

Labor Among Early Apostates from the Church.

Elder W. Clement Horsley of Provo writes a private letter concerning his labors in the California mission from which we have been permitted to cull. He is having an experience among former Latter-day Saints. He says:

Friday we called to see Mrs. Isaacs. She and her husband in early days were great Mormons. When Wm. Godbe left this church this woman and her husband left at the same time and he and Godbe started the Tribune. He afterward came to this country and for a time did well; but he commenced to lose ground, for a year or two he lived with fast women and his wife. He has since left his wife and gone to San Francisco with a woman and now the old lady has to wash and iron for a living. She is a spiritualist, but says she has no satisfaction in going to her meetings. She treated us all right but had her terrible tales to tell about early days in Utah. And in order to impress it upon our minds, she would draw her hand across her throat and said this is what they would be told to do with people. She sees her mistake and has to try and tell some big yarn to try and shield herself for what she has done and the fix she is now in.

When Godbe apostatized and began to work against the church, H. O. Kimball said the day would come when he (Goloe) would have to beg for bread. We asked the old lady about it. She said she did not know about it; but told us that he built a large smelter in Nevada, bought the machinery on time, the whole thing costing him \$250,000 and in less than one month it burned down and only \$30,000 insurance on it. It looks like H. O. Kimball's prophecy would come true.

"We next called to see the Barton family. they joined the church in Australia in 1850, and for years the Elders would make their home their headquarters. It was at their home that the organ was made that they had in the old tabernacle in Salt Lake city and was afterwards moved to the St. George temple. They moved to California from Australia in 1856 and in 1857 when the Saints were called to go to Utah from here. They had nothing much to go with, and the lukewarm people told them terrible tales about the cut-throats in Utah and persuaded them to stay. They have never joined anything and they have never pros-

pered, They now live in a rented home (very poor at that) I believe they will be rebaptized if treated and talked to in the right way. She is a very kind, nice old lady, She has several children married and while there, her daughter came in, She said she was always sorry her parents remained out here.

"Sister Turley, a lady 65 years old or more, was baptized here about six months ago. In early days she lived at Minersville and when Amasa Lyman apostatized and started in spiritualism, he went down to Minersville and led a great many away. She says he took more out of the church than he ever brought in. She was out of the church for 35 years or more.

Here is the place to hear all about the early days of the church. I must say some people have suffered for their falling away.

It is hard for us to do the singing at meeting, but if we put our trust in the Lord, he will aid us and we will get along all right. This town has 2,000 people; 50 trains pass through here each day. The people seem to be afraid to let others see them go to a Mormon meeting. We will be here one or two more weeks and will then go to some small towns four or five miles west of here. We expect to finish carding and tracting as many of the small towns as possible before conference, It will take a great many tracts.