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Jan. 4, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly let me know what is the present condition of the Bowen orchard, and whether any damage has been done by the cold weather.

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 4, 1912.

Mr. E. T. Earl,
Central Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you copy of note signed by you in favor of the Los Angeles Bible Institute, a similar note being given by Mr. Lyman Stewart in favor of the Y.M.C.A., in exchange for yours. On receipt of this will you kindly mail your check for \$250 to the Institute in payment of interest to Jan. 1st, and oblige.

Yours very truly,



Jan. 8, 1911.

Mr. Will C. Trotter,
333 Mason St.,
Portland, Ore.

My dear Brother Trotter:

With my belated holiday greetings will you kindly accept the enclosed check, with my best wishes for a very prosperous year in the Lord's service.

Yours very sincerely,



Jan. 3, 1911.

Mr. J. S. Torrance,
111 W. 4th St.,
City.

My dear Mr. Torrance:

With my belated New Year's greetings, please accept my very hearty thanks for the fine lot of ducks sent to my home recently. We enjoyed them very much, and duly appreciated the kindness of the giver.

Trusting that the new year will be the best one of your experience, believe me as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 8, 1911.

Mr. A. B. Prichard,
1329 W. 4th St.,
City.

Dear Brother Prichard:

Enclosed find a round robin letter from Mr. Blackstone, to which I referred some time since, and which I find I have been guilty of withholding from the parties for whom it was intended, as it had been mislaid. Will you kindly forward it to some one of the parties whose name is not checked off on the back of the second page.

Yours very sincerely,

Jan. 8, 1911.

Mr. William H. Crawford, President,
Alleghany College,
Meadville, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Dec. 18th was duly received. Owing to illness I was not able to reply promptly. I was very sorry to miss your call when you were in Los Angeles.

Am glad to learn of the financial prospects of Alleghany College, but owing to the fact that we are straining every resource to provide a home for our Los Angeles Bible Institute, it will be impossible for me to avail myself of the privilege of having a part in this good work which you have undertaken.

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 8, 1911.

Mr. James A. West,
Willow Springs,
Kern Co., Cal.

Dear Brother West:

Yours of the 30th ult. duly received. Enclosed find my check for \$50 on account. It has not been a question of investment, or safety of investment, but rather of ability, that has caused the delay.

Am pleased to learn that your health is improving, and trust that you may soon be restored to your normal strength; also that your hopes for a good crop will not be disappointed.

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 8, 1911.

Rev. Lapsley A. McAfee, D.D.,
2732 Hillegass Ave.,
Berkeley, Cal.

My dear Dr. McAfee:

Yours of Dec. 21st, owing to my not having been able to return to the office, has remained unanswered.

I do not know anything about the property of the Saticoy Operating Co., but have the impression that our people do not regard it as very valuable for oil purposes. However, I will be glad to have the matter referred to our geologist for his opinion, if you so desire.

Praying for the Lord's continued blessing upon you, and upon your work for Him, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

Jan. 8, 1911.

Mr. Paul Blair,
124 W. 4th St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Blair:

With my belated New Year's greetings, please accept my hearty thanks for the trophies of your hunt which you sent me, in the shape of a batch of snipe. They were very much enjoyed and appreciated.

Trusting that the new year may be the happiest and most prosperous you have yet known, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Jan. 8, 1911.

Mr. W. F. Botsford,
1213 Orange St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Botsford:

With my belated New Year's greetings, please accept my hearty thanks for the fine lot of ducks which you sent to my home recently. They were very much enjoyed and appreciated by the whole family.

Wishing you the very best year of your experience,
I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

Jan. 9, 1911.

Union & City Rescue Missions,

606 E Fifth St.,

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find check for \$10, in favor of the Union & City Rescue Missions. This check was promised by Mr. Stewart before Christmas, but as he was not sure which mission he promised it to, we waited to hear from you in regard to it.

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 9, 1912.

German American Savings Bank,
City.

Gentlemen:

Please deliver to bearer, Miss L.M. Crowell, the fifty-two coupons from Producers Transportation Co. bonds Nos. 1095 to 1146, due Jan. 1, 1912, (both inclusive) held by you as collateral on my note for \$33,500 dated Nov. 20, 1911.

Yours truly,

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Jan. 13, 1911.

Rev. Louis Meyer,
808 La Salle Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Meyer:

Your very kind letter of Jan. 2nd, with clippings, duly received. I thank you most heartily for your kind counsels in reference to the care of my health. Owing to the slow progress which I have made during the past month, I have come to the conclusion that I must be careful, and have decided not to come to the office regularly for some time yet. Consequently, I am in a more receptive attitude for counsel along the line which you have followed, than I probably should have been had I continued to improve at the rate I did during the first month of my illness.

My brother, Miss Wickett, and Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow are now en route for California, and we expect them here in a day or two. Am sorry to report, however, that Mrs. Stewart has been very poorly, and for the past week we have despaired of her recovery. Her stomach and kidneys are now involved, and she is losing ground rapidly. We are comforted, however, by the assurance she gives us that she is trusting in the Lord.

The tidings of Dr. Elmore Harris' death were a great shock to us. We had counted much on a promised sojourn in California on his return from his trip around the world. As to the filling of his place on the committee of "The Fundamentals," I would suggest that you use your best judgment in the matter. I do not know of any

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one whom I would recommend to fill the vacancy at present.

I will be glad to see some of the letters concerning Vol. 6 of "The Fundamentals," to which you refer.

I have not yet undertaken to read all of the letters which were received during my illness, and I have been just as tardy in reference to writing to the friends in "The Fundamentals" office. Will you kindly express my loving regards to Mr. Stephens and also to Miss Behrens. I remember with especial gratitude their great kindness during my illness in New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Jan. 15, 1911.

Mrs. Mary R. Clarke Colquhoun,
Azusa, Calif.

Dear Madam:

After several months absence from the office I find your letter of Sept. 18th, in which you ask for an original letter from Persia. I have made a thorough search at my home, and do not find any communication from you, and am afraid that it probably came while I was away from the city, and was not preserved.

The fact is, I have been receiving more literature than I have been able to read, and hence much of it has found its way, necessarily, to the waste basket. I regret very much that the original letter was lost. It is possible that it may yet be found, and if so, I will return it promptly to you.

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 16, 1911.

Rev. Lapsley A. McAfee,
2732 Hillegass Ave.,
Berkeley, Cal.

My dear Dr. McAfee:

Yours of the 12th inst. duly received. I inquired of our geologist, Mr. Orutt, as to the value of the Saticoy Operating Co's properties for oil purposes, and he said he never had regarded them as of any special value, and hence had never taken time to make an investigation. You will understand, of course, that this reply does not necessarily mean that the property is not valuable for oil; probably only the drill can ever settle that question.

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 18, 1911.

Mr. T. C. Horton,
262 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. Main St.,
City.

Dear Brother Horton:

Enclosed find check from Mrs. Stewart for the work of the Bible Institute. I am not sure whether this should be put into the general expense fund, into the building fund, or into some special department of the work. I would suggest, therefore, that you leave the matter open until I can consult her wishes further in reference to it. I have been talking with her in reference to assuming the support of ten or twelve Bible women for a term of years, and she has thought about it, but has not yet decided. I think it would be well if you would send an acknowledgement of the receipt of this donation directly to her.

Am rejoiced to report that three nights in succession Mrs. Stewart has rested comfortably, and really seems to be improving.

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 19, 1912.

Mr. Edward E. Leary,
R.F.D.No. 2, Box 99,
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Mr. Leary:

Yours of the 17th inst. at hand, and I thank you for your interest in our Bible Institute, manifested in your calling out attention to a possible site. In reply beg to say that we have already secured a site on Hope St. just north of Sixth.

Trusting that you will soon be restored to perfect health, and again be in the harness for the Lord's work, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 19, 1912.

Mr. Giles Kellogg,

Office.

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

Yours of the 16th, enclosing communication from Mr. H.M. Crooks, at hand. I return the letter herewith. I appreciate your kindness in not letting Mr. Crooks come to see me.

No doubt Albany College is an important institution, and may do a good work, but, as you are aware, we have undertaken work which will absorb all our resources, and hence I am obliged to say "no" to everything of this character.

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 20, 1911.

Mr. John A. Merrill,
813 Story Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:

Your statement of the Kellaway account, together with check for \$52.30, duly received.

