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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Earthquake and Fire Special Souvenir Edition Signs of the Times Containing Twenty-four Pages With Cover and Insert.

In view of the great demand for the first and second editions of the Special Earthquake SIGNS, six hundred and fifty thousand of which have been printed and sold, the publishers have decided to issue a third or SOUVENIR EDITION, containing 24 pages with cover and insert, giving a complete story of this terrible calamity by eye-witnesses, illustrated by accurate and striking engravings.

This is to be an entirely new edition containing new illustrations, new articles, new make-up, etc., and taken as a whole will be much more interesting, striking and attractive than either the first or second edition. It will summarize the accounts of the whole terrible catastrophe, and be a number well worth preserving, not only for its artistic appearance but for its historical value.

The following are some of the good things this Souvenir Edition will contain:—

1. Between thirty and forty of the finest views obtainable of the earthquake, fire and ruins.

2. Seismographic records taken in Oakland and Napa, California, Albany, New York, and the Im-

perial Observatory, Austria. These records show that the whole world was shaken by this great earthquake. No other paper shows these illustrations grouped as we have them.

3. A fine relief map of San Francisco in colors, showing the fire-swept district.

4. A map of California showing the part especially affected by the earthquake.

5. A comparative diagram of the great fires of Chicago, Boston, Baltimore and San Francisco.

6. Two beautiful and striking views of the burning of San Francisco, printed in colors. One of these is a panoramic scene 6x18 inches, showing the whole city with about one-half of it in flames. The privilege of using this copyrighted illustration in the Souvenir Edition was purchased at considerable expense, and is well worth the price of the paper.

7. A panoramic view, 6x18 inches, showing the ruins of San Francisco after the earthquake and fire. Views similar to this have been sold for twenty-five and fifty cents each.

8. An illustrated article on a violent eruption near Healdsburg, California, at the time of the earthquake in which the side of a mountain was blown away. No account of this has appeared in any other journal.

9. A chronological list of the great destructive earthquakes of history, from before the Christian era.

10. The proclamation of the Governor of California, with portrait and a short article from him.

11. The proclamation of the

Mayor of San Francisco, with other historical matter.

12. And besides all this, and much more of like nature, this number will tell the meaning of these things in the light of prophecy, and point the readers to the only sure and abiding refuge. Other papers have told the story fairly well, but the SIGNS OF THE TIMES is the only paper that attempts to show the meaning of these things in the light of "the more sure word of prophecy," and to point the reader to something more substantial and enduring.

Sister White in the Review & Herald of May 24 speaks of our work with this Special Earthquake SIGNS as a COMMENDABLE EFFORT.

In this Souvenir Edition three things in particular can be emphasized; viz.—

1. All the accounts and statements are accurate, and can be relied upon.

2. The engravings are taken from photographs of the actual scenes, and are not mere fancy sketches, such as have appeared in some of the eastern journals, grossly misrepresenting the facts.

4. The paper shows the meaning of these things in the light of prophecy, and contains the truth for this time.

The expense of getting out this twenty-four-page number with colored engravings is much more than the regular issues, and it is worth much more.

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In lots less than 1000, 6 cents a copy.

1000 copies, or more, 5 cents a copy.

This Souvenir Edition, being so much more striking and comprehensive than anything before issued, will sell readily over the same territory covered by the first and second editions, and will be especially valuable for sale in the large cities.

This paper gives us a grand opportunity to place the truth in the hands of the people with the assurance that they will read what is now placed before them.

This Souvenir Edition will take the place of the regular issue of June 27, but will be printed ready to fill orders June 18.

The second edition can be obtained at the same price as heretofore as long as they last.

Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us make one grand rally to give this paper a wide circulation.

Order from the Tract Society or direct from the publishers.

From the Field.

MUSKEGON.

I left Cedar Lake March 27, arriving at this place the 28th. After getting settled I took one of our books and started out canvassing, to get acquainted with the people, and finally succeeded in making arrangements to study with several families. At present I am studying with about twenty families per week, several meeting at each place.

