S.D.A., I have never been satisfied with my Christian experience. I have felt a lack of some-thing, I knew not what, until some time ago a brother gave me Vol. 1 of the SRod. Since reading it, I know that I am a better Seventh-day Adventist, and that it is a message from God, and I pray that our people may accept it.

(Signed) Charles Garvin
San Diego, Calif.

A SECRET BALLOT

On Jan. 16, after prayer meeting at the evening hour, the Conference president called the church board together, having previously sent us a personal invitation to meet with them. This meeting was called for the specific purpose of considering our attitude toward the doctrine of the SRod. The committee included both the president and the auditor of the Union Conference. We were given an opportunity to make statements to the brethren, which we did, making it plain that we accepted the SRod teaching and that we urged our brethren and sisters to investigate this truth for themselves, in harmony with the instructions as given by the servant of the Lord regarding any new truth that comes to us. - "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," p. 65.

Then the Union president was called on for counsel, and suggested that our names be dropped from the church roll. So on Sabbath, Feb. 2, the Conference president, having preached at the

Clovis church, and having charge of the services, presented the board's action to the church. We were disfellowshipped because of our stand on the SRod. We were again given an opportunity to witness for the Master and tried to let Him do the most of the speaking by reading from the 5th chapter of Acts, verses 27-40, also T.M. 106-7, regarding the dangers of rejecting truth because of the decisions of our leading brethren.

We were made to feel very sad because these dear folks here are doing the same as the Jews did in the days of Christ, when they crucified Him. But with Him we asked the Father to forgive them for they know not what they were doing. Some day, if they do not repent, they shall stand before the judgment bar and be ashamed. Yet with all this sadness, we are made to rejoice because of the consolation found in Isaiah 66:5, "Hear ye the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at His word: your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed."

When the question was put to the church for vote, it evidently became quite embarrassing for the elder, as several seconds passed before any one in the congregation had courage to make the motion, and then several more seconds passed before a second was obtained, and this had to come from the elder's wife. Of course, a secret ballot was taken, and the ones who did the tallying announced that no negative votes were cast. However, we understand that some unused blanks were sent in.

We had some of the members with us for dinner and discussed the message to some extent, and we believe that these people are open-minded. They have expressed themselves as willing to investigate for themselves, and are so doing at this time.

Looking forward with assurance of success, based upon the promises of the Lord, I shall let the following words close this news letter from the New Mexico territory:

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Jos. 1:9. "For God hath not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Tim. 1:7.

Yours for "all truth,"

O.E.. Lovan

Clovis, New Mexico.

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To those who love "Present Truth" Greetings!

Zeph. 2:3 - "To be hid in the day of the Lord's anger" is our plea.

This sealing message is more precious than ever before. There are nine Adventists here: seven are believers in present truth; please pray for the other two.

That we "can do nothing against the truth but for the truth" is impressively demonstrated by the following experience:

A visiting minister came to deliver us from deception. He brought Sr. Colvin with him, who heard the reasons he gave against the SRod. The Lord sent Brothers Houteff, Deeter, and Wilson just in time. They were graciously accepted as the Lord's messengers, and as a result, not only are we here confirmed in the message, but there are about fifteen believers in the Waco church, and more studying!

Now we receive the following warning through the conference paper:

"There are men in our conference at present who claim to be Adventists. The new light which they claim to have has not been accepted by our organization....To accept their doctrines means to sever fellowship with our organization. We believe when the Lord has new light for us, He will reveal it to the leaders of this organization and not to those who criticize it."

Though they may remove our names from the church record, we are glad that it will not be for disobeying the S.D.A. message and that they cannot remove them from the Lamb's Book of Life.

May God help us to be faithful! May we "cry aloud and spare not."

(Signed) Mrs. R.F. Mc Conathy
Temple, Texas

I realize how far from God we have been. I feel so weak and incompetent to give this message to the church, but I have given myself and my all to God and am asking Him to give me wisdom and understanding that He may work through me by His Spirit to the saving of souls.

(Signed) Mrs. Mollie Hartman
Montrose, Colo.

We surely do appreciate the Code. Especially did we enjoy the last one.

Our church here has changed the time for the service of the Lord's supper, etc. from morning to evening in the hope of keeping the "cast out" ones from attending. This is the first time they have ever done this. However, we are going to make it convenient to be there any way, as did the sisters in Wyoming. They have our sympathy, and we pray that they will, along with ourselves and all the rest, continue to go and endure all for our precious Saviour Who did so much more for us.

Please pray for our little band here. We are continually remembering all of you. Wishing God's richest blessing on you.

(Signed) Mrs. J.C. Campbell
Columbia, S. Car.

I am still holding meetings here; also we have organized a prayer band which meets on Thursday nights. The new ones that recently met with us told some of the other church members that they could feel the Lord's presence there. We have Sabbath P.M. studies also.

I am glad to tell you that we have one more member in our company. The church voted him out last night, March 4. He is determined to help rescue the brethren in Zion.

We want you to pray that God will continue with us, and that to bless and save more souls.