I find that my figuring of this account is not in accordance with yours, for the following reasons: In the first place, the original amount of the claim against Mr. Kellaway being \$400, of which Mr. Stewart's proportion was \$250, his portion of the various payments should have been not three-fifths, but five-eighths. After receiving your letter of June 29, 1910, I called you up about this, and you said that five-eighths was correct. In the second place, according to my reckoning, the payments made by you to Mr. Stewart in the past have amounted to \$70.82, instead of \$74.70. My figuring of this account is as follows:

5/8 of \$211.65,		\$132.30
Payment 6/30/10,	\$5.16	
" 3/24/11,	30.00	
" 5/26/11,	17.89	
" 7/21/11,	17.77	70.82
Bal. due,	\$61.48	
Check recd.	52.30	
Deficiency,	9.18	

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 22, 1911.

Mr. A. C. Burkholder,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

I have spoken to Mr. Lyman Stewart again in reference to your taking charge of the Bowen orchard, and he says he spoke to you about it the last time he was in Ontario, and supposed you had already taken it over. This is your authority to do so.

Please keep the accounts of the two orchards separate, and you will be credited with your work and that of your team on the Bowen property.

Yours truly,

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Jan. 22, 1912.

Mr. Fred C. Nelles,
419 Wright & Callender Bldg.,
City.

Dear Mr. Nelles:

Yours of the 20th inst. was handed me this morning by Miss Crowell.

Until last week, I think it was, I was not aware that the Western Gas Engine Co. was in arrears on its contract with the Gas Power Machinery Co. It had been my purpose, from the time we entered into contractual relations with you, to meet your requirements as requisition should be made, or give notice that after a specified time we would not continue making payments. My sudden and severe illness, however, caused my mail to be censored for a considerable period, thus interrupting this plan, and I regret to find that the interruption has continued over a much longer period than was absolutely necessary, as I might have relieved your needs considerably earlier had my attention been called to the matter. To save time now, I enclose my personal check herewith for \$2,000, which please credit to the Western Gas Engine Co., and I will report the same to it.

Since my illness I have been on the verge of nervous prostration, and hence have been physically unable to take up any business which required any special thinking, and the serious illness of Mrs. Stewart now further disqualifies me, so that I am obliged to avoid conferences of our own companies. To show what my desire was,

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however, I beg to quote from a letter written to Mr. Merrill on the train when I was on my way east:

(After stating tentative details of reorganization) "As the proposed organization will require time, Mr. Nelles makes the recommendation, - in which I fully concur, - that Mr. Sutter immediately commence work on the conversion of our gas engine into an oil engine, and that for the present we simply have an open account with this new business."

Mr. Merrill informed me that he immediately supplied blue prints of our engines to Mr. Sutter, but that he was not aware that anything had come of it.

Now, the situation has become more complex, and hence, more embarrassing, in reference to the consummation of such a deal as we had discussed. Certain negotiations are pending, and some special work has been undertaken which is nearing accomplishment. Besides these things, it is my purpose to get out of this business at the earliest possible date, and the way is not clear for me to put up any more money than is absolutely necessary for me to protect my present investment, with the financial advances which I have made.

As nearly as I can analyze your plan for the starting of a machinery company, I should judge that it is a good one, but as it is my desire to become disentangled from business affairs, I could not personally give it consideration. However, it is possible that there may be such developments in the affairs of the Western Gas Engine Co. as to make it of mutual interest to later consider some alliance.

Thanking you for writing me so fully in reference to the general situation, and also in reference to your plans, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 23, 1912.

Western Gas Engine Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:

If you have not already done so, will you kindly give Mr. Lyman Stewart credit on your books for \$40, which he handed Mr. Nelles in New York on Sept. 29th, 1911; also \$5 for railroad fare under date of Oct. 2nd, 1911.

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 25, 1912.

Mr. F. M. Leasure,
Derby, Colo.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 21st inst., addressed to Mr. Lyman Stewart,
is at hand.

Mr. Stewart has been indisposed for some time, and has
not yet actively taken up business affairs. Moreover, he is
seeking to become disentangled from business rather than to take
on more. Consequently, he will be unable to consider the pro-
position you offer.

Thanking you in his name for bringing the matter to
his attention, I am,

Yours very truly,

Jan. 25, 1912.

President Mary E. Woolley,
Mount Holyoke College,
South Hadley, Mass.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of the 15th inst., together with reports and photogravure of the College, duly received, for all of which I thank you.

While I have no doubt as to the work the college is doing, and that its needs are great, I can not see my way clear to assist you financially. I have undertaken work of a religious character which will absorb all my resources for a long time to come, and consequently I am unable to take up anything more.

With best wishes for the success of your college, and for the raising of the funds required, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 25, 1912.

Mr. J. F. Hutson,
The Westland Hotel,
Wichita Falls, Tex.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst., together with map of Archer County lands, duly received.

I thank you for bringing the matter of this property to our attention, but we would not care to consider it at this time.

Yours very truly,

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Jan. 25, 1912.

Mr. John Irwin,

Santa Paula, Cal.

Dear Cousin:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., in regard to the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Santa Paula.

I will turn this letter over to Mr. Watchorn, with the recommendation that he assist your bank in the way you suggest, if he can consistently do so.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Jan. 26, 1912.

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Mr. E. C. Hamilton,
5028 Pasadena Ave.,
City.

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your favor of the 18th inst. duly received, for which I thank you very much; also for the prayers of yourself and family for my restoration to health. I am thankful to say that I am continuing to improve, although I have not yet taken up much work.

I have received the report of your work for the year 1911, and enclose you herewith my check for \$20.

I am sorry to learn that your daughter has been ill, and trust that she will soon be fully recovered.

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 27, 1912.

Mr. T. C. Horton,
262½ S. Main St.,
City.

Dear Brother Horton:

Of late I am not sleeping well, and my head does not feel right.

The plan suggested for getting the most out of our Hope St. lots by excavating to the curb seems to me to be ideal, and yet in view of all the circumstances it may not be wise to do so. The money is not in sight for such an expenditure as would be involved in this plan, and as, in trying to save the business which came on to me through my endeavors to help Mr. Frost I have already had to put in over a quarter of a million dollars, and am now called on for more in order to protect it, and as I am not a millionaire, I have been led to ask myself this question: Is it good business to lay such foundations at once as would enable us to utilize the property later to the full legal limit, or to plan a cheaper and more temporary plant, which might be constructed without excavating, and which we could possibly afford to remove a few years later, and then put in the more substantial plant. I would suggest, therefore, that the committee take up this matter very prayerfully, and give it the consideration which the importance of the matter requires, before asking architects to get up the designs for a permanent plant.

In planning for this plant I was counting on financial relief from a large sale which was to be negotiated, which has not yet

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been completed. It may be completed in the very near future, in which event we could finance the permanent plant. This matter may be determined in the next thirty or sixty days.

One question which has disturbed my rest has been as to whether it was really the Lord's will that we should put so much money into a plant at this time, instead of putting it into direct gospel work. I think the committee, or possibly the Board, should carefully consider and settle this question. I have been working with the expectation and hope of getting my means transmuted into living gospel truth within ten years from the organization of the Bible Institute, assuming that at the end of that time the Institute would have created a constituency which would take care of its current work. If I were left to bear the expense practically alone for this permanent plant, I would have serious misgivings as to my ability to carry the Institute through the balance of the ten years. Of course, the work as it gains impetus will obtain considerable financial support, so that I really have no serious misgivings as to the future financial support of the work. I would certainly much rather invest money in Bible women than in brick and mortar.

I wonder if it would be practicable to undertake to find some investor who would put a permanent plant on our ground on a basis of, say, six per cent in the way of rental on the amount invested in the buildings.)

Hoping that you will take this matter up with the members of the committee on plans, and that it will receive your prayerful consideration, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 27, 1912.

Rev. Louis Meyer,
123 Huntington Place,
Mount Auburn,
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Brother Meyer:

Your very kind and interesting letter of the 20th, with enclosures, at hand. I thank you for your kind and comforting words in reference to Mrs. Stewart. I am sorry to say that she does not improve, but on the contrary is from day to day failing.

Am pleased to have your report of your visit to Chicago. I also note your suggestion as to the impossibility of accomplishing the work of the Testimony Publishing Co. in ten volumes altogether. Of course if it seems very important to publish more, and the finances are available for the purpose, we will take the matter under consideration later.

The letters pertaining to Vol. 6 which you enclose are certainly encouraging, and I have shown them to Mr. Kellogg, and will send them to my brother Milton probably today. He is stopping at Lamanda Park with my son, W.L., and has not been very well since reaching here on the 14th. Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow are with him; also Miss Wickett.

