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Margaret Haughey, - Editor.

Missionary.

* The Sale of Our Books by the Ministers and How Ministers Can Help Build up this Work.

If it were possible for any department of the Lord's work among men to be of any more importance than another, I would be sure to say that that the importance of selling our books excels all other phases of the promulgation of the gospel. Since the sale of our books is a part of one great whole and it is all the work of the Lord, then he who engages in the sale of our denominational literature is doing God's service. Ministers are God's servants, and the true minister of God stands ready to do service for his master at all times in whatever capacity he may be called upon to perform service.

We are here to-day as bookmen. Some of us are Seventh-day Adventist ministers. As such we should be enlisted in every line and department of the work carried on by the Seventh-day Adventist people. A man should never be ordained to the office of a minister until he is capable of ministering. In order for a man to minister to others, which means to give or supply, he must be possessor of something to minister. As ordained ministers of the gospel we are supposed to be possessors of a

knowledge of the gospel. As Seventh-day Adventist ordained ministers we should have a knowledge of the message Seventh-day Adventists are commissioned to give or supply to the world. This knowledge can be obtained only by careful and prayerful study of the Bible and our denominational books. If a minister has truly become fitted for his work, he is possessor of the truth our books contain, and he knows how to help other people to get hold of that knowledge themselves, and it is the one desire of his heart to see that they have an opportunity to obtain the knowledge. The only way to make that opportunity is to go to the people with the message, since they will not come to us. Then it is plain that the minister must carry the books containing the message to the people.

Again, as ordained ministers of the gospel as taught by Christ and his disciples, and as believed in and practised by Seventh-day Adventists, we are set apart as overseers. In order for us to be capable of overseeing we must have a knowledge of the work we are to oversee. The only way to gain a knowledge of how to sell books is to sell books. Hence no man should be ordained to the gospel ministry until he has had a practical experience in selling books.

If the principles, reasoning, and logic thus given are correct (and I believe they are,) then the "How Ministers Can Help Build up the Book Work" is made clear. They are to be true leaders in that department of their work as ministers that is, they must be bookmen.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

* Read at the Bookmen's convention at Berrien Springs, Mich.

Help That Helps Most.

During the past few days our hearts have been deeply touched by the liberal responses of our people in donating to the relief of needy institutions on the Pacific coast, and even more by their great activity in circulating the special literature prepared to let the people know the meaning of these stirring events.

Soon after the earthquake I was sent on a mission to the headquarters of our work in Washington, D. C., and had the privilege of seeing the new home of the REVIEW AND HERALD which has been recently built.

During the past few days we have also received letters from the Southern Publishing Assn., telling of their recent move from the city of Nashville to a suburban locality.

Thus it has been forced upon my mind that although the Pacific Press has recently suffered severely from a great calamity, these other publishing houses are also in need of help; and indeed the Pacific Press needs another kind of help worse than it needs money. All these publishing houses need a larger, stronger force of men and women who are willing to consecrate their lives without reserve to the circulation of the splendid literature which has been prepared to tell the world that Jesus is soon coming, that this old earth is soon to be destroyed, and that now is the time to prepare to meet God.

While the judgments of God are in the land is not this an opportune time for our people everywhere to inquire diligently as to how they may best spend the few remaining days of probationary

time? Are there not hundreds of our people now engaged in the common work and commerce of the world, who should be using their talents more directly for God and his cause?

There are hundreds of agents whom God has blessed in the work of circulating our books. There are hundreds of our sisters who can sell books and papers in their respective neighborhoods. There are hundreds and thousands of our people who have never entered the service, and yet God has given them talents with which they could glorify him. And now that we have given liberally of our means to meet a local need, and as we have consecrated a little time to the distribution of special literature, is it not the opportune moment for us to consider seriously whether there is not a greater help that we can render and a greater consecration that we can make? If God's people would arouse all over this land and consecrate their time and their talents to the spreading of this message as published in the printed page, that would be a gift and a consecration which would bring mighty results.

May the Lord grant that the day will soon dawn when such a consecration will be made.

E. R. PALMER,
Sec. Gen. Conf. Pub. Dept.

Mid-Summer Offering for 1906.

The General Conference Committee has appointed June 30th as the Sabbath when the Mid-summer Offering for Foreign Mission work shall be taken up in all our churches.

It is true that we have just made a collection for the Pacific Coast sufferers, and yet this fund, of course does not in any wise assist or maintain the large number of workers we have in foreign fields. Our working forces in foreign fields have been considerably increased this last year, and other workers are planning to go, or will be on their way soon.

We have already sent several workers to different fields this present spring. Brother O. E. Davis and wife recently sailed to British Guiana, opening up work among the Indians in the Demerara District; Brother Bond and wife left a few weeks since for Spain; Brother Jewell has gone to India; Brother Benson and Brother Anderson will soon leave for Japan and China; Dr. Marsh and Sister Kurtz and Sister Whaley will sail June 2nd for India; Elder Svensson left a few weeks ago for his home in Sweden, where he expects to spend sometime in the interest of the work among his native people; Brother Israel and wife will leave soon for South Africa; and others are under appointment and will arrange to go at the earliest possible date.