Two of my readers have accepted the truth as far as they know it and are keeping the Sabbath. I have been studying with a doctor and his wife for some time, and he said he intended to arrange his business so he could obey in the near future.

Our tent is pitched in the best part of the city. We will hold our first meeting Sunday evening, June 17. We ask an interest in your prayers for the success of the work in this place.

M. C. WHITMARSH.

Educational.

Haskell Home School.

For nearly nine months it has been my privilege to meet with the children in school. The attendance has been regular, which is very encouraging. The Lord has blessed us in caring for those given to this institution.

This is the motto, "Have a definite aim in mind, study to accomplish it." Teach the minds to think. Thought moves the world, created the earth; thought is back of every invention. Before intelligence is shown one must think.

School work, though formal, its aim is acquisition of definite knowledge in specified studies not only for the purpose of developing the mental powers of the child, but also that he may know facts. While stress is laid on developing the mental capacity, the physical must be remembered. A sound body is considered an essential basis for the development of mind and soul.

The cultivation of right-doing, unselfishness, self-control, and kindred virtues is of equally as much importance as the training of the intellect, and herein lies the necessity of hand work which should be systematically begun at home and continued throughout the grades.

The value of manual training consists in the power developed and the character formed through the doing and not merely in the number of garments or models made. It is not only that the pupil may know, but that by knowing he may do. Hand and eye, mind and body are trained to work in harmony.

I have encouraged the children during the school year to care for growing plants. This has awakened a great deal of interest which the children will retain throughout life and is a foundation laid for scientific study. Nature study will lead to habits of close observation and true statement, and presents opportunities for comparison, in-

ference, reason and judgment. The finer qualities of the soul—sympathy, kindness and care for helplessness—are also gained through a right contact with plant life.

EVELYN TOWN.

Young People's Societies.

The Young People's Society of Seventh-day Adventists is destined to prove an important factor in the spread of the gospel message for this time, nor should we be discouraged because it does not appear to grow as rapidly as we might desire; and while none are debarred because of age, birth, color or place in society, we do not wish to sacrifice spirituality to numbers. A small society whose members are consecrated is far more pleasing to the Lord than a society that depends for success on its numbers. One of the most successful societies of which I know started in less than a year ago with a membership of two. One of the results is a Sabbath-school of seventeen members.

I wish to call your attention to a young people's society mentioned in the Bible. The third chapter of Daniel tells us of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and how they remained true to God when threatened with death. It was also seen that God was with them as he always is with those who honor him. As a result of this fidelity to God, a knowledge of the God of Israel was carried to the remotest bounds of Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom.

The object of the young people's society should always be to uplift Christ. This is the grandest and most noble work in the world and one whose results can only be measured in eternity. There are only two places where this can be done,—in the church and in the world. It seems to me that many times if there was more of this uplifting in the church there would be a greater growth both in numbers and spirituality. If we could each one manifest a little more of the spirit of Christ, perhaps we

could help some of those who are in a lukewarm condition to catch a glimpse of the loving Jesus, and having done this, they could never be satisfied till they were at rest in his arms. Having done all we can to uplift Christ in the church, it is far easier to accomplish something in the world. Christ himself said, "Ye are the light of the world." It is through the life the true Christian lives that the glory of God is made manifest to many a soul in darkness.

To be successful in uplifting Christ and bringing lost sheep into the fold it is necessary that we have a good experience ourselves, and I wish to mention three of the things that seem to me most essential to this experience. First, prayer and study of the Word; second, bearing testimony to the saving power of God as manifested in our lives; third, working for others.

Now just a few words about prayer. GOD ANSWERS THE PRAYER OF FAITH. I am a living witness to the truth of this statement. It was through the prayers of a few of God's children that I was led from midnight blackness to the glorious light of his free salvation. Let three or four unite in prayer for some one and it will not be long till they will unite with you in praying for someone else. Sometimes it seems hard to pray. At least I have found it so at times, but let us remember that we should pray the hardest when it is the hardest to pray. And if we refrain from doing anything that indisposes to prayer, we shall soon find that we are not troubled in this way.

