

The Train Wreck

One day Elder James White and Mrs. Ellen White were getting ready for a long trip. They were going to another city to preach. This time they were going to take the train.

They packed their suitcases. They packed a large trunk. In this trunk they put many books. Soon they were ready to go. It was nearly time for the train.

Before going to the station they had worship. They prayed that God would send the angels with them on their trip. That night they got on the train. They went into one car, which was quite crowded with people. Mrs. White said: "We must not stay in this car," so they decided to go to last car on the train, which had some seats available. As the train pulled away from the station, Elder and Mrs. White felt much happier after they had moved into the last car of the train.

They had gone only three miles when the car jerked back and forth and there was a terrible wreck. The engine was thrown from the track. Two cars were broken into pieces. The first car, the one from which Elder and Mrs. White had moved, was crushed. The only car unharmed was the last one, the one where Elder and Mrs. White were sitting. It was miraculously not damaged in the wreck. It was still on the track.

Everyone in the last car hurried outside to see what had happened. They saw the terrible wreck. They heard the groans of the people who were dying. They heard the screams of those who were hurt. They saw the engine lying on its side.

The baggage car was off the track, too; but it was not damaged. The box of books the Whites were transporting was safe. Many people from the area came to see the wreck. They looked at the engine and the broken cars. They saw the last car still on the track. "How can this be?" the people asked. "This car was fastened to the others with bolt and chain."

They looked on the platform of the car. There lay the bolt and chain as though placed there by a careful hand.

"How can this be?" said the brakeman. "I did not unfasten the car. No one was on the platform at the time of the wreck."

"It must have been an angel who unfastened the car," said Elder James and Ellen White. They thanked the Lord for keeping them safe.