(Signed) Oran Richardson,
Muncie, Indiana

AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE FROM COLUMBIA, S. CAR.

From an interesting communication from Dr. John H. Young of Columbia, S.C., greeting "The Twelve Tribes Scattered Abroad," we herewith relate a recent experience which the little company, of which the doctor is leader, had during the time a Gen. Conf. field secretary visited the Columbia church for the purpose of crying down the SRod's teachings.

Although the pastor of the church promised the doctor that he and the visiting brother would meet the little company at 6 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the appointed week for the meeting, they were all surprised to learn by experience that the same plan of procedure that was followed in Charleston while

the tirade against the SRod was staged there was being carried out in Columbia. The plan was that instead of meeting, as scheduled, with the believers in the Present Truth Message, and showing them what were the purported errors of the Rod, all the time was taken up in denouncing the so-called heresy from the pulpit, not allowing anyone to ask a question which would involve the speaker in any way, or show his pitiful ignorance of the SRod message. Later it was learned that their tactics were to take one at a time so that the two elders together might be able to corner one poor sheep by himself!

The doctor then tells of the disappointment of the little company "standing in the light" upon their learning that the elders were not to meet with them but, says the doctor, they were "not cast down. Rather they were lifted up. We had a good season of prayer, and thanked God for all that He had done for us. I was reminded of the thought, 'One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the Lord your God, He it is that fighteth for you.'" (Jos. 23:10.)

Our brother states further: "I begged and pleaded with this elder to come and meet with us but no he would not. He did not think it best to meet with the group, but he said he might come and talk with me personally, though he never did. He however, in company with the pastor of the church, went to see one of our sisters, but could not mention a thing about the SRod. Do you think the Lord kept them from taking advantage in such a way? I believe that He did. They called another sister by telephone, and asked about coming out but she promptly told them that if they couldn't meet with the group she did not care to meet with them at all.

"My prayer is that the God of all truth may bless His people, and sanctify us in His truth through grace that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Brethren let us pray for one another."

ONCE TIMID NOW DOING AND DARING

Recently the minister here got up and said, "I am going to talk plain this morning. There are a Mr. Wilson, a Mr. Deeter, and a Mr. Houteff traveling in Texas. Do not give them any support financially or physically, for they are teaching the SRod which, though it claims to be light, is anything but light."

All eyes were immediately fixed upon me....Then after the service I met the minister at the door and asked him if I might speak with him for a moment, so he stepped aside with me, and I said, "Do you know that I would not be in your place this morning for a million dollars?" He said, "Why?" I answered, "Because you condemned God's servants and God's message, about which you know nothing except what you read in a book that you got at the recent council in St. Louis." Then I bid him read Gospel Workers, the chapter headed "Danger," and 5 T 80-1 and explain them to me.

A sister to whom I lent a set of the SRod volumes said to me, "I care not what they say, I am reading and am going to continue to read." There are many who are reading, but are non-committal for fear of being put out of the synagogue.

I thank God for the courage He has given me, for I have always been the shrinking kind....I praise Him for the light of present truth. I have read Vol. 1 of the SRod through twice in the last week, and every time I read I get more light - and how the "Codes" help me: I always read them through two or three times, count the pages, and wish there were more.

I pray for all the dear ones and long for the time when we shall enjoy a purified church. May God bless His work and workers.

(Signed) Mrs. A. Oswald
Tom Ball, Texas

SHADES OF THE PAST

Since the presentation of the message by Bro. Houteff in Keene last week, ten are rejoicing in Present Truth, and the result was that on Wednesday night the prayer meeting reminded us of similar meetings held in Methodist churches ten years ago in trying to console the Flock and make them satisfied with their own condition after the S.D.A's had been in the community.

(Signed) Mrs. J.O. Conrad
Keene, Texas

We are glad to tell the Code family that Sr. Mullenix, a mother in Israel, who was so seriously injured in an automobile accident early in January that her life was despaired of by physicians, is now recovered. She says: "I am back home since my

accident, and almost over all my injuries. I am thankful for the SRod prayers and thankful to my loving Saviour.

"I want to testify that present truth has been to me a present help in all times of trouble, and that it has made me a better S.D.A. than I ever was before.

"I appreciate the Code and look for its monthly visit. It bears a message from God, which I pray that our churches will receive before it is too late."

Mary Mullenix
Florence, Colo.

THE MESSAGE GROWS MORE BEAUTIFUL

The further I study the SRod the brighter becomes the light to my feet. Each day it shines forth more beautifully.

I have long felt that my tithe should go to the storehouse of present truth to help send its light to our S.D.A. brethren far and wide. So last month I decided to send it there and I will continue to do so as long as I have any to send, for I believe with all my heart that this message is the purifying message, "meat in due season" from the great Provisioner, and that we should do all we can to help carry it to other hungry souls.

I want to be counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake.

(Signed) Mrs. Lillian Davidson
Belfair, Wash.