Mr. Delavan Pierson wrote under date of the 6th inst., from which letter I beg to quote a single paragraph:

"I note what you say in your letter to Dr. Underwood. I will bring the matter up with our committee, and can assure you that my earnest wish and aim will be to make sure, so far as possible, that the teachings of the school will be true to Christ and His Word. The only question in my mind is how far it is wise to make the cast iron rule to bind future generations. It has been the experience in many institutions that have been so bound, that men are often tempted to

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compromise with their conscience, if their views are not exactly the same as those laid down, or else the usefulness of the institution is impaired by restrictions. I hold very strongly to what I believe to be the great doctrines of the Bible, but I believe that other men are guided by the Spirit, and that if we do our best to lay the foundation of strength and spiritual truth, it is of doubtful expediency to bind all future generations to exactly the letter of the same views that we may hold. It does not seem to me that this was the method employed by Christ and the Apostles. They taught the truth, and the Holy Spirit was given to men of the coming generations to guide them also in faith and life."

This was something of a shock to me, and I have submitted it to several friends who say that it does not sound good. In view of this position, I am at a loss to know what to say in reference to the proposed Pierson Memorial Bible Training School for Korea. The experience of others has demonstrated the importance of so guarding funds that are appropriated for the Lord's service that nothing should be left to the judgment of men who may succeed those who organized the work, and it would certainly seem to me that no true lover of the truth could consistently hesitate to throw any such safeguards around the investment as would forever preclude the possibility of its being diverted into channels different from those intended by the contributors. The thing that does not sound good in Mr. Pierson's objection is that his language implies the possibility of even the truth itself changing. I think you saw the letter from Dr. Underwood, stating that the Methodists, with whom they were seeking to unite for the purpose of establishing a training school, objected to a reversionary clause in the deed. These things are very discouraging, and I feel inclined to have the funds put into immediate Gospel work, instead of trying to provide for a training school which may possibly train its students to teach error.

With kind regards to Mrs. Meyer and your children, I am,

as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Jan. 27, 1912.

Mr. S. I. Merrill,
City.

Dear Mr. Merrill:

Your statement to me a few days since that you had more work than you could stand up under, and that you would have to be relieved of some of it, temporarily gave me some anxiety in connection with the Western Gas Engine Co. I realize fully that the Industrial Co. requires all the time and attention which, in justice to your own physical well-being, you can give it. I therefore felt that it was a possible indication of providential relief when Fred told me a day or two later about a Mr. Smith, who had originated the Western Gas Engine Co., and who built it up and put it on a dividend basis before Mr. Frost ever saw it, and I suggested that he have Mr. Smith write me as to his experience, etc. He has done so, and his letter is so satisfactory that we have asked him to come and see us.

I have never seen the man, but his letter is an exceedingly good one, and with Fred's long acquaintance with him, and his belief that Smith would render us valuable service, I feel encouraged to believe that it would be a wise thing, - if the interview and his proposition, etc., are satisfactory, - to engage him as the Manager, and thus relieve you of a great deal of annoyance and demands on your time, which, in justice to yourself, you should not be required to give.

As you are aware, I have over a quarter of a million dollars tied up in this enterprise, and from different sources I hear

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that my credit is being seriously impaired by reason of its present financial condition, so it becomes imperative that the business be put on a better basis at the earliest possible moment.

Any arrangement we may make should not interfere with the financial undertaking which you already have in hand. I think it would rather facilitate it, if Mr. Smith is such a man as he is represented to be.

Trusting that this will prove satisfactory to you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. Since writing the above, I have had quite a protracted and eminently satisfactory conference with Mr. Smith, at which Mr. Watchorn was present. The latter fully agrees with me that this is undoubtedly a very great opportunity for me to extricate myself from the difficulties above referred to. He not only concurs in the proposed change, but strongly urges that it be taken, no less in your interest than my own.

Jan. 29, 1912.

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Shriner & Allen Co.,
347 S.Hill St.,
City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find your bill for \$1800, together with check to cover same. Mrs. Stewart is very low, and on attempting to sign her name found that it was impossible, so the check had to be signed in the manner which you see. Would suggest that you get it into the bank promptly.

Yours truly,

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Feb. 2, 1912.

Farmers & Merchants Natl. Bank,
City.

Gentlemen:

The check made a few days since, signed "Sarah A. Stewart,
By her mark (X)" was made in my presence, and I hereby guarantee the
validity of the signature.

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 2, 1912.

Mr. W.K. Beattie,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

If you are now shipping oranges, will you kindly express
one box to each of the following:

W.L. Stewart,	LaManda Park, Cal.	
Giles Kellogg,	3002 Wilshire Blvd.,	L.A.
Robert Watchorn,	2706 Wilshire Blvd.	"
R.D. Smith,	624 Lissner Bldg.	"
T.C. Horton,	Walnut W. of Ave. 49,	"
Lyman Stewart,	632 Lucas Ave.	"
A.B. Prichard,	1329 W. 4th St.,	"
Prof. H.W. Kellogg,	4820 San Rafael St.	"
Miss L.M. Crowell,	1421 Albany St.	"

and three boxes each week to the Bible Institute, 262½ S. Main St. L.A.

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 12, 1912.

Mr. W.K. Beattie,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

On the 2nd inst. I ordered oranges, but as yet have not received any, nor have I heard anything from the order. In case the letter did not reach you, I am listing the names below:

W.L. Stewart,	La Borda Park, Cal.
Giles Kellogg,	3002 Wilshire Blvd. L.A.
Robert Watchorn,	2706 " "
R.D. Smith,	624 Lissner Bldg.
T.C. Horton,	Walnut W. of Ave. 49.
Lyman Stewart,	632 Lucas Ave.
A.B. Prichard,	1229 W. 4th St.
Prof. H.W. Kellogg,	4820 San Rafael St.
Miss L.M. Crowell,	1421 Albany St.

and three boxes each week to the Bible Institute, 262½ S. Main St.

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 12, 1912.

Mr. W. R. Bradshaw,
154 Sutter St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

Your favors of Jan. 10th and 12th, with enclosures, duly received. Your letter from the American National Bank I return herewith, with an apology for retaining it so long. I have not been coming to the office regularly since my illness, and during Mrs. Stewart's recent and fatal illness, I have not given any attention to my correspondence.

I will try and get along without the return of the \$5,000 temporary loan made to you until March or April.

My health is steadily, though slowly, improving, and our Bible Institute work, since Dr. Torrey's arrival, has become increasingly encouraging. We need the new home, but will have some hard financing to do before we secure it. I trust that you will pray earnestly that the building may be so planned as to be pleasing to the Lord, and that friends will be raised up as required with funds to erect it.

Yours very sincerely,

Feb. 12, 1912.

Mr. Leonard Mordaunt,
145 N. Main St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Mordaunt:

Yours of January 20th, owing to the severe illness of my dear wife, which resulted fatally a week ago, has remained unanswered. I regret the fact that it is now probably too late for a letter to the Governor of Colorado to answer your purpose.

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 12, 1912.

Mr. E. T. Earl,
Central Bldg.,
City.

Dear Mr. Earl:

Yours of Jan. 3rd, together with copy of the Earl Lectures, delivered by Col. Roosevelt in Berkeley, I found last week carefully laid away in my bureau drawer, without having been opened. How they came there, I am not able to explain. This will account for my apparent lack of courtesy in not acknowledging your kind gift earlier. I appreciate these lectures very much. They are certainly very instructive, and contain revelations that would startle every good citizen, could he know them.

I regret exceedingly the result of your efforts to call on me in my home. At the time of your first call the doctors did not allow me to see my friends, and last week, through Mrs. Herron's distraction, she left you sitting in the library, and I did not know that you had called until you had gone. I understand she has made you an apology through your wife. I trust you will understand that your thoughtful kindness in calling on me on both these occasions was greatly appreciated by me.

I wish to take this opportunity to also thank you for the beautiful flowers which you sent at the time of my recent great bereavement. These tokens of love from our friends in time of sorrow are a very great comfort, and very much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Feb. 12, 1912.

Mr. John E. Main,
Alhambra, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Yours of Jan. 30th, with enclosures, duly received. It came at a time of serious illness in my family, and hence has not received prompt attention.

While appreciating the work you are doing, and sympathizing fully in it, I will not be able to participate, for the reason that I have already assumed responsibility for work that not only absorbs my present resources, but obliges me to mortgage the future to provide for it. My time is also so fully occupied that I could not consistently consider your request for a parlor conference in my home.

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 12, 1912.

Mr. S. I. Merrill,
c/o California Industrial Co.,
City.

Dear Mr. Merrill:

I telephoned Mr. Cassius M. Smith this morning to call on you, as you desired to have an interview with him. We of course desire him to go to work under an engagement made by you as Manager of the Western Gas Engine Co.