Let those who do not take part regularly in social meeting try it a while and see how fast they gain in strength; and try being first instead of waiting till the last, for the longer you wait, the harder it becomes. After we have learned the value of prayer and testimony we are better fitted to work for others, and in this work we acquire an experience that is of great value to ourselves.

Let us take for our watchword "The Precious Blood of Christ." Bear in mind that Christ hath washed us from our sins in his own blood and hath made us kings and priests of God, and that he is yearning to do this for those about us. In one of the rock galleries of Gibraltar two British soldiers had mounted guard, one at each end of the tunnel. One was a Christian, the other was seeking Christ. It was midnight, and as the soldiers were going their round,—one meditating on the blood of Christ which had brought him peace, the other brooding over his doubts and fears—suddenly an officer challenged the Christian soldier and demanded the pass word. "The precious blood of Christ" called out the startled soldier, forgetting the watchword in the thoughts of his heart. Immediately he corrected himself and gave the watchword and the officer amazed passed on. But those words had run through the rock galleries and struck upon the ear of the seeking soldier as a messenger from heaven. It seemed as if an angel had spoken with words direct from the throne. "The precious blood of Christ. Yes," said he, "that is just what I need." And he gave his heart to God. We should meditate more upon the great sacrifice made by the Son of God.

Now in closing I wish to leave a few thoughts for the consideration of each member of the young people's society which, if followed, will carry the third angel's message to the world in a short time and we will be gathered home to see our loving Saviour and those who have been snatched from us by the cruel hand of death.

Better work can be done if every member is present at all the meetings, even if they are not conducted in just the manner you think they should be. Keep ever in mind the shortness of time and the work to be done. Study the Word. Pray much, and may God bless us and help us to consecrate our lives to his service.

HARRY HOLMDEN.

How Parents May Co-operate With the Teacher.

We know that unless there is a spirit of co-operation between parents and teacher, the work of the teacher in most cases will be practically a failure.

There are many ways in which the parents may aid the teacher in her work. Let us briefly consider a few of them. One of the first is: see to it that your child has his Sabbath-school lesson. The Sabbath-school will not be a very interesting feature to the child if he is allowed to attend Sabbath after Sabbath knowing nothing about his lesson. We are told by the servant of the Lord that the Sabbath-school lesson should be even more thoroughly learned than the lessons of the day-school, as it is infinitely more important, and a neglect here is displeasing to the Lord. Perhaps sometimes you may be almost discouraged, thinking your efforts are in vain if your child does not take hold of the study in as hearty a manner as you would like; but persevere in faith, remembering the promise, "My Word shall not return unto me void," and perhaps the very lesson you are endeavoring to teach to-day will serve as an anchor at some time in the future when life looks dark to him because of trials and temptations which he must experience. In this way you will help not only the pupil, but also the teacher, whose time will not then have to be occupied during class hour in teaching the lesson, but may be devoted to presenting new truths.

Another way in which the parents may co-operate with the teacher. They should feel it a duty to see that the children are at Sabbath-school every Sabbath and there on time. This may not always be possible, as there are exceptions to all rules, but habits acquired when a child usually follow one through life, influencing him either for good or evil. If the habit of being regular and punctual is formed in early life, this

cannot but always be a help to the child, even if nothing more were to be gained from it. But there is more. We know by experience that if we remain away from services one Sabbath, it is much easier to do the same the next Sabbath, and we lose our interest in the lesson by being absent, and may this not be the experience of the children also? Then how much more encouraging it is for a teacher to know that she will have a class of boys and girls present every Sabbath with bright, happy faces because they are there on time, and with lessons well learned.