ANOTHER BEREAN

I could hardly wait till the books and tracts arrived, to get to reading them. I knew they were truth from all my previous Bible study and reading of the Spirit of Prophecy. As I read Vol. 1 of the SRod it came to me again and again, "what fools and slow of heart we have been to believe all that the prophets have said." One is reminded of the disciples who did not see nor understand till after the resurrection what Jesus told them plainly. I am reading with my eyes wide open and comparing scripture with scripture as I pass from one point to another. Naturally in all this reading I have made notes of many points upon which I may later send you some questions if I do not find

the answer to them while reading farther along, as I have done in several instances.

The reading so far has led me to look back over the experiences of my life and to see the truthfulness of all that the SRod says regarding the S.D.A. denomination....I know by experience as a boy and in the years since how the doctrinalistic, Christless manner of teaching the precious doctrines of our faith put me in black despair and caused me to settle down in a hopeless state and remain that way for a long time. . . .

When I was in my teens I used to say, "Mother, I have studied over again all the prophecies and doctrines, and written over again all these Bible readings in a memorandum, and I cannot see in this whole system of truth where there is any provision made for the victorious life. Where is that power of God that keeps one from falling and from experiencing Romans the seventh chapter? Where is the victorious life?" And she would say, "Well son, you keep the Sabbath, don't you?" - "Yes." "And you pay tithes and believe in the Spirit of Prophecy and obey health reform, don't you?" - "Yes." "Well, then, you are all right; you don't need to worry."

But I failed to be convinced. When one falls down on besetments, repents and is forgiven, and then does the same thing over and over again, there is no soul rest in that: that is not what God has promised in the new covenant. Yet this is just where the difficulty and trouble lies with the Seventh-day Adventist's rest. It is a pity. The ministers are at fault, and yet the ministers themselves were never led into the true and living way by those who in turn brought them into the truth.

ì Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?î (Joel 2:17.)

I thank God for these new truths of the SRod, and they must be made to urge God's people to see the perilous situation before them, and the necessity earnestly of seeking the revival long overdue. Many agree to reformation but the new order must be revival and reformation, for to clean up the outside alone of cup and platter does no good. Merely to correct the dress, hair, and outside deportment will profit not at all. Christ must be formed

within the hope of glory, or the loss is eternal...we must be born again: do we have the marks of the new birth? He that is born of God sinneth not. Do we have hope of eternal life? He that hath this hope purifieth himself even as He is pure.

I pray God that by His grace I may have part with His people in this work and message...which takes us back to the lively experiences of those days when the Spirit of Prophecy was first given to our pioneers and some were receiving and some rejecting the gift which God had sent to enlighten His people. As for me, I want to be a co-laborer with those who are carrying on the cause of present truth.

(Signed) L.C. Forsythe
Wapakoneta, Ohio

[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, Nos. 11, 12, pp. 4, 5](#) (May-June 1935)

THE CRY OF THE WANDERING SHEEP HEARD

Dear Brethren:

About twelve years ago, through the efforts of an isolated sister and a young canvasser, our entire family accepted the truth as taught by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Later the canvasser came to the Walla Walla Valley to teach, and we moved out there to put our children in the church schools.

From the first we seemed to be not in harmony with the "work" as carried on and lived out in the lives of the S.D.A. people, and in trying to be in harmony with the church, we were led to drift father and farther away from the fundamental truths until one by one the family dropped out, and now I am the only one left that hold church membership.

Two or three weeks ago Brother and Sister Boyes brought me some tracts and Volume One of the SRod. Now I am again finding the message in all its purity and beauty, and I feel that my feet are once more be-ing planted upon solid ground. I am now reading Vol. 2 of the Rod, and from what I have found so far, I stand with it one hundred per cent.

Most sincerely yours for present truth,
Mrs. Jennie Barnes
College Place, Wash.

"Now is the time when we should closely connect with God, that we may be hid when the fierceness of His wrath is poured upon the sons of men. We have wandered away from the old landmarks. Let us return. If the Lord be God, serve Him; if Baal, serve him. Which side will you be on?" - "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 5, p. 137

THE CRY OF THE WANDERING SHEEP HEARD
(Continued)

A brother from Trussville, Ala. says: "I am very much interested in the message you are carrying. I have been waiting for just such. I felt like Elijah until I learned of you people. He thought he was alone until the Lord told him of the seven thousand who had not bowed a knee to Baal.

(Signed) C. Richard Waldron

Another brother says: "Since reading the SRod several times the Bible is much clearer, and we see that the Lord is now talking to the 144,000". Yes, it does seem that the whole Book was written for the "servants of God" who shall go forth "conquering and to conquer" during the Loud Cry. Rev. 7:3; P.K. 725.

(Signed) E.A. Howard
Palermo, Calif.

[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 13, pp. 7, 8](#) (July 1935)

FULFILLING ROMANS 8:38, 39

I am so thankful that the message found me, and I thoroughly believe it, and nothing but death can keep me from giving it to others. The brethren are feeding the churches with husks, and many of the people are satisfied with it, and it seems so difficult to arouse them to a knowledge of this wonderful truth and of their true condition.

"The message will arouse them if we can get by the ministers who are stationed at the gate as watchmen to keep the

light from the people instead of crying aloud against the abominations! May God have mercy upon them."