Will you please send me a statement showing the present financial condition of the concern, and in your annual report will you please outline what amount, in your judgment, is necessary in the way of additional capital, specifying in detail what is required for additional plant, and what for working capital.

Yours very sincerely,

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Los Angeles, California,
February 15, 1912.

German American Savings Bank,
Los Angeles,
California.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the \$50,000 loan which you have made me this day on \$75,000 Par Value Producers Transportation Company Bonds as collateral, this letter is to evidence the fact that it has been agreed between us that in case the Superintendent of Banks should rule that the above mentioned Bonds are not suitable collateral for you to loan on, you may declare said loan due, and upon sixty (60) days notice, I will arrange to take it up or replace it elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

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Feb. 16, 1912.

Dr. R. A. Torrey,
Bible Institute,
City.

Dear Dr. Torrey:

Your letter dated the 5th inst. and postmarked the 12th, with enclosure as stated, duly received. Messrs. Hadden and Tucker seem to have misunderstood me, and to make my position in the matter clear, I beg to quote from letters which I have written in reference to the matter.

Under date of Dec. 29, 1911, I wrote to Mr. Horton as follows:

"I have had an interview with Messrs. Hadden and Tucker in reference to their co-operating with the extension course of the Bible Institute. They estimate the minimum of their expenses for the first year at \$3,000, and ask that the Bible Institute pay \$1500 of that. They propose to make monthly reports of their work and their receipts to the Bible Institute. They ask to have absolute control of their own work. They agree not to teach anything contrary to our statement of doctrine. Owing to his having to be away from home, Mr. Tucker thinks Mr. Hadden should have \$200 a month salary. They agree to advertise their work as being in co-operation with, or affiliation with, the extension work of the Bible Institute, - to make the work of the Bible Institute prominent in their work. I understand that if their collections exceed the amount of the budget, the work will either be increased, or the Institute will be called on for a correspondingly smaller amount.

"They also want to resume their Friday evening work in the Institute, their popular class, - and they want the privilege of meeting in the Bible Institute as before. They have the impression that the personal workers' class will be discontinued after the Gipsy Smith meetings begin, and they then want to resume.

"I agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Institute the payment of the \$1500 for the first year, and that we regard them as affiliated with the Bible Institute work."

Under date of Dec. 30th, I wrote Mr. Tucker as follows:

"I have reported to the Bible Institute my recent interview with yourself and Mr. Hadden, as per the enclosed copy of a letter which I dictated over the phone to my Secretary. If I have not reported the matter correctly, I will be glad to be advised accordingly.

"While personally I would be very glad to have your Friday evening popular classes resumed, there seems to be a feeling that it will interfere with the general plan for the night classes which has been proposed. However, I am in hopes that I shall be able to prevail on our people to so arrange these classes that yours will fit in all right. You will understand that I cannot speak with authority in this matter. I can simply advise.

"In reference to Mr. Hadden's increase of salary to \$200 per month, would say that while \$200 would not be an excessive compensation, yet in this work at this stage there is necessity for sacrifice, and this is exemplified in the acts of several of our workers. For instance, the superintendent of the shop and barn work gave up a \$5,000 salary to accept \$1,200 in the work which he is doing. At least two of our Bible women gave up salaries of \$100 per month, and accepted \$40 from the Bible Institute. Mr. Sammis has received and is receiving \$1,500 per year; and going outside the regular work of the Institute, Professor Kellogg, of Occidental College, who is a very strong Bible teacher, and who is not only doing heavy work in Occidental, but is also teaching outside classes, receives a salary of only \$1,500 per year; while yourself and Mr. Fritchard have worked practically without compensation.

"Under these circumstances it would seem hardly just to these friends of the Institute who are making such sacrifices, to raise Mr. Hadden's salary to above \$2,000 at this time. We cannot hope to get this work which has been planned thoroughly established, without involving much sacrifice on the part of some of the Lord's dear children. This affiliated work which you and Brother Hadden will undertake will doubtless grow into large proportions, and will be self-sustaining to an extent that will doubtless admit of liberal salaries to those who have the work in hand.

"As stated the other morning in our interview, we have a very hard year before us, and to finance the work will involve much sacrifice as well as hard work.

"Praying that the Lord will give wisdom and grace, and that all this work may be under His own special guidance, and glorify Him, I am, as ever, etc."

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On Dec. 30th I wrote again to Mr. Horton as follows:

"Enclosed find copy of a letter just written to Mr. Tucker, which I trust will meet with your approval.

"You will notice that I have indicated that I would use my influence to have their Friday night work fit in with your popular evening classes. You will understand, my dear brother, that I do not mean to assume a dictatorial attitude in this matter, but as the Institute will be contributing financially to the work of these brethren, it seems to me that it would not only be a general help having them there with their classes on Friday night, but also their being there will tend to dispel any feeling of antagonism which may have arisen because of the misunderstandings of the past. This I think is exceedingly important."

From the first paragraph of the letter to Mr. Tucker you will notice that I enclosed him copy of my letter to Mr. Horton, which states clearly that I was simply to recommend to the Board the payment of the \$1,500, and regard them as affiliated with the Bible Institute work.

It was in accordance with this agreement that I presented the matter to the Board at its meeting of Jan. 26th, (which was my first opportunity to do so) with my recommendations as above, which resulted in the appointment of a committee,--of which you are a member,--to take up the matter on the part of the Board with Messrs. Tucker and Hadden.

From this correspondence it is apparent that these brethren have not correctly remembered the understanding at which we had arrived during their interview with me at my residence, when they regard the matter of the payment of \$1,500 per year as already settled. These letters show that I had not assumed any personal responsibility in the matter further than to recommend such a payment and affiliation to the Board of Directors; and their refusal to sign the doctrinal

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statement will doubtless preclude the possibility of the Institute arranging to have Messrs. Hadden and Tucker work in affiliation with it. It must be apparent to these brethren that if they are not in harmony with the doctrinal statement, (or, as you call it, the Declaration of Faith,) it would be inconsistent for the Institute to affiliate with them in their work.

It certainly is a cause of deepest regret that they will allow a theory in reference to a practically non-essential doctrine, for which they have no positive "thus saith the Lord" to support it, to separate them from their brethren, who in other respects hold and teach the same lines of truth.

In reference to Mr. Hadden's claim for salary for the months of October and November, I can only state, as a general proposition, that the Bible Institute cannot afford to do Mr. Hadden any wrong in this matter. I have had the impression, however, that he had been advised of the action of the Board early in the summer in adopting this doctrinal statement, and that when he returned to Los Angeles he did not report to the Superintendent for service. As he did not report, some one else necessarily had to be substituted, and naturally received the compensation which would otherwise have gone to Mr. Hadden, and under the circumstances Mr. Hadden was not precluded from doing other work. In view of these circumstances, and that there was a demand for his services elsewhere, it does not seem to me that his claim for compensation for the period named is a just one.

I am sending copies of this letter to both Messrs. Tucker and Hadden.

Yours very sincerely,



Feb. 16, 1912.

Mr. W. Leon Tucker,
214 N. St. Louis St.,
City.

Dear Brother Tucker:

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter just written
to Dr. R. A. Torrey, which you will find self-explanatory.

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 16, 1912.

Mr. R. A. Hadden,
4929 Pasadena Ave.,
City.

Dear Brother Hadden:

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter just written
to Dr. Torrey, which you will find self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,



Feb. 17, 1912.

Mr. Delavan L. Pierson,
44--60 E. 23rd St.,
New York.

My dear Mr. Pierson:

Yours of Jan. 6th was duly received, but owing to my absence from the office, and the severe illness of my wife, which resulted fatally on the 5th inst., my correspondence has been much neglected. I trust you will kindly pardon my seeming discourtesy.

I am pleased to note your determination to do everything in your power to keep the teachings of the proposed Bible School true to the doctrines so earnestly held and so faithfully taught by your beloved father. I am at a loss, however, to understand why you hesitate to provide absolute security for the protection of these truths. It is true that men and their teachings will change, but the truths of God's Word will never change, (Luke 21:33) and for that reason it is important that such safeguards shall be thrown around the proposed Bible Training School as will certainly bind future generations, not to our present interpretations, but to the great fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. Without such safeguards we would not be willing to have any of our funds placed where there could be the remotest possibility of their being at some time used for the propagation of error.

Enclosed find doctrinal statement of the Los Angeles Bible Institute.

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 17, 1912.

Mr. W.E. McVay,
c/o German American Savings Bank,
City.

