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The Great Earthquake

San Francisco and Other Cities in Ruins

UNDOUBTEDLY nearly all of our brethren and sisters have learned of the terrible calamity that visited the Pacific Coast on the morning of April 18. In less than one minute the beautiful city of San Francisco, and a number of other cities, were laid in ruins; and hundreds of lives were lost, hurled into eternity without a moment's warning.

When the last issue of the REPORTER went to press, we had received no particulars regarding our people or institutions on the Coast; and up to the present time have not been able to obtain a full report of the situation, but have received a letter from our brethren of the Pacific Press saying that the institution suffered a loss of from ten thousand to twenty thousand dollars. The buildings

were almost ruined, but the equipment sustained but a slight damage.

Our brethren of the Pacific Press ask that those of our people in the East who escaped this terrible calamity, contribute as they are able to help in the repairing of the Pacific Press building. We trust that many will respond to this call. We would suggest that in all our churches a collection be taken, and the money sent to our Conference office, which will be forwarded on to the Pacific Press.

Several other cities where our people live and where we have institutions, received more or less damage, but we have not received definite information as to the amount of loss these institutions sustained.

Meaning of this Terrible Calamity

But few understand the meaning of these things. Not so with intelligent Seventh-day Adventists. Just a few months before the great fire which swept away many of the so-called fire-proof buildings in Baltimore, Maryland, the following Testimony came to this people:—

"We are on the verge of the eternal world. Some may say, 'How do you know this, Sister White?' I know it by the judgments of God that are in the land. These judgments are given to bring men and women to their senses. God has a purpose in everything that He permits to take place in our world, and He desires us to be so spiritually-minded that we shall perceive His workings in the unusual happenings that are now almost of daily occurrence. Already His judgments have begun to fall upon the inhabitants of the land. He can touch the largest so-called fire-proof buildings, and in two or three hours they are as nothing, burned to the ground."

Two years later the Lord caused a scene to pass before His servant, described in the following words:—

"The scene that passed before me

was an alarm of fire. Men looked at lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings, and said, 'They are perfectly safe.' But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire-engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the engines.

"I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, no earthly power can stay the hand of God. No material can be used in the erection of buildings that will preserve them from destruction when God's appointed time comes to send retribution on men for their insolence and their disregard of His law."

When we read the account of the great catastrophe in San Francisco and other cities, we can the more easily grasp the truth of the above predictions. The only safety of God's people is to walk humbly and softly before Him in the light that He is giving us, trusting in His almighty power and protection.

The instruction given us for the past few years to get out of this city has been timely, and if we will heed the counsel given us from time to time carefully, God will shield us from all these calamities. But we should not be satisfied with the protecting care of God for ourselves. There are others whom God desires to save, and He has placed us here to tell them the meaning of these things.

The article following this is from our brethren on the Coast, and not only gives us their plans for the future, but it tells us of the Special Signs that has been prepared, giving a full and truthful account of this great catastrophe, with cuts showing the condition before and after the devastation, and telling the people what these things mean. This special issue of the Signs is now ready for delivery. It should be sold and given away by thousands. Send your orders to our office at once, and let us warn our neighbors of the meaning of these things. W. J. STONE.

The Pacific Press

Overturned by An Earthquake. Re-Organization and Work

ALL our people throughout the world have learned through the public press of the almost unparalleled disaster which visited San Francisco and adjacent cities and town within a radius of about one hundred miles.

In this brief statement we will not attempt a representation of the facts concerning this awful calamity, but wish to place before you its effect upon our people, and our plans for the future.

When the Pacific Press moved from Oakland to Mountain View, two years ago, it was the definite intention of the Board to set aside commercial work and turn the facilities of the press entirely upon the publication of the Third Angel's Message. But our denominational work has not increased as was hoped, and it has seemed necessary to keep up the commercial work to some extent, and little by little it has been growing to occupy a strong position in the office. In a few seconds the great earthquake settled this question. Our customers are ruined. All our commercial jobs must stop where they are, and the work done is probably lost. To-day there is no commercial San Francisco from which we can look for work. In its place we stand in the shadow of a great calamity, the meaning of which we know, and this meaning must be told to the world. Therefore we have decided:

1. To repair our shattered building with frame work in place of brick, and make it safe for operations.

2. To close out commercial work, as far as possible.

3. To go to the world with this message, and throw all our energies and facilities into publishing the signs of these times.