Mrs. M. Lansdown
Mt. Royal, New Jersey

HAS FOUND THE DOOR OF HOPE

A brother of long standing recently expressed his deep appreciation for the light which has come to him by study and observation of the present truth message found in the SRod series of books and tracts. To use this brother's own expression in a letter to one of the workers we quote: "It is a great satisfaction, a great pleasure, yea, joy to me to express my views and opinion of this present truth message not only to you, but also to the little flock that assemble together in Los Angeles every Sabbath afternoon.

"For the last six months I missed but few of these services and at no time have any of them been a disappointment to me. Surely we are living in a time of great light for those seeking light. As I peruse and meditate upon these divine predictions and revelations from day to day it convinces me that the message is from the Lord. It is this message that has given me the missing link to many of the prophecies, and the more I examine it the more I see how it so neatly fits in the chain of gospel truth.

For many years I have been watching and wondering what was going to befall us as S.D.A. Laodiceans, so devoid of the Spirit of God all of which is summed up in the writings of the prophets. Many times have I heard S.D.A. people express themselves and say 'Oh if I had lived in Moses' day, Daniel's, Elijah's or Paul's I surely would have been one of their followers.' Whereas, these same people have lived in a time of the greatest message the world has ever seen; and it is not going too far for me to say a message greater than all the messages put together and yet we have been blind to it.

"But what is still worse is that our leading brethren are determined to beat back the light while groping in the darkness and doing everything to keep the truth away from the people.

In drawing these few remarks to a close, it seems to me that Paul's eye was cast upon this little company presenting the SRod message when He said, 'Cast not away therefore your

confidence, which hath great recompense of the Lord...for yet a little while and He that shall come will come and will not tarry.' (Heb. 10:30.)

"I am extremely grateful to the dear sister who called my attention to this present truth message. May these few lines give each and all of you an encouragement. My meditation and supplication is in behalf of this 'Final Warning.'

Sincerely your friend and brother,
L. W. S."

CAST OUT BUT NOT CAST DOWN

"'According to the days of thy coming out of Egypt will I show unto him marvelous things.' (Mic. 7:15.) The wonderful victories recorded in the book of Joshua will soon be ours if we are faithful. Praise the Lord for the good report in the April 'Code.' Some of us who have been cast out can with confidence claim the following precious promise: 'But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren,...and lands with persecutions.' (Mark 10:30.) No doubt as the work goes forward on the 'camp' some of the experiences of Nehemiah will come to the builders. But the Lord will give wisdom now as He did then."

(Signed) Earl Butterfield
Reedsport, Ore.

[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 14, pp. 8, 9](#) (August 15, 1935)

Mrs. F. Charboneau

Dear Sister:

I am enclosing \$15.00. It is my tithe which I have kept over a period of time, not being certain where I should send it....I have depended so long on our beloved organization that it is like sacrilege to hear any views contrary to the leaders of the body....

I now see that we are indeed akin to the Catholics in this respect, and it is so hard on me, for I was born and raised a Seventh-day Adventist, and my beloved father instilled in me a veneration for this people. But it seems the bottom has fallen

out of everything to the end that we can no longer trust a minister to lead us to the kingdom, and I now know that they cannot. As a denomination we are lost and if the SRod is not the truth there is no hope for any of us.

After I learned how my sister has been treated by the church in Sheridan, Wyoming, and all the other SRod believers, by unfair, unkind, and unchristian treatment, I am convinced we cannot rely upon men who act like the papal tyrants of the past.

Pray for me that I may see the truth plainer and stand fast for it. May God bless and keep us all while we are in this valley of decision.

Mrs. Audrey Helms
Brandon, Colo.

PRAISES TO HIM

I am thankful to the Lord for "The Shepherd's Rod" message, and for the good it is doing me. I have stopped smoking cigarettes after being a complete slave to them for thirty years, and though I tried several times before to stop the habit, I failed every time.

When Bro. Warden came to my house I was a backslidden S.D.A., having no interest in religion, and do not know what made me decide to come to a study. I fully believe now that I will, with the grace of our Lord, be one of the 144,000.

(Signed) R.E. Davies
Denver, Colo.

[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 15, pp. 5, 6](#) (September 15, 1935)

RESCUED INSTEAD OF "SPUED OUT"

I am more than happy, just thrilled; the message of the SRod has found a warm place in my heart. I love my Saviour and feel that He has favored me by giving me a second chance and an opportunity to prove my love in accepting reproaches of my brethren who are much incensed against the ones who have brought the message of Revelation 18:1 of which they are ignorant and are shutting the homes and hearts against the light

that Sr. White predicted would come. (Testimonies to Ministers, p. 300.)

"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," pp. 62-66 impressed me so forcibly that I purchased a copy for myself, also "Testimonies to Ministers" and, what I have read in them is enough to convince me that the enemy has crept into the church since 1844 A.D. and by his deceptive arts has spun a web of error by which he has "snared" all of God's children "in holes" and if possible he will deceive them all, but we must help them.