Dear Mr. McVay:

I beg to quote from a letter received from Dr. Louis Meyer, dated Feb. 1st, as follows:

"I had a letter from a friend in Pittsburg today in which he mentioned that Dr. Campbell Coyle's congregation will probably unite with another, so that Dr. Coyle will become free in the near future. He is a strong man, and I mentioned him among the men whom I considered available for Immanuel Church. I knew him in Duluth, Minn., where he did good, aggressive work, and in the Bellefield Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg."

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 20, 1912.

Mr. W.R. Bradshaw,
154 Sutter St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

Your favors of recent date at hand. I thank you
for your warm expressions of sympathy.

I will be glad to write a line to Mr. Arundel, if
you will give me his initials, so I can properly address him.

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 20, 1912.

James Edwards,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 17th inst. at hand. In reply beg to say that none of our unimproved lands have water attached. In regard to the land west of the power house, we paid \$13,000 for the two lots, about twenty acres, - some twenty years ago, and our folks have been disposed to hold on to it.

There is a nice piece of ground on the Mesa directly north of my former cottage, which I presume our people would be willing to sell cheaper than that at the power house, but I am not sure whether it can be put under water conveniently.

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 23, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,
c/o Hallgarten & Co.,
5 Nassau St.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Watchorn:

I have had several interviews with Mr. Henshaw in reference to the purchase of the Victor Hall property. There are some things about this that I cannot fully understand. For instance, he says that he surrendered his contract for the purchase of oil from Victor Hall in consideration of an option to purchase. That option expired at twelve o'clock on Tuesday. We told him that we would join in the purchase, but that he should not pay more than \$25,000 premium over their former price, but we consented to a maximum of \$40,000, but he went over and closed it at \$600,000, and gave his check for \$25,000. This, we felt, released us from obligation so far as our negotiations with him were concerned.

On further investigation, I learned that they were not individuals who were making this deal, but that it was the Pico Oil Company, which has been in existence for a number of years, and the stock of which I believe was offered to us and rejected, and so our boys were at liberty to take it in.

In the meantime, Mrs. Summers, representing the Associated, telegraphed from San Francisco offering \$600,000,- one-half cash,- stating that she would be coming home that night, and was prepared to make a payment of \$300,000. This gave them the preference

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over the other bidders. By the way, I should have said that Mr. Henshaw's check was received by the attorney subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Naturally, the more favorable bid would prevent the Directors from accepting Mr. Henshaw's bid. I should also have said that Mr. Henshaw's offer to us was based on our renewing the contract which he had surrendered for his option, but when we submitted this to our Executive Committee, the renewal of this contract was not favored, for two reasons: first, - the price was too low; and secondly - it was, with the other contracts that were out, loading the property up to an extent of practically 7,000,000 barrels, which was more than it was reasonable to expect the property to produce, and the Union would have the deficit to make up from other sources. This was a risk which Mr. Orcutt thought the company should not assume. The situation is now quite complicated. The Pico Oil Co. claims to have legally closed with Hall, and that they were the legal purchasers of the property, and that hence they will have a claim for damages to the extent of any price received above the original \$500,000.

I was myself laboring under some misapprehension as to the actual conditions, as I was under the impression that Mr. Hall was now offering for \$500,000 properties which we had formerly considered and turned down at a million, but Mr. Henshaw advises us that the present proposition only covers two pieces of property, amounting to about 156 acres, while the proposition which we rejected embraced seven pieces, and the five which have been withdrawn are probably worth the difference between the present price and the price that was asked then. The former proposition also made much more favorable terms as to pay-

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ments than the one obtained by Mr. Henshaw, which I believe he telegraphed you. In view of all these conditions I could not urge entering into competition with the Associated in bidding for this particular 156 acres, loaded as they are with contracts.

There are some things about Mr. Henshaw's statements that are difficult to reconcile. For instance, he surrendered his oil contract in consideration of an option for the purchase, and yet there seems to have been no price fixed in his option at which he could purchase. This does not seem in accord with our opinion of Mr. Henshaw's business ability.

We infer from your telegrams that the conditions seem favorable for consummation of your plans in going to New York. Of course we do not want to purchase the Associated unless we have some assurance that when we have secured it the control of the Union will be taken over according to our program.

Praying that the Lord will keep you safely, and give you favor with the men with whom you are seeking to deal, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

Feb. 23, 1912.

Dr. J. H. Utley,
416 Bradbury Bldg.,
City.

Dear Dr. Utley:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$269, in payment of your bill for professional services to date.

Will you kindly segregate the amount, showing what portion of it was for services rendered for Mrs. Stewart, and what portion for myself.

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 23, 1912.

Dr. R. A. Torrey:
262½ S. Main St.,
City.

Dear Dr. Torrey:

Enclosed herewith I return with thanks letter from
Dr. James H. Bray to yourself, under date of February 10th.

Very sincerely yours,

Feb. 24, 1912.

Mr. J.T. Arundel,
Hotel Del Monte,
Del Monte, Cal.

Dear Mr. Arundel:

We were sorry some time since to learn of your illness, but are now rejoiced to know that you are recovering, and that you have been able to go to Del Monte.

Our mutual friend, Mr. Wm.R. Bradshaw, it seems has been short of capital for the most successful and comfortable handling of his business. I have been anxious to assist him, and have loaned my credit as well as made a temporary advance of funds, but much as I would like to assist him further, my obligations are such as to preclude the possibility of my doing so for the present.

I have great confidence in Mr. Bradshaw as a faithful Christian business man, and believe that he is using his utmost endeavor to faithfully serve our Master.

Trusting that you will soon be fully restored to health, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



Feb. 26, 1912.

Mrs. Jennie Stewart,
Box 326,
Buda, Ill.

My dear Aunt:

Yours of the 17th inst. at hand. We are glad to hear from you, and to learn about our friends.

Ada had an apoplectic stroke two years ago last June, and though the doctors pronounced her beyond the help of man, in answer to prayer she was raised up and spared for more than two years and a half to us. Her heart had been weak, however, for a dozen years or more, and gradually grew worse. For a couple of months before her death she steadily grew weaker, though she kept up and was around her room until about two weeks before her death, which occurred on the 5th of February. She was unconscious for three days before she passed away.

May came home with me from New York the fore part of November, and her mother being so poorly, she remained, and is still with us. She has her transportation now engaged for the 19th of March. Her home is in Cynwyd, Philadelphia. Her husband, Rev. Daniel H. Martin, will probably come here to go back with her in order to assist in taking care of their little daughter, Elizabeth, who is nearly three years old.

Hilton arrived here on the 14th of January. He is steadily improving, but cannot get around very well, and still has a trained nurse with him. He is stopping with us.

Mrs. Jennie Stewart -2

On the 3rd of October last I was taken very ill in New York, - had a hemorrhage of the stomach, and was in the care of the doctors and nurses for several months. The first nurse that was called was Miss S. Idee B. Nelson, one of your acquaintances. She came home with me, and was with me during my convalescence. She is still in our city, but I do not know whether she has been engaged on any case since leaving me or not.

Thanking you for your kind expressions of sympathy, and with loving regards to Jennie Hannum and Clara Snyder, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 26, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Gamsby,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

There is due you, as your ten percent of the profits of the Collins Orchard from Nov. 1, 1910 to Nov. 1, 1911, the sum of \$351.71. Shall I mail you a check for this amount, or do you wish me to retain it on interest?

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 26, 1912.

Mr. James Edwards,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

There is due you as your 10 per cent of last year's profits on the 23rd St. orchard, \$290. Shall I mail you a check for this amount, or do you wish me to retain it on interest?

The amount would have been larger, but for the fact that my brother, Milton Stewart, pays water assessments on 10 shares of stock, and as these payments do not appear on my books they have been overlooked for the past four years. You should, of course, have been charged each year with the assessments on these ten shares.

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 26, 1912.

Miss Saidee B. Nelson,
1081 W. 35th St.,
City.

Dear Miss Nelson:

I have received a letter from my Aunt Jennie Stewart, Box 326, Buda, Ill., in which she wishes to be remembered to you, and asks that you write her, as she would like very much to hear from you. She saw your mother a few days ago, and speaks of having just attended the funeral of a Mrs. Mary Reed, whom you knew very well.

I was grieved that you did not come around to see us during our time of trouble. I surely thought you would come.

Will you kindly send me a statement of your account as paid by me. If you cannot recall the items, please make a bill for services and expenses back to New York for the gross amount which I paid you, for I want a voucher for it.

Trusting that you are getting along satisfactorily, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 27, 1918.

Mr. R. W. Fenn,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Mr. Fenn:

Mrs. Fenn's kind letter of sympathy to May contained an item of information which has grieved me very much. The item I refer to is to the effect that you are planning to move on to a ranch in the spring. I had felt sure that you would remain at the head of the Manufacturing Department and put your life into it as long as I remained at the head of the company.

