

Christmas, celebration of

See EGW letter H-29-1873

(EGW to Lucinda Hall)

"Dear Sister Lucinda:

. . . I wanted to be with you Christmas, but we shall be on the way. Tell the children their Christmas presents are forthcoming. We are sorry that we could not have them at Santa Rosa at the time."

See letter, May Walling to Mary K. White
Dec. 29, 1889

tree trimmed with strings of popcorn. Gifts not costly, but no one felt slighted. The tree "looked real pretty when it was lit."
Christmas exercises in the church "in the part made for a gym."

Remembrances, Virgil Robinson.

"Christmas at St. Helena"

I can remember just one Christmas at St. Helena. The year must have been 1913. Elder Spalding was there at the time (See ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF SDAs, Vol 3, pp 268-9). Our Christmas celebration was held in the top floor of the WCWhite home. The tree was locally secured, and was decorated with some tinsel and popcorn chains. Elder Spalding played the part of Santa Claus and distributed the presents. I do not remember seeing Ellen White there. By this time she seldom went out at night. This Christmas took place a few days before my seventh birthday.

Letter, Mary Foss to EGW

"Dear Sister Ellen: . . . I came home the 28th of December. I received your nice present, it was unexpected. I was not looking for any present but I shall keep it and lay out for myself this spring. You can get goods very cheap now, if one needs. Addie and May went to Lewiston last week. They said they never saw things so cheap, never. They brought home four print wrappers for \$1.89, but I shall keep mine (my money) till I can go down myself and then get things I need. I am very much obliged to you for it."

(Incomplete letter from Mary Foss.--See Letters to EGW from Relatives.)