I feel that my heavenly Father has so magnified His Word to me that I can see plainly why He must bring to pass "His strange act" of Ezekiel Nine. Just now the message, "Cry aloud and spare not, show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" and also the cry, "prepare to meet thy God, O Israel," is due the church. Truly the Lord has been my constant companion and I have become better acquainted with Him in the last few months than in all the twenty or more years I have been an Adventist!

I am sure that up to a short time ago I was a 100% Laodicean - satisfied in my blindness - but I have bought the "gold tried in the fire," and am more determined than ever before to be an overcomer, and by His grace and help to all who will allow me, I will endeavor to show them by word and example the true way that leads home. I want to have a part in the Lord Cry and that I may join in singing the song of "Moses and the Lamb."

May I find a place on your prayer list? I am desirous of having my family of seven children in the heavenly Canaan. This message alone can fulfill the promise, "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land." Yours for turning many to righteousness.

(Signed) Mrs. Emma Spencer
Denver, Colo.

FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO

It seems almost incredible to think that men and women professing to believe the Third Angel's Message, the last message of mercy to a dying world, would so completely lose control of themselves in the house of God as to actually lay hands on one of the mothers in Israel and eject her from the building, all because they look upon her as a heretic and unworthy to sit in

the house dedicated to the worship of God, but such is the case as the following words from a letter to this office will indicate:

"When the Sabbath School superintendent saw me sitting in the church, her expression changed and she came back with the missionary secretary and they both said, 'Some people have more gaul than brains!...' The elder and the missionary secretary came and lifted me out of my seat and I pulled myself down. Then they jerked me out tearing my sleeve, and pushed me out doors. What a terrible spirit! The Jews thought they were doing God's service in crucifying Christ. Truly when we reject light, darkness is all we have left."

Shall we not pray earnestly that God will help us to manifest the Spirit of Christ even when our dear brethren and sisters lose control of themselves to such an extent as is shown by the above?

"FREELY YE HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE'

I am so thankful that the message of present truth found me. My determination is to live as I am instructed by the Word, and it is my desire to give this message to others, that they may see their true condition and rejoice in this wonderful truth with me.

(Signed) Mrs. Millie Freeman
Denver, Colo.

A "NATHANAEL" OF TODAY

Dear Brethren in the faith once delivered to the Fathers:

I first want to thank you for the two booklets sent me a few days ago,...and I have now read several of the early numbers of the Symbolic Code which you sent to my address.

I read everything that comes to me. I do not care from what denomination it comes. I am not prejudiced against any. You know Paul tells us to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good," and "Despise not prophesyings." (1 Thess. 5:21, 20.) I believe if we study our Bible and the books of Sister White diligently, we cannot be deceived no matter what we read.

I have been an Adventist since May 14, 1921. I was baptized then but I had been keeping the Sabbath and other truths as far as I knew them since the 10th of December the year before. I came out of the Lutheran church. I long knew that our leadership

did not live up to what they preached, but did not know where else to go, for the other churches are worse. But if someone would have told me that the S.D.A.'s have put brethren out of the church, even by force and bodily, I would have called them liars. I mean if the members had done no other wrong than to accept additional truth from the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy.

Often I have wondered how it would be possible to get ready for translation in this generation since it is so near to its end. For we must be without fault before the throne of God. The church in its present condition would not get us prepared for that event unless we walk ahead of the leaders such as we have.

According to the letters published in the Symbolic Code (which I do not doubt in the least), our churches have been turned into secret societies with their closed doors to those even of the same faith. Jesus washed Judas' feet and let him partake of the Last Supper although He knew his heart was not right and that he would betray Him in a few hours. Jesus also knew that Peter would deny Him before morning, yet He treated both of them like brothers, and even called Judas 'Friend.' (Matt. 26:50) Jesus never put anybody out of the synagogue except them that bought and sold there. If Jesus would do that today, there would be few left in the synagogue (church).

Please continue to send me the Symbolic Code every month.

(Signed) E.A.P.

[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 17, p. 4](#) (November 15, 1935)

THE POWER IN THE WORD MANIFESTED BY PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

Dear Brethren in Present Truth:

It is my desire to study The Shepherd's Rod message more fully. As we are to try the spirits and be fully persuaded in our own mind, I will let no one take away from me my God given liberty; I will study for myself.

I have been in the S.D.A. church for over 40 years, and as I love the truth more than before, I see the need for reformation. The church is getting more and more like the world but I must drift along no longer with the unconverted multitude - I must by

my good example encourage others for the better and not for the worse.

(Signed) Mrs. S.E.J.

I came to town Wednesday and went to church but, as usual, could not get in, and as the rest of the Shepherd's Rod believers are away, I had to stay out all by myself. It was a great temptation for me to stay away from church, for I knew that none of those who believe in present truth would be there. It was so hard to stand alone, but I knew God was with me, and so I stayed. Pray for me that I may forever remain faithful.

(Signed) Mrs. N.W.

We have been in the Third Angel's Message for five years but have learned more since we read your books and began to study Sr. White's writings, as you advised us, and I pray that I may be ready to stand for my Saviour now that, when He comes, He may say to me, "Well done."