When you were here, had I known that you had such a thought in mind, I would have taken the matter up with you notwithstanding my physical and mental condition at the time, but I had understood that you had six months in which to consider your resignation, - two months of which time were to be given to rest, - so I naturally assumed that when rested up you would be ready to say that you were prepared to withdraw your resignation, and to resume your work. I cannot help feeling that you are making a very grave mistake, and would suggest that you reconsider your action before it is too late.

With kind regards to Mrs. Fenn, with sincere thanks for expressions of sympathy, and praying that the Lord will so guide you that you may do His will in these matters, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 27, 1912.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, D.D.,
Metropolitan Tabernacle,
Newington Butts,
London, S.E., England.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

Your letter of January 20th was received at a time when my dear wife was on her death-bed, and for some time I had not been able to come to the office, - hence the delay of my reply.

We have been very much pleased to learn from time to time of the Lord's blessing upon you and your work in the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

I took up the matter of the proposed contribution to the support of "Sword and Trowel" with my brother Milton, but the financial pressure on us is so severe that neither of us could see our way clear at present to avail ourselves of the privilege of having a part in the proposed work. This we very much regret.

Thanking you for your encouraging words in reference to the result of the work of "The Fundamentals", and praying for the Lord's richest blessing upon you and your work, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 29, 1912.

Mr. E. T. Earl,
Central Bldg.,
City.

Dear Mr. Earl:

This will introduce Mr. Charles E. Finney, formerly associated with the Guggenheims, and who has had valuable experience along the line of manufacturing gas engines. He has been looking over the Western Gas Engine plant, and has some good ideas in reference to putting the property on a basis that will become remunerative.

I would esteem it a personal favor if you would give Mr. Finney a hearing and discuss the situation fully with him. By so doing you will very much oblige,

Yours very truly,

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Feb. 29, 1912.

Mr. Thomas E. Stephens,
808 La Salle Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Stephens:

Your very kind letter of sympathy of the 15th inst., with enclosures, duly received. Your earnest, loving expressions are very comforting and helpful, and I not only thank you, but I thank the Lord for them.

I think I have not written you since my illness in New York. This came upon me like a thunder-clap out of a clear sky. I had been boasting the day before of my perfect health, and stated that I thought I could walk two or three miles more easily than I could forty years ago. The illness was so severe that the doctors regarded my recovery as little short of miraculous. I am pretty well convinced that the little prayer circles which were formed at the time to intercede for me were the means of my recovery.

The illuminated texts which Miss Behrens sent me were hung around my room in New York, and I still have them in my room here in Los Angeles. They were very helpful to me, and I do not look at them without remembering the great kindness of Miss Behrens in sending them. Will you kindly express to her my loving appreciation of her thoughtfulness for me.

Dr. Louis Meyer, who was providentially with me when I was taken ill, spent his days with me in New York during

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the twenty-four days I was confined to my room there, and then accompanied me home and remained a fortnight with me here. His great kindness I shall never forget.

I occasionally hear a kind word for the work which The Fundamentals is accomplishing, but I am not receiving as many of the letters from the recipients as formerly. In fact, for a long time I was not able to read them. I would be pleased to know whether there continues to be as full an expression of appreciation as was the case with the earlier volumes. When you wrote me in September you had received about 50,000 letters of appreciation. If you can conveniently state the number up to date I would be glad, but don't go to any special trouble to give me this information.

I am rejoiced to learn of the blessing that has rested upon the distribution of the leaflet "Suppose," and of the success of the Great Commission Prayer League.

My brother Milton arrived here on the 14th of January. He is in very good health, and is steadily improving, but still has to have the assistance of a trained nurse.

Praying for the Lord's continued blessing upon you and upon your fellow-workers, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. I return herewith the letter from J.B. Van Den Hoek. I do not think it best to give him our names.

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Feb. 29, 1912.

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Mr. I. W. Hellman,
Farmers & Merchants Natl. Bank,
City.

My dear Mr. Hellman:

Your very kind letter of comfort and sympathy of the 8th inst. was duly received, for which please accept my heartfelt thanks. Only those who, like ourselves, have learned by actual experience the desolation which such a separation brings into a man's life, can in any degree enter into the sorrows of those who have been similarly bereaved.

I could not begin to tell you how grateful I felt to you, when you so kindly consented to take a position on the Union Oil Company's Board of Directors, and you will not misunderstand me when I say that I felt proud of the association. You can imagine, therefore, my great disappointment when I recently found your letter containing your resignation. My attention was not called to it because of illness in my family, and hence the delay of my reference to it.

I of course understand, my dear Mr. Hellman, that you, in trying to reduce your responsibilities, could not consistently assume as great a one as was necessarily involved in your taking a representative position on our Board. I thank you just as heartily, however, for the good-will which you have shown in the matter.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, and trusting that you will, by securing much needed rest, add many years to your useful life, I remain, as ever,
Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 29, 1912.

Dr. Louis Meyer,
123 Huntington Place,
Mount Auburn,
Cincinnati, O.

Dear Dr. Meyer:

Your very kind and comforting letter of the 20th inst. was duly received, and I thank you very heartily for your helpful words.

I feel as though I should apologize for not having communicated with you promptly, but I have not written an autograph letter since leaving my room in New York, and during Mrs. Stewart's illness I did not get to the office very regularly. When she passed away the children made out a list of their friends,- of whom you were one,- to whom to mail newspapers containing some account of her funeral, etc., but it seems there was some mixing up of the lists, and yours was consequently delayed.

Mrs. Stewart began to indicate very plainly about the time you left, or soon after, that she was on the down-grade, but we still hoped that she would rally, and be herself again. She made a very brave fight in her battle for life, and continued taking auto rides when she was only able to be out of bed long enough for them. On the 30th of December the doctor said that if she had any business to transact it should be done immediately, but she lingered along until the early morning of February 5th, when she quietly passed away. She was unconscious for three or four days before going.

Of course our home is very lonely, and we miss the

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loved one very sadly, notwithstanding the fact that this event has been, from the physician's standpoint, imminent for the past two and one-half years. We are very thankful that she was spared to us so long after the physicians had pronounced her beyond the help of man, as they did when she had her apoplectic stroke in June, 1909.

I return by this mail the package of letters pertaining to "The Fundamentals" which you sent me some time since. I thank you for them, and would be glad to receive others when convenient for you to let us have them.

I regret to learn that you have been inconvenienced by the delay of my brother's remittance for your salary. He thinks he had ordered it sent, and supposed it had been sent early in the year. It was not forgetfulness that caused the oversight.

I was very sorry to hear that you were so worn out from your labors, and trust that you will be on your guard and not work beyond your strength.

Mrs. Martin is still with us, but has her transportation engaged for March 19th. Mr. Martin may possibly come out and go home with her. It has been a great comfort to us to have her here.

With kind regards to Mrs. Meyer and your children, I remain, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

Feb. 22, 1912.

Mr. C.A. Burrows,
Santa Paula, Cal.

Dear Brother Andr w:

When Ada last visited you she wanted me to go along, and talk with you in reference to your spiritual welfare. I replied to her that I thought you would hear her more readily than you would me. When she returned, she told me, with some sadness in her tone, that she did not have an opportunity.

You of course have studied your Bible, and you know the gospel plan of salvation, but by way of refreshing your mind, allow me to quote a few passages from the old Book:

Conditions.- "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom.10:9-10,

Gospel.- "For God so lov'd the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isa.53:6.

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree." 1 Pet.2:24, T.c.

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:3, I.c.

"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Rom.5:8-9.

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"Neither is there sal-
vation in any other: for there is none other name under
heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Ac.4:12.

Sin having been thus atoned for, eternal life
is now God's free gift to us.

"Be it known unto you
therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is
preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

"And by Him all that
believe are justified from all things, from which
ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."
Acts 13:38-39.

In Whom we have
redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of
sins, according to the riches of His grace."Eph.1:7.

"The gift of God is
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom.6:23,1.c.

"And this is the record
that God hath given to us eternal life, and this
life is in His Son." 1 John 5:11.

The only way in which this gift may become valuable
to us is to receive it.

"But as many as received Him,
to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even
to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

To reject it is to abide under the wrath of God and
to be condemned.

"He that believeth on the
Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not
the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God
abideth on him." John 3:36.

Jesus is the great Judge of all the earth.

"For the Father judgeth
no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son."
John 5:22.

The judgment for our sins having fallen on Him, the

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sin question for us is forever settled, but our justification or condemnation will depend on whether we have received or rejected Christ.

Note the ruling of the great judge in John 3:18:

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

c.f. Matt.7:21-23 and 1 John 3:23.