4. To call upon our people everywhere to stand loyally by the Pacific Press and devote their energies to the circulation of our books, tracts, and papers; for we must depend upon our people to scatter the literature, and by doing it they will give the world the light, and will give to the Pacific Press sufficient work to save the office from further loss.

5. As the most urgent and important step, we are issuing a Special Number of the *Signs of the Times*, which will be called *The Earthquake Special*.

We trust that in the light of this great warning to the world, our people will be equal to the needs of the hour, and give the paper the circulation which the issue demands.

The Pacific Press is readjusting all its working facilities to publish these words of warning. The editors, with several photographers and other assistants, visited Oakland, San Francisco, and San Jose, gathering material for the paper. Offices have been opened in a private house for pushing the circulation.

We are fully confident that God will move upon His people to spring to the front and do valiant service in this glorious work. Can not every Seventh-day Adventist in our ranks sell or give away a number of these papers? Prices are as follows: For quantities less than one thousand, to one name and address, three cents each. For more than one thousand to one name and address, 2½ cents each. Send orders to Pacific Press or the Indiana Tract Society.

C. H. JONES.

E. R. PALMER.

J. R. FERREN.

WHAT DOES YOUR WORK PROVE?

In "Social Testimonies on Education," page 131, we read: "I am burdened to say to you that you know not how soon the crisis may come. It is stealing gradually upon us as a thief. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God. Men are still pursuing their usual course of eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage. Merchants are still engaged in buying and selling. Publications are issuing one upon another. Many are jostling one against another, seeking to get the highest place. Pleasure lovers are still attending theatres, horse races, and gambling halls, and the highest excitement prevails. Yet probation's hour is fast closing and every case is about to be eternally decided. There are few who believe with heart and soul that we have a heaven to win and a hell to shun, but these few show their faith by their works."

Dear reader, what do your works prove? Are you doing all within your power to show these pleasure-drunk souls that the hour of God's judgment is at hand, or are you yourself falling into the same trap they are in. We are living in a very solemn time. A world is fast going down to ruin; souls are dying all around us while we have the message that will save them. Books containing God's blessed truth are in our hands. What are we doing to place them in the hands of all who know not the truth? Are you giving the trumpet a certain sound, or are you saying in your heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming" and spending your time in smiting your fellow servants? There are some in our ranks who seem to delight in trying to put out of office those who are accomplishing something in their God-given work. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake; and be at peace among yourselves." Brethren, let us go to work to save souls, to build up and not tear down. R. J. B.

SELF AND OTHERS

THE golden rule would have us placed in our brother's stead. This being done the treatment received by him from us would not be wrought in selfishness. It is selfishness that gets us into trouble, and selfishness that causes us to trouble others.

Self wants the best end of every bargain, and asks to lead in everything. Self asks for more favors than it is willing to give. Self wishes praise from others and offers criticism in return for the favor. There is a surprising magnanimity about self when it can hold a commodious reservoir at the outlet of its own siphon. WM COVERT.

ANOTHER "LO HERE."

THERE are constantly arising among us persons who feel that they have new light, and that they have been raised up and constitute the angel of Revelation 18:1-4. But the strange thing, or rather what we might expect of these would-be great lights in the world, each one contradicts the other.

Recently a pamphlet has been written entitled "The Call to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb," by F. Segesser, of Battle Creek, Mich. It is not necessary to go into any investigation of this pamphlet. Those who are acquainted with the truths of the Third Angel's Message can readily see by glancing through the book that it is written in opposition to the truths of the Third Angel's Message. It is time worse than wasted for our people to read such literature.

The writer makes the modest request of those to whom he is sending this pamphlet, that after reading it, if they do not wish to remit to him twenty cents for the same, to return the pamphlet. It is because this pamphlet is being sent to many of our brethren and sisters in this Conference, that I write this article, and we would advise you not to spend your money in paying postage on such literature. You can put your money to better use. Is it only a sample of much literature that is being sent out professing new light and a special message, but is intended to tear down the great work that is being accomplished by God through the Third Angel's Message. It is only one of the many means resorted to by Satan to hinder the progress of present truth. Beware of all such documents.

When receiving printed matter through the mail, look and see whether it has the imprint of our denominational publishing houses. This will usually give you an idea whether it is from a proper source.