(Signed) Mrs. C.D.

From a Young S.D.A. Member in Sunny California

After Taking Hold of Present Truth

"When I think back into the winter before last and last summer, it was continually tennis tournaments, golf, swimming, basket ball, croquet, pingpong, baseball, volley ball, all kinds of competition; parties - lawn parties, beach parties, snow parties, skating parties, and every other kind of party, including card parties (but excluding drinking and smoking parties), joy rides, amusement concessions - well, it was just one good time after another. Tennis, ping-pong, and dancing almost got me, but I thank the Lord that The Shepherd's Rod came along just in time to save me."

(Signed) Miss G.P.

Dear Brethren:

The following is my testimony in connection with The Shepherd's Rod.

I want to thank the Lord for The Shepherd's Rod Message, which connects the Angel of Revelation 18:1 with the Third Angel's Message. - "Early Writings," 277. I am fully convinced it is "the message of the True Witness to the Laodiceans" (the S.D.A. church).

This great message has brought me to a realization that if we hope to have a part in the earth made new, we must cease to trifle with God's ways as revealed in the Bible and Testimonies.

Again, I thank the Lord for this great message. Its great power has converted me on many subjects which at one time I, with the rest of my brethren, considered non-essentials. It has placed my feet on the same solid foundation on which our Saviour stood and as it gave Him the victory over all the onslaughts of Satan, it will do the same for me.

I fully realize that it is a glorious message for the obedient to its demands, who walk in its bright light, but O how sad and how terrible a message it is for the disobedient and who love darkness rather than light!

My prayer is that the Lord will guide and direct me fully into this message that I may walk in His ways, and follow the path He directs, learn to "refuse the evil and choose the good," that I may have a part in the work of the 144,000 when the Third Angel's Message shall swell in to the Loud Cry, and that I may be 100% perfect in all His ways.

Your brother in the Message of Rev. 18:1 as brought to my attention by The Shepherd's Rod,

(Signed) W.A.E.

[Symbolic Code, Vol. 1, No. 18, pp. 4-6.](#) (December 15, 1935)

FROM THEM THAT TREMBLE AT HIS WORD

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." Mal. 3:16.

!Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at His word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but He shall appear to your

joy, and they shall be ashamed." Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Message of "The Shepherd's Rod":

I have been wanting to write for some time to let you know that I am still rejoicing in this message of the "True Witness to the Laodiceans" and I am trying hard to study so I can prepare myself to give the message to our dear brethren. I have spoken to several of our S.D.A. families but have met with no success, although one or two seem to know that there is more spiritual food coming to us, but as all have been warned against The Shepherd's Rod they seem to be afraid of it. Oh if they would only sit down and study, I'm sure they would see the light....

Just about a month after I paid this tithe into the church I received the first Shepherd's Rod tract on the Harvest. Some one must have sent in my name. I was very much taken up with the message at that time and talked to some of the S.D.A.'s about it, but was always warned against it. The following summer I attended Camp Meeting and they spoke so against The Shepherd's Rod that I burned the tracts when I got home but glad to say that the Lord remembered me again and here I am rejoicing in Present Truth and now I am here to stay regardless of what they may say or do....

I look forward every month to the arrival of the Symbolic Code and whatever I am doing is always laid aside until I have read every page of it. Then when I have more time I read it over and over again.

Your sister in Christ,
(Signed) Mrs. J.V.

Dear Brethren:

It has now been about four years since I received Volume One of "The Shepherd's Rod" through the mail. I studied it very cautiously, knowing that we were living in the time when Satan was laying his snares for every one who is keeping the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

Today I can thank God from the depth of my soul for the promise of the Holy Spirit which He is so willing to give to all who desire to know the way of Truth. And while this brings variance and division, it also brings that peace which the world cannot give nor take away, but which enables one to do as Paul say, "In everything give thanks."

I am so thankful to God that He put it into your heart to mail me this precious message of present truth. May He continue to bless you is my prayer.

Yours for a closer walk with God,
(Signed) E.E.K.

Dear Brethren:

By reading "The Symbolic Code" which I received from a friend of mine, I think this reveals the truth for this time. For the things that are revealed in it shows me very plain that a modern church is gone very much astray as to the true foundation and principles. I would like to be put on the list of the ones who read the Code and if you have anything new in print I would like to have it if possible.

Yours with much love,
(Signed) P.F.

Dear Brethren:

Since I have received the volumes of the S. R. I have been busy reading them over and over and will continue to do so until I get it all clearly in my head. How I thank God that He has sent so much knowledge through Bro. Houteff. I find no other joy now, but reading on eternal things.

I received a pamphlet, "A Warning Against Error;" now I am studying this so that I can give an intelligent answer when questioned. Anybody that has read the S. R. and then be as blind as some is a mystery to me. The enemy would have to put out more convincing material than "The Warning Against Error," to fool the saints.

I first heard about this added light through "The Symbolic Code" which looked to me as from the enemy, but when I read Tract No. 1, I was completely convinced of its truth. In fact, the first few pages impressed me deeply, and now I am feasting and ever counting the days till the arrival of the monthly visitor, "The Symbolic Code."