The increased number of workers and the maintenance of those in the field, make increased demands upon the Mission funds, and of course, necessitates the raising of larger donations for missionary work year by year.

We are all anxious to see the work closed up. The reign of sin has wrought great havoc among men; sorrow and disappointment are on every hand; convulsions of nature and war and trouble seem thickening. Everything indicates that our Master soon will come.

We hope our brethren will respond liberally to the Mid-summer Offering on June 30 and make it the largest that has ever been collected for our missionary work.

We wish the blessing of God to be with our dear people everywhere and give them liberal hearts in carrying forward the Message that he has committed to our trust.

I. H. EVANS.

Blessings That Have Followed the Earthquake.

While nearly all papers and magazines are publishing details of the great catastrophe which has recently visited the Pacific Coast, it may be well for us to recount brief-

ly a few of the very precious blessings which the good Lord has showered upon us just at this time when blessings were very much needed to quiet overwrought nerves and re-establish the good cheer and hope of those who have suffered.

God's dealing with his children is wonderfully planned and executed; and in such a time as this it is indeed comforting and reassuring to know that God so times the giving of his most precious blessings that they shall come immediately following the severest chastisements.

Please note the following points and enter with us into the enjoyment of them:—

1. Although the walls of the Pacific Press building were thrown down, still the machines, with the exception of the linotypes, were uninjured so that the office was running as usual in a few hours after the earthquake.

2. While there was a great loss in property by this destruction, the Lord moved upon the hearts of his people to give liberally for the relief of the Pacific Press. Thus the damage will be fully repaired and both the Pacific Press and our people will be made better from the experience. In receiving the gifts, the Pacific Press will learn anew the strength and liberality of the supporters of this cause, and in the giving, the hearts of the people will be enlarged and made stronger.

3. During the three weeks following the earthquake, the SIGNS OF THE TIMES has had a greater circulation than during six months under normal conditions. What a wonderful blessing this is to the world, to the workers, and to the Pacific Press.

4. Orders are coming in, yes they are literally piling up, for the souvenir booklet which shows views of the earthquake, and for the tract which tells the meaning of these things. It is wonderful how an incident like this can arouse the people everywhere to service. This is another evidence that God has

abundant resources within his power for setting in motion the mighty forces which will close his work in righteousness.

5. Whereas in the past our people have worked hard to sell the SIGNS and other literature, this experience has turned the tables about so that the people call after our agents and are greatly pleased that an opportunity is thus given them to buy the truth; and whereas our agents have often found it difficult to make a living from the sale of papers, they are now finding that they earn more from selling the SIGNS than from working at a trade.

6. The earthquake smashed nearly all the vases and breakable decorations in the homes of the people, and the Lord has enabled many of the sufferers to transfer their affections from such things to that which is more stable and enduring. This also, while it seemed a temporary grievance and annoyance, has really been a blessing.

7. Many who before were only half-hearted in the service of God have learned the infinite value of walking with God from day to day so as to be prepared for whatever may come. Naturally an earthquake of this kind stirs up the good, sets it working, and it helps the people to take a bold stand against sin and to put it away. In thousands of homes in this stricken district the Lord's name is honored and his will obeyed more than ever in the past.

It seems good indeed to see the activity of the Pacific Press since the earthquake. The circulation of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES has gone beyond all past records. In fact the orders have come in so rapidly that it has been impossible to handle them on time. The hands have been working almost night and day and yet several times they have told me that they had not had time to count up the orders for the SIGNS for two days.

While I am dictating these few words there are fully a score of our

sisters sitting at large tables in the halls of the Pacific Press building folding the SIGNS OF THE TIMES. This morning the manager of the circulating department reported that the orders had gained on them until there were more than 50,000 orders ahead of what they had been able to fill, and so an invitation was sent out to many of our sisters in the neighborhood to come in during the afternoon and help. Therefore if our good people who are doing such splendid work all through the United States should not receive their papers or their souvenir booklets, or their tracts, promptly, they will be able to excuse the workers in the Pacific Press in view of the splendid effort they are putting forth. But in behalf of the sacred interests of this the greatest opportunity ever brought to our doors for spreading the truth, we appeal to our people not to stop work because their supplies are delayed for a few days or from fear that they will not be received.

The Pacific Press is turning away every item of commercial work that would interfere with this movement, and with God's blessing they will be able to meet the needs of the hour and supply our people with materials for their work. The papers are still selling wonderfully and orders are being received for many thousands of copies of the souvenir booklet and the special tract. Watch the advertisement which appear in our papers from week to week and with all the energy and consecration which God has given you, join with us in the work.