W. J. STONE.

MAY "LIFE AND HEALTH"

The May number of *Life and Health* has just come to our desk, bearing the cheering message of Isaiah 36:10,— "They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

With much other good matter, this number emphasizes the importance of *right thinking* and *right doing* in combatting disease and promoting health. The three general articles in this number are alone worth the price of the journal for one year. "Divine Healing," teaching conformity to the physical and moral laws in restoring and maintaining health and happiness; "Experience Not Always Relia-

ble," illustrating, in story form, erroneous conceptions and practices of *self-made* invalids; "Woes of the Sensitive," prescribing the remedy of *applied common sense* in the prevention and cure of all sensitiveness, and revealing the way for all sensitive persons to have peace in the place of pangs and constant irritation.

We recommend *Life and Health* as a missionary periodical. All agents are having excellent success in selling it. The regular subscription price per year is 50 cents; 25 or more copies of any one issue, at one order, to one address, 2½ cents per copy.

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AN IMPORTANT TRACT

A TRACT entitled "God's Ownership, and Man's Stewardship" has just been compiled from the Bible and the Testimonies by Elder A. T. Robinson, with a preface by Elder W. J. Stone, which we desire to place in the hands of every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana.

Many of our brethren—in fact most of them—have not the time to study the Testimonies and the Bible and search out the important truth contained in this tract; so the Indiana Conference has gone to the expense of publishing it, and it will be circulated free to those who desire to study this subject. It contains instruction and truths that all of our people ought to understand, and especially at this important time in our work. We are mailing this tract to our brethren and sisters whose addresses we have; and if any do not receive it, please give us notice and we will send you one.

It would be a good plan for our churches to take this tract and study it in their Sabbath services. We trust the officers of our different churches will do all they can to bring these truths before our brethren and sisters.

W. J. STONE.

TITHE REPORT FOR APRIL

Akron.....	20 70
Angola.....	19 56
Anderson.....	
Auburn.....	5 00
Bass Lake.....	28 57
Barbers Mills.....	362 10
Boggs town.....	2 30
Brookston.....	2 00
Beath.....	11 38
Connersville.....	
Corunna.....	18 10
Denver.....	7 35
Dana.....	
Evansville.....	67
Elmora.....	14 00
Elwood.....	5 75
Etna Green.....	18 13
Farmersburg.....	
Fayette Sanitarium.....	35
Fort Wayne.....	
Franklin.....	
Frankton.....	13 35
Grass Creek.....	
Glenwood.....	2 78
Greenfield.....	2 48
Gum Corners.....	50 39
Hartford City.....	45 50
Honey Creek.....	5 94
Huntington.....	23 08
Idaville.....	126 01
Indianapolis (23rd street).....	60 14
Indianapolis (East Side).....	
Indianapolis (West Side).....	29 90
Individuals.....	2 50
Inwood.....	
Jefferson.....	22 40
Jonesboro.....	34 55
Kennard.....	18 56
Kokomo.....	19 73
La Fayette.....	11 00
Lebanon.....	11 40
Ligonier.....	2 70
Linton.....	100 00
Logansport.....	
Michaels.....	5 76
Mechanicsburg.....	27 41
Medaryville.....	8 45
Marion.....	
Michigan City.....	12 35
Middletown.....	29 73
Mt. Vernon.....	32 02
Mt. Zion.....	
Morocco.....	27 80
Muncie.....	5 57
Martinsville.....	36 24
New London.....	1 72
Noblesville.....	
Northfield.....	7 64
New Marion.....	
North Liberty.....	
Olive Branch.....	
Olivet Chapel.....	
Oolitic.....	11 70
Patrickburg.....	12 00
Peru.....	
Petersburg.....	19 95
Pleasant View.....	10 00
Princeton.....	4 87
Royal Center.....	
Richmond.....	12 48
Rochester.....	13 48
Rocklane.....	13 00
Salem.....	7 81
South Bend.....	7 00
South Milford.....	21 89
Terre Haute.....	10 85
Unionville.....	
Wabash.....	14 64
Waldron.....	8 62
Walkerton.....	
Waterloo.....	4 30
West Liberty.....	
Windfall.....	6 72
Wolf Lake.....	
Total receipts.....	\$ 1472 37

THE man who has a right to boast doesn't have to.

NEWS and NOTES

Brother Steele is holding a series of meetings at Muncie, Indiana.

Why are there so many coppers in the collection?—Because there are no smaller coins.

Elder Rees is at Tell City conducting a short series of meetings. We have not heard the results.

Elder Buhalts was with the Martinsville church Sabbath, and Sunday, April 28 and 29. He reports good meetings, and new ones who are becoming interested.