I am so happy to hear of the buildings going up in Mt. Carmel Center, and I am helping with my prayers.

Your sister in Jesus Christ,
(Signed) Mrs. E.M.

Dear Sister:

I am still rejoicing in this blessed Present Truth amidst the worldly clamor. I have an anchor that holds me steadfast. My life is happier than it ever was.

May the Lord's blessing be on all the workers and brethren scattered in the length and breadth of God's universe who are hastening on the glad day is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ,
(Signed) Mrs. C.R.

Dear Sister:

Glad to say that I am rejoicing in this powerful message as a result that God led me to the Charleston church, and I am now back to my former church trying to impart to the flock that which I have learned. Few are fighting it but the majority are studying it. The head officers are standing with me. Please pray that the Lord will enable me to defeat the enemy...

My prayers go up daily for you all and this great cause. I beg to remain yours in the Master's vineyard.

(Signed) W.L.B.

"A WARNING AGAINST ERROR" PROVES TO BE GREATEST OF ERROR

By E.T. Wilson

One of the oldest members of the Charleston, S.C. church, after becoming interested in "The S. R." message, was visited by the pastor, and a General Conf. Field Secretary, who gave the interested party a copy of "A Warning Against Error," telling her not to let any of the "S. R." folk see it. This instruction she faithfully carried out. But in the meantime, she had come into possession of "T. M.," together with all the volumes of The Testimonies for the Church, and to her great surprise, she found the truth of "The S. R." taught in these books also and that the "A Warning Against Error" was not only contradictory to "The S. R." but also to the Spirit of Prophecy! Therefore, at her first opportunity, during the fifteen minute missionary service in the church, on Sabbath, this sister arose and asked permission to speak, and her request was granted by the pastor of the church.

Stepping up to the front of the building, our sister said, "Elder ____, I have never practiced deceit in my life, and I am not going to do so now," and holding up the little pamphlet, "A Warning Against Error," she continued: "This little pamphlet has made a full-fledged S. R. believer out of me, for I found it to be the rankest sort, such as I have never seen, of wresting the Scriptures, the Test. and the publications of Brother Houteff, and I believe it will make all of you Shepherd's Rod believers if you study it carefully, for you will discover that it is filled with error."

To this sister's testimony the readers of this article will permit me to add that the "A Warning Against Error" is also the most unfair little thing I have ever read against any publication! Nevertheless, again we see the truth of that statement of the Bible which tells us that nothing can be done against the truth but for it, and that the "wrath of man" indeed shall be made to "praise" Him.

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TESTIMONIES

"Many thanks for 'The Symbolic Codes.' I've read them all, and re-read many. They fanned anew my strong desire to help in the Lord's work. I have often felt downcast because the way seemed closed to all but to those of the highest education.

"I thought every Adventist believed in Sister White's writings, but The Symbolic Code has opened my eyes. I knew many were reckless and did not stand true to principle, but I never thought that this evil course was due to unbelief. I'm glad The Shepherd's Rod came. I needed it."

(Signed) Mrs. E.N.

Dear People in the Faith:

"We have been and still are looking into and studying the message. We are more and more convinced it is a timely message for the S.D.A. church.

When our church leaders voted out Brother G's membership for no other reason than his faith in this added light to the Third Angel's Message and as they justified themselves while going contrary to divine authority, it is enough to convince any one that our brethren have turned their backs 'against Christ their Leader.' ("Testimonies for the Church," Vol.5, p.217.)

(Signed) J.N.K.

Dear Brethren in Christ:

"Words can not express my joy and delight and appreciation for the good work of The Shepherd's Rod. I am convinced that it spells lost or saved to any one who ever reads it. It certainly is the last message for our people (the Seventh-day Adventist) to awaken them to a realization of their own condition. Oh, may the Lord help us to study this light more and fully accept it by His grace and by faith. I love it and may His blessings abide with

you and all who study it. It is what we have needed for a long time and may I add this? If you need money for support call on me and what little I can give, by His grace, I shall be glad to help."

(Signed) E.W.

"Through the providence of the Lord, I came to Denver about one year ago, and was thus placed in contact with the message of The Shepherd's Rod. I am thankful for this precious light on health reform. I have not taken a dose of medicine since accepting this precious message, while before that time I was nothing less than a medicine fiend.

"I am attending every meeting that I possibly can and my prayer is that my faith may grow stronger, and that the Lord will bless me with health that I, too, may help proclaim this wonderful truth.

"Oh, that God's people might open their eyes and receive the great blessings He is waiting to bestow upon them."

(Signed) Mrs. B.T.A.

Dear Brother:

I am so happy to be able to see the truth for this time, and while I have been asleep, I have never rejected light and I thank the Lord for The Shepherd's Rod. I am a better S.D.A. because of it, and I am determined to go all the way with the truth in The Shepherd's Rod. I enjoy the studies and I think it is terrible to know that the leaders have gone as far as they have, and that they are still leading our people into darkness. I can't tell you how happy I am to be called a Shepherd's Rod follower."

(Signed) Mrs. B.J.