E. R. PALMER,

Sec. Gen. Conf. Pub. Dept.

Report of Canvassing Work for Week Ending May 26, 1906.

Ella Porter, Benton Harbor, Desire of Ages, 17 hours, four orders, value \$14.00.

R. E. Putney, Middleville, Great Controversy *44 hours, eight orders, value \$21.00, helps \$3.90.

C. F. McCoy, Kalamazoo, Great Controversy, *40 hours, 10 orders, value \$28.25, helps \$10.50.

S. A. McCoy, Kalamazoo, Great Controversy, 3 hours, two orders, value \$5.50.

R. E. Martin, Berlin, Heralds of the Morning, 26 hours, 12 orders, value \$19.00, helps \$1.50.

Total 130 hours, 36 orders, value \$87.75, helps \$15.90, total \$103.65. *Two weeks.

Second Edition of the Special Earthquake Number of the Signs of the Times With Fire Scene Supplement.

We are glad to announce that a second edition of the Special Earthquake number of the Signs of the Times has just been issued, accompanied by a beautiful SUPPLEMENT showing the great fire in San Francisco immediately following the earthquake. The photograph from which this engraving was made was taken on the morning of April 18, just six hours after the great temblor. It is by far the finest view of the terrible calamity that we have seen, and the engraving itself is well worth the price of the paper. It is printed on heavy coated book paper 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ x12 inches, suitable for framing.

This second edition contains many new and striking illustrations, as well as much new matter, thus bringing it right up to date.

The price, including the supplement, remains the same. In lots of less than one thousand 3 cents a copy. 1,000 or more 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a copy.

We are informed that over half a million copies of this Special number have already been printed, and the employes of the Pacific Press are working night and day to fill orders.

Newsboys in several cities are selling them on the streets, and large orders have been sent in direct by news agents.

The editors of leading papers in different parts of the country have written the publishers compliment-

ing them on this splendid issue, and asking permission to copy articles and use some of the illustrations. The editor of the Literary Digest was one of these. Thus the "Signs" is acknowledged to be the journal giving the best account of of this terrible calamity of any paper published.

One encouraging feature about this whole campaign is the fact that no one is losing money by it, as the papers are being sold and not given away. It is self-supporting missionary work, and in addition to this, financial help is being given the Pacific Press, which was a great sufferer from this calamity.

But above and beyond all this is the splendid opportunity it affords us to give to the world the truth for these last days, with the assurance that the people will now read what is placed in their hands. Never before in the history of our work have we had such a grand opportunity as this.

We therefore appeal to our people once more to take hold of this work and give this second edition of the Earthquake "Signs" a wide circulation. With the changes that have been made in the illustrations, and the addition of new reading matter, accompanied by this beautiful supplement, the territory can be re-canvassed and large numbers sold.

Order direct from the publishers, Mountain View, Calif., or from our tract society.

Notice to Teachers.

As was stated in last week's "Herald," North and West Michigan will unite with the Northern and Southern Illinois Conferences in holding a normal school at Berrien Springs in connection with the summer school at Emmanuel Missionary College. This will begin immediately at the close of the General Educational Council at College View, June 29 to July 10, and continue four weeks.

I hope to see every West Michi-

gan teacher present, also those who are preparing themselves to enter this important part of the Lord's work. We can accomplish much even in four weeks if all will come filled with a determination to do "our best."

I shall be pleased to correspond with any who are interested in this work.

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A Report of Our Sanitarium Work.

We are glad to report a much fuller patronage of late, coming mostly from out of town. Some of these were in a very critical condition, but have been very much improved. A few who had entirely recovered and returned home lately were very thankful for the result obtained in their cases, and felt that through our treatments they were given a new hold on life.

We are all very much encouraged to have a part in this work of helping the suffering, and much more encouraged when besides assisting to heal we can also point out the truth for this time, which if heeded will save the soul.

We are anxious that all our people shall consider this their Sani-

tarium, which it really is. And each one considering this their sanitarium, we can add to its success and growth. This may be done by recommending to our institution any who may be suffering from any trouble, whatsoever, or by sending us their name and address.

Kindly remember that we are prepared to treat with the best possible skill any disease or sickness. Allow us to give you some facts. We obtain good results in many cases that are ordinarily considered hopeless. We have now under treatment a case that was given up to die by the physician who previously attended him, and his physician was fully up to the average. This man is making excellent improvement, and with the blessing of the Lord we expect to see him fully restored to sound health and strength. We are fitted with appliances to give better attention than is given by physicians who consider themselves specialists. We have special appliances for treating the ear, nose, throat or lungs, that are far superior to what are often used by specialists. Our physician aside from being a physician is a thoroughly trained specialist in those cases requiring special skill. Our nurses are all thoroughly trained and experienced in giving treatment.

As we said above these are all facts. We could give you many more.

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