Elder O. S. Hadley is constantly laboring to build up the West Indianapolis church, and the Lord is blessing his efforts. The church now numbers about thirty members.

We are glad to see the \$8,000 fund growing. Shall we not see something from all our churches from time to time? Please assist us in this, if only a little. We will appreciate it very much.

We are glad to publish again a list of subscribers to the REPORTER; but there are about one hundred who ought to renew at once, besides many new ones who ought to subscribe for this paper.

Sabbath, April 28th, Elder Stone, J. W. Johnston, Dr. Strickler and his son Carl, were with the Rocklane church. It was an encouragement to the brethren and sisters. A good social meeting followed the discourse.

This issue of the REPORTER is coming out a few days ahead of time on account of the Earthquake Special *Signs of the Times* that has been printed, a full explanation of which appears on the first and second pages of this paper.

Elder Stone was with the New London church from Friday until Monday, April 20 to 23, and held several meetings. There was a good attendance of those living in that section, and the meetings were much appreciated.

Responses are coming to Elder Stone's article in the last Reporter, on canvassing, and there are those who desire to take up the canvassing work and make it a matter of business until the Lord comes. He will be glad to hear from others.

The Lake Union Conference begins at Berrien Springs May 8. Most of the workers of the Indiana Conference will be in attendance. We trust this will be a time of special preparation for the work, and that our laborers will return with renewed zeal to take up the work.

We still request any who know good openings for tent or camp meetings, report them to Elder Stone. Also any of our churches desiring labor should write him at once, that he may have these calls to consider in preparing for the summer's work.

Read the tithe report carefully in this issue of the paper. It is not as large as it should be. Perhaps you neglected paying your tithe. Shall we not see a greater improvement in the report for May? Who will help swell it to its honest limit? Will not every church endeavor to have something opposite its name?

Read carefully the articles on the first and second pages of this paper regarding the great earthquake, and the special *Signs* describing this terrible calamity, and the importance of circulating this paper and warning your neighbors of the meaning of these things.

Our canvassing work is beginning to look more encouraging than for a long time. Several new colporters will soon enter the field. The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of those in the canvassing work, for the number of hours put in. Faithful labor, eight hours a day, will insure success in this work.

Will all who read this report please order at once a supply of the Special Earthquake Number of the *Signs* with which to do missionary work. Now is the time, while the matter is fresh in the minds of the people. Let us do our duty. God has placed the truth with us for just such a time as this, that we may give it to those who know it not.

We clip the following from the South African Missionary, a paper published by our brethren in South Africa:—

"On Thursday the 6th instance, we had the pleasure of welcoming Brother and Sister J. F. Olmstead to South Africa. They came by the 'Kenilworth Castle,' one of the finest boats that visit this port. Brother and Sister Olmstead came to us from the Indiana Conference, U. S. A. The Indiana Conference has shown a practical interest in the South African field by sending these dear workers to us, and by bearing the cost, not only their passage, but also their maintenance while in the field. We take this opportunity of expressing to our brethren in Indiana the gratitude of the South African Union Conference, for their interest in the extension of the message in this field."

DONATIONS TO THE \$8,000 FUND

Previously reported.....	\$799.33
A Friend	100.00
Wolf Lake.....	.25
Angola	5.00
Lida Polson	10.00
Mary Huntzinger46
M. Van Niman.....	.25
Ligonier	1.00
Mrs. J. F. Woods.....	1.00
Elwood50
Connersville.....	.10
Indianapolis (East Side).....	2.12
Indianapolis (23rd Street).....	.70
Huntington	1.00
Anderson	1.00
Total.....	\$922.71

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Subscribe for the REPORTER and get all the news from the Lake Union Conference meeting in the next issue.

CANVASSER'S REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING APRIL 15, 1906.

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Total Value	Orders from Office.
Bernard, F. G.	Goshen.....	Gt. Con.			\$	\$	\$	
Carmichael, H. C.	Mitchell.....	Steps to Chr			43 50			
Grim, Martin	Clay Co.							
Kent, C. Mary	Lebanon.	Bible Read.	51	12	26 50			
Metzker Athen	Delaware Co.	Gt. Con.	81	23	58 25			
Priddy Donna	Lebanon	Bible Read.	75	16	34 50			
Jas. Blankenship	Guernsey	Gt. Con.	24	7	17 00			
Celia J. Hart	Muncie	Bible Read.	21	8	24 00			
Stephen Boze	Guernsey	Her. of Morn	26	3	4 50	1 00		
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