A PLEA FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN

Dear Brother Borolinger;

Just received the lovely tract of Ezekiel's Prophecy. It was a very pleasant and interesting one and of much value to me. I

will close my office door this morning and remain inside by myself so that I can more carefully study this wonderful explanation of Ezekiel's prophecy....

Several days ago a company of eleven, including three of us in the family, gathered at which time we were reading some of the interesting points in The Symbolic Code and selected quotations from Sister White's writings. We were especially interested in the statements found in "Early Writings," pp. 269-272 and 277, and "Testimonies to Ministers," p. 469, in reference to the shaking...after which I had to bring in The Shepherd's Rod, giving them the whole history of it. Those who were present in the company passed a resolution for praying and fasting in behalf of our church members who were absent that they may see this wonderful light and believe this message and the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. We decided to set aside for prayer and fasting the last Sabbath of each month, and we most sincerely request that you brethren who are a part of this reformatory movement remember us at these set dates.

(Signed) J.J.K.

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THE "MUSTARD PLANT" OVERSHADOWING INDIA

Not long ago since I began to entertain an ardent longing for a reformation most of the S.D.A.'s, including those at the head of rank and file, began to look at me with long faces, although previously they were very good to me. It was at this crisis that I received your tract No. 4, "The Latest News for Mother," and it helped me see more clearly the unavoidable impending necessity for a reformation among us as a people, and now they have set a watch on me.

To make matters worse, one new missionary with family from South Tex.,...who is to superintend the mission here has just arrived. His wife's father has embraced the Shepherd's Rod message. The superintendent has commanded the authorities here to keep us away from the school, although until this time the principal of the school knew nothing about "The Shepherd's Rod," but the mission superintendent has taken very strict measures to

keep the students away from us, and the principal's wife, an American lady, has given directions to the staff that the students should be called together for a meeting or a new game as soon as we enter the premises of the school. In this way they manage to take them away from us.

Thus the actions of the faculty prove to us that the S.D.A.'s are very much terrified because of "The Shepherd's Rod" message, and our hearts are moved by love to help them, for we feel we could not be able to bear the weight of sorrow to see them lost after being so many years in the work. I shall study "The Shepherd's Rod" message very carefully and may God open up the way that I may be able to do something for them. I will not allow any one to take away my God-given liberty. I will study for myself, come what may! Pray for us.

Please continue sending the "Symbolic Code" and other literature and help us with the treasures of heaven that we may awaken many souls from their "Laodicean" "lukewarm" condition before they are spued out.

(Signed) C.H.V. Travencore,
S. India

Dear Brethren:

In the absence of our regular leader, in prayer meeting last night a lay member was called upon to hold the service. He talked about false churches and then about the true church and said, "The true church is the one which keeps the commandments of God and has the faith of Jesus." Though not out loud, in our hearts we said amen. Attention was called to "The Shepherd's Rod" and after asking him questions, he supposed we (six of us) were against the Rod's teachings but when he found that we were adherents to it he immediately closed the meeting and never talked any more about it.

Before we accepted the Rod's message we were instructed by the council of the church not to study the "Shepherd's Rod," not to discuss it, not to make friends with those who believe in it, and not to allow them in our homes, but we prayed, asking the Lord to

lead us right as we complied with the following instruction from the pen of Sr. White:

“Precious light is to shine forth from the Word of God, and let no one presume to dictate what shall or what shall not be brought before the people in the messages of enlightenment that He shall send, and so quench the Spirit of God, Whatever may be his position of authority, no one has a right to shut away the light from the people. When a message comes in the name of the Lord to His people, no one may excuse himself from an investigation of its claims. No one can afford to stand back in an attitude of indifference and self-confidence, and say: ‘I know what is truth. I am satisfied with my position. I have set my stakes, and I will not be moved away from my position, whatever may come. I will not listen to the message of this messenger; for I know that it can not be truth.’ It was from pursuing this very course that the popular churches were left in partial darkness, and that is why the messages of heaven have not reached them....If a message comes that you do not understand, take pains that you may hear the reasons the messenger may give.”

Testimonies on S.S.W. 65.

We were told that “The Shepherd’s Rod” is by another denomination, new light, a false doctrine, the devil’s work. However, upon careful investigation for ourselves we have found “The Shepherd’s Rod” message to be no separate denomination and that exactly as predicted in “E.W.,” p.277, its teachings add power and force to all the authoritative S.D.A. doctrines.

We have not received new light but more light and the Third Angel’s message has now become to us so wonderful that we can not find words by which to express our appreciation for it.

My experience has taught me that no one should make flesh his arm no matter whether it be Noah’s arm, Job’s, or Daniel’s - we must do now what we did when we embraced the S.D.A.’s message; that is, take no minister’s advice but with open mind free from prejudice listen to the messenger for ourselves, trusting in the Lord to lead us into all truth and when we see the truth to joyfully accept it.

My heart is now filled with joy for the hope that is in me, and for the love of God's church and His people I shall do all I can to bring this most precious message to as many as God permits. Pray for us.

(Signed) Mrs. L.L. Houston,
Texas

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