God is not willing that any should be lost.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Pet.3:9.

Hear His gracious appeal:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa.1:18.

and listen to His loving invitations:

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

"Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." Isa/55:1-3.

"The Spirit and the Bride say, come; and let him that heareth say, come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev.22:17.

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

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"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." Heb.9:22.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." Lev. 17:11.

Now this is not an argument, but plain gospel truth from the unchangeable Word of God, by which we are to be finally judged:

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12:48.

Won't you and Lizzie both give prayerful heed, and write me that you have accepted Jesus as Savior, and confessed with your mouths the Lord Jesus.

Praying that the Lord will guide you in your consideration of this greatest of all questions, I am, as ever,

Yours affectionately,

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Dr. Louis Meyer,
123 Huntington Place,
Mount Auburn,
Cincinnati, O.

Feb. 29, 1912.

Dear Dr. Meyer:

Replying to yours of Jan. 25th, in which you ask whether I would favor the printing of a large number of copies of Prof. Moorehead's paper, "Millennial Dawn; Counterfeit of Christianity," would say that that is a matter which I would leave to the judgment of yourself and your fellow-committeemen. I should think, however, that literature of this character, if it can be wisely distributed, would not fail of accomplishing great good. It would occur to me that if you could in some way indicate in this article of Dr. Moorehead's that it was published in tract form, it would lead to a distribution that would be more effective than could possibly be made in any other way.

Yours very sincerely,

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Feb. 29, 1912.

Miss Saidee B. Nelson,
1081 W. 35th St.,
City.

Dear Miss Nelson:

I was very much pleased to receive your good letter of the 28th.

I am very sorry that any one should intimate to you that you would not be welcome in our home at any time. No one had any authority for giving you such an impression, and I regret very much that it should have been done. I think you would have received a welcome from every one of our family, with possibly a warmer one from me than from the others, because of our intimate relationship for so many weeks.

I am glad that you are finding help from the Scofield Bible, and trust that you will make it "the man of your daily counsel" for the rest of your days. There is nothing that will so build you up and lift you up as the Word of God, when prayerfully studied, and I pray that you may know its power in your life.

The receipted bill which you sent me did not cover the full amount which I paid you, and was not itemized, so I am sending you another herewith, which please sign and return.

I regret that you have not succeeded in getting established in business in Los Angeles.

Trusting that I may have the pleasure of seeing you again before you return to the east, and praying that the Lord will so lead you that your life may become entirely yielded to him, I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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Mr. James Edwards,

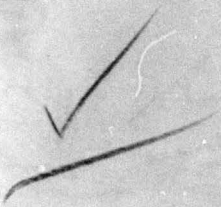
Upland,

Cal.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$290, covering
your ten per cent of orchard profits from Nov. 1, 1910 to Nov. 1, 1911.

Yours truly,



Mar. 1, 1912.

Mr. C. M. Staub,
336 S. Broadway,
City.

Dear Mr. Staub:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$25, as a contribution toward the work of the Sunday School.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 1, 1912.

Mr. A.C. Burkholder,
Upland,
Cal.

Dear Mr. Burkholder:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$582.80,
in payment of your ten per cent of orchard profits from Nov. 1st,
1910 to Nov. 1st, 1911.

Yours truly,

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Mar. 1, 1912.

Mr. W.K. Beattie,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Beattie:

Please send one box of oranges to each of the following:

- Lyman Stewart, 632 Lucas Ave., L.A.
- Dr. J. R. Hunter, 368 W. Ave. 57, "
- Mrs. C. E. Hurlbut, 5118 Granada St."
- Miss E. A. Crowell, 1421 Albany St. "

and one box to Rev. Louis Meyer, 123 Huntington Place, Mount Auburn, Cincinnati, O. You shipped a box to Dr. Meyer last season, and I presume you can follow the same procedure at this time.

Yours Truly,

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Mar. 1, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,
Murray Hill Hotel,
New York.

Dear Mr. Watchorn:

Yours of Feb. 23rd was received yesterday. I think it would be unwise for you to attempt to go to Mexico under existing conditions in that unhappy republic.

While the acquisition of the Associated may give us some temporary advantage, I cannot help feeling that it would encumber us eventually with a load greater than we would be able to carry. Mr. Orcutt's impression seems to be that the bulk of their production is coming from the Kern River field, which is very largely depleted, and may not continue long to be remunerative. I note that you are giving the closest scrutiny to all the features involved, and that you will watch very carefully.

May I say to you confidentially that if this deal does not couple with it the purchase of the control of the Union properties, I would hesitate to favor it; not but that it would eventually work out, but at my age, and with my inability to go into the field and make a hard fight, I would feel happier without the load than with it. It strikes me something like the Victor Hall properties, which, while offering some prospective profits, has not an outlook warranting us in involving ourselves in so large a liability. The Associated, however, may have some valuable properties of which I do not know.

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In going over my mail today which has accumulated on my desk during my absence, I find a letter from W.O. Rowe, 16 Tower Place, Yonkers, N.Y., a copy of which I enclose herewith for your information. I am sending him a night letter which reads as follows:

"Owing to sickness and death in my family I have been absent from my office, and your letter of Feb. 9th has only today come to my notice. Will forward it to Honorable Robert Watchorn, Murray Hill Hotel, New York, who may be able to answer your questions."

I should like to have written him, - in fact did dictate him, - a very frank letter, but concluding that possibly this might be part of a black-mailing scheme, decided to refer the matter entirely to you, which I believe you advised me to do with all such questions before leaving.

Dr. Frank Keller arrived in San Francisco today on his return trip from China, and will be with us next Tuesday and remain about a week.

The work of the Bible Institute is progressing very satisfactorily.

Hoping that all your negotiations may meet with successful issue, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 2, 1912.

Mr. G. W. King,
308½ W. 2nd St.,
City.

Dear Mr. King:

Yours of Feb. 23rd has just this moment come to my attention.

I certainly hope that you will be able to secure at least a portion of the Union Oil Company's printing, and I will take pleasure in personally presenting your letter to the Company's Secretary, Mr. Giles Kellogg, who is in full sympathy with the work of the Bible Institute.

Trusting that you will have good success in securing business for the Premier Publishing Co., I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mrs. Lottie Shugert Waters,
3 W. Delaware Place,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Waters:

Yours of Feb. 20th has just come to my notice. Am pleased to learn that you are engaged in a good work in the great and wicked city of Chicago. I do not remember you, but I knew three of your older sisters, and your father was a very dear friend of mine. I have great admiration for his sterling Christian character.

I will take pleasure in handing your letter to my brother Milton, but I will say to you in advance of doing so that his funds are pretty generally placed, and are available only for promulgating living gospel truth. No merely humanitarian work will appeal to him.

Yours very sincerely,



Mar. 2, 1912.

W.F. White, D.D.,
Lincoln University,
1328 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Owing to illness and long absence from my office, yours of Aug. 3rd, 1911 has only this moment come to my notice.

Because of the demands of this rapidly growing community, and work for which I have assumed some financial responsibility, I am not in a position to give any very substantial assistance to the noble work of Lincoln University. I enclose, however, my check for \$150 as an evidence of my continued interest.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 2, 1912.

Mr. James Edwards,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 28th ult., beg to say that the picking expenses on the 23rd St. orchard for last season amounted to \$540.06.

Yours very truly,

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Mar. 2, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Gansby,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Gansby:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$351.71, in payment of your ten percent of the orchard profits for the year ending Nov. 1, 1911.

Yours very truly,

Mar. 2, 1912.

Pierce Bros. & Co.,
810 S. Flower St.,
City.

Gentlemen:

Your bill, covering the funeral expenses of Mrs. Sarah
A. Stewart, just at hand. Enclosed herewith find my check for
\$608.35 in payment of same.

Yours truly,

P.S. Have just discovered that I have not your bill
with me. Please send another, receipted.

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Mar. 5, 1912.

Mrs. Helene M. Dull,
1960 Park Grove Ave,
City.

Dear Mrs. Dull:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. is just received. I cannot tell you how much I regret to learn of Mr. Dull's misfortunes. I can to some extent appreciate his situation, from the fact that I have been practically all my business life "paying for a dead horse," and during the past year an extra heavy load has been thrown onto me, which necessitates my seeking for loans to protect my interests. For this reason I cannot see my way clear to make you the loan which you desire.

Regretting my inability to help you, and trusting that both yourself and Mr. Dull will be able to see in your misfortunes an all-wise Father's loving hand leading, and be enabled to say, "we know that all things shall work together for good to them that love the Lord," I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 5, 1912.