Then last, but not least, do not criticise the teacher in the presence of the children, but the rather, if you have any criticism to offer, go to the teacher and say what you have to say directly to her. More harm can be done the children by ten minutes' criticism of the teacher than can be remedied, perhaps in a life time. As a natural consequence children usually have unbounded confidence in father and mother, and as they listen to the criticism of their teacher, they naturally begin to wonder if it is true that their teacher is not so faithful as they have always supposed her to be, and thus their confidence in her is shaken and her influence over them is lessened.

From the Spirit of Prophecy we read: "Parents have a sacred responsibility and charge committed to them, and they are called upon to keep their charge, to bear their responsibility in the fear of God, watching for the souls of their children as they who must give an account."

MILDRED WILSON.

News and Notes.

Camp-meeting begins August 9. Are you getting ready for it?

E. A. Merriam spent Sabbath, June 16, with the church at Dimondale and he reports a profitable time.

Report of Canvassing Work, Week Ending June 16, 1906.

Name of Book	Agent	Territory	Days	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
Desire of Ages	Ella Porter	Benton Harbor		15	9		\$31 50
Seer of Patmos	H. M. Spear	Grand Rapids	*18½		30	\$24.95	45 85
Heralds of the Morning	R. E. Martin	Wayland		20	5	50	8 00
* Five weeks.	Totals		18½	35	44	25.45	90 35

Elder M. S. Burnham is laboring in Belding with Brother and Sister Brower.

Miss Nina Parkhurst completed the nurses' course at the Michigan Sanitarium, Kalamazoo, Mich., and has gone to Springfield, Ill., where she expects to take up the medical work.

We have received seventy-three subscriptions for the HERALD thus far this month. Many of them are new subscriptions. We feel encouraged, for we know that the last circular letter was read.

Elder W. H. Heckman spoke in the Congregational church at Union City, Sunday, June 17, at 10:30 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. he spoke in Tower's Hall. A good interest was manifested and the Lord blessed in presenting the Word.

Brother Myron Butterfield of Michigan, arrived in Urbana last week, and will assist Elder Stanley in a tent effort at that place. Brother F. B. Howard, of Michigan, called at the office on his way to Edwardsville, where he goes to assist Brother Cardey in a series of meetings.—Southern Illinois Herald, June 14.

The publishers inform us that on the 12th of the present month, the June number of LIFE AND HEALTH was entirely exhausted, and that the July number, "The Hot Weather Guide," was then ready to mail. This issue of LIFE AND HEALTH will be especially beneficial to the general public on account of its being largely devoted to the study of foods. Doctor Rossiter has given, in this July number, detailed instruction to mothers in his article on "The Feeding of Infants." This one article is worth more than the

price of the journal for one year. Let the mothers secure this number of LIFE AND HEALTH and profit by the instruction contained therein.

Battle Creek News.

Prof. Homer Salisbury of London, Eng., occupied the tabernacle pulpit Sabbath morning and delivered a most interesting sermon on the text, "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see."

Brother Lucas from California talked to the young people in the afternoon and gave a most graphic account of the San Francisco earthquake, describing very vividly some of the terrible scenes that took place there at that time.

The funeral of Sister W. K. Loughborough was conducted from the home of Sister Lamson on Manchester street last Thursday afternoon. She was buried on her seventy-ninth birthday after a long life of helpfulness. Truly in her case may we say, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

Last Sabbath the following officers were elected to serve for the next six months in the Battle Creek Sabbath-school: Superintendent, Dr. C. A. Hansen; Ass't. Superintendent, E. L. Richmond; Secretary, Dr. B. Parrish; Treasurer, M. Minier; Librarian, L. G. Philo; Chorister, Dr. W. A. Ruble; Pianist, Miss Grace Ayers; Department Superintendents, A. L. Bayley, Mrs. Hattie Heffly; Division Superintendents, Joseph Smith, H. Snyder, Ernest Vince, Wilford Kellogg, Howard Bayley, L. E. Nelson, Mrs. A. L. Bayley, Mrs. Alice Cone and Mrs. Ella Sanders.