Mrs. L. C. Lyon,
3224 E. Third St.,
City.

Dear Madam:

Yours of the 1st inst., with enclosure, at hand. While regretting to learn of your misfortunes, allow me to say that I am so overwhelmed with business that necessarily devolves upon me that it would be impossible for me to give you any assistance in disposing of your properties.

I return herewith your letter from Mr. Inwood.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mr. R. W. Fenn,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Mr. Fenn:

Yours of the 2nd inst. just received. I am very sorry to learn of the tribulation which you have been caused by reason of the very offensive way in which that certain By-law referred to was brought to your attention. This By-law was framed for the express purpose of keeping the acts of the committee in such form as would prevent a court from invalidating them. The law is very rigid in reference to the inability of Directors to delegate any of their powers to others, and hence I have several times taken pains to explain to the Executive Committee that when it came to questions pertaining to business that would come within the province of the Directors only, motions should be made and seconded only by Directors.

I can see now that we should have had, in addition to the Executive Committee, an advisory board composed of the heads of the various departments, to discuss and act on practical questions, in conjunction with the Executive Committee. Practical questions, such as would naturally result, for instance, from the Manufacturing Department asking for a larger supply of light oil, or any special grade of oil, should be decided by an advisory committee or board, and the necessary legal action then taken by the Executive Committee to carry out its recommendations.

You of course can appreciate the fact that all

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questions pertaining to the methods of treating oils, asphalt, etc., and all questions pertaining to practical handling of their sale, are not legal questions, but questions for an advisory board, to be carried into operation, however, by the Executive Committee; and of course it would be within the province of an advisory board to criticize the management of any department, and to recommend changes in it, etc. I have tried to keep these two features clear before the members of the Executive Committee, so that we would not take any chances on involving any act which the Committee had undertaken to pass on. I can see now that this would naturally lead to confusion and uncertainty in the minds of some of the members on some questions.

We of course want the counsels of the heads of all our departments, for the practical work of the company is done through these men. I would personally have been pleased to have the heads of departments all Directors, because of their being practical men, but financial men have not agreed with me on this point, and hence our Board has necessarily had on it representatives of large financial interests, who do not have any practical knowledge of the details of the general work of the company.

I do not see that being a Director could in any way add to your value to the company, nor would it give you any more authority in your department, or in your relations to other departments, than you now have.

I feel, my dear Mr. Penn, that you are making a very serious mistake in your contemplated retirement from the company.

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You have occupied what is one of the most important positions in the company, and which is capable of larger development than any other, but when you once absolutely withdraw from it it will be very doubtful about your ever securing so important and remunerative a position again. At least, this is my humble judgment.

I knew that you were not feeling very well, and that apparently you were somewhat morbid, and when the Board offered you six months in which to consider the withdrawal of your resignation, giving you in the meantime two months of absolute rest, I felt that it had taken such course as would give you ample protection, and hence I did not undertake to take up the questions with you personally. My own serious illness, followed by the illness and death of Mrs. Stewart, prevented my giving any special attention to the affairs of the Union Oil Company, and I was resting easy because of the action of the Board referred to.

Trusting that you may be so guided that the Lord's will may be done in this matter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. S. I. Merrill,
c/o California Industrial Co.,
City.

Mar. 7, 1912.

Dear Mr. Merrill:

If you have a copy of the agreement between the Western Gas Engine Co. and the Gas Power Machinery Co., I would be pleased to have you send it to me, that I may familiarize myself with its contents.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 7, 1912.

Mrs. D. Dull,
1960 Park Grove Ave.,
City.

Dear Madam:

In accordance with Mr. Stewart's telephone conversation with you, in which he stated that he would make you the loan of \$85 which you requested, I enclose you herewith his check for that amount, as per his instructions.

Yours very truly,

Mar. 7, 1912.

Mr. C. I. Smith, Secretary,
Western Gas Engine Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:

I would suggest that as Secretary of the company you write the Gas Power Machinery Co. requesting a statement of its assets and liabilities, its present current expenses, its prospects, etc.

Yours very truly,

Mar. 8, 1912.

Mr. Herbert E. House,
1723 W. 51st St.,
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 5th inst. is at hand; also the pamphlet containing the picture of Mr. Chung, for which I thank you.

In regard to the illustrated leaflets which Mr. Blackstone had prepared, I beg to refer you to Mr. R. D. Smith, Secretary of the Bible House of Los Angeles, at 624 Lissner Bldg., who I believe will be able to accommodate you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mar. 8, 1912.

Mr. W. E. McVay,
c. o German American Savings Bank,
City.

Dear Mr. McVay:

I presume you have no dearth of candidates for Immanuel.
Dr. Torrey recommends very strongly a Mr. Macinnis. I quote from his
letter as follows:

"He was spoken of for the church in
Newark that pays \$10,000 a year. He was very success-
ful in Philadelphia and he never ought to have gone back
to Nova Scotia. He is a man of great ability, sound
in the faith, a Bible teacher and a great preacher.
He would be a great help to us out here."

If you would like his address and fuller information, kindly write Dr.
R.A. Torrey, 262 1/2 S. Main St.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 8, 1912.

Mr. T. C. Horton,
26 1/2 S. Main St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Horton:

I return herewith Dr. Torrey's letter to you in reference to Mr. MacInnis. The letter from Mr. MacInnis you did not show me, but I have called Mr. May's attention to Dr. Torrey's recommendation.

yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 11, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,
Murray Hill Hotel,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Watchorn:

Yours of the 4th inst. is at hand. I note what you say in reference to Mr. Henshaw, and cannot add anything to what I said in my letter of Feb. 23rd. I do not wish to misjudge the man, but his statements were so inconsistent that to me they were inexplicable. I simply gave them to you that you might give such consideration to them as you deemed they were entitled to.

In the third paragraph of your letter you say, "Perhaps when I return somebody will be able to convince me that what is a good thing for a small company like the Pico and others to do would not have been a good thing for the Union to do. Certainly I am open to conviction." You evidently overlooked the clause in the third paragraph of my letter of Feb. 23rd, in which I explained that Mr. Henshaw's offer to us was based on our renewing the contract with the Cement Company, and which he had surrendered for his option. The purpose for which they had negotiated the surrender of this was that the property might be rendered salable. The Pico Company was therefore making its purchase without the incubus of this big contract, but Mr. Henshaw was making its renewal the condition of the Union Oil Company's participating with him in the purchase. Of course what is a good thing for a small company like the Pico would naturally be a good thing for a large one like the Union, but you will notice that there is a vast difference in the basis on which the

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two companies were dealing.

I note that the word "assurance" in the last paragraph of my letter referred to has caused you some disquietude, and I am sorry that I was so unfortunate in my choice of terms. You know that in business a line of tactics is sometimes resorted to by which a competitor may become so overloaded with even a good thing that he might become an easy prey; or, to change the figure, a victorious army may sometimes be so overburdened with prisoners and plunder as to be readily overcome by the enemy. Now, we might figure out to our satisfaction that the control of the Associated would be very advantageous from an ordinary business standpoint, yet the large liabilities which we might have to assume in connection therewith, when coupled with the load which we are already carrying, might enable the "interests" to see their way clear to "gobble us" with a much smaller expenditure of capital than can be done in our present reasonably strong position.

I appreciate, however, my dear Mr. Watchorn, the fact that you are as much interested as I in accomplishing a certain end which we both have near our hearts, and when I make suggestions along any of the lines on which you may be working, it is that you may be so thoroughly on your guard that we may not involve ourselves in any risk of becoming more handicapped than we are at present. I realize that you have been working on this matter from an unselfish standpoint, and with an eye to my personal advantage, and I don't want to place a straw in the way of your success; but realizing that we have a very wily foe, I feel that we cannot be too much on our guard.

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Referring again to the Industrial Oil Company, and your action in reference thereto, I want to assure you that I am in hearty accord with the action which you took, and had the property involved been what I think you and I both understood it to be, - that which had been offered before by Victor Hall, - it certainly would have been a very advantageous deal for the company to make, because of there being in it prospective oil properties which possibly would have provided the oil which the 156 acres now producing might have fallen short in supplying.

I asked Mr. Merrill just before you went away to take up the Mexican iron proposition with Messrs. Moffet and Poor, and get a proposition from them as to their percentage of their share which they would relinquish in consideration of our making a settlement with the adverse claimant, thereby securing a perfect title to a portion of the property. Notwithstanding all that I have been able to say in the matter, Mr. Merrill has persisted in negotiating along the line of getting a proposition from them as to what they would take for their interests. They have finally submitted a proposition in writing that they would accept \$90,000. Now, my position is that they really have nothing to sell, and if their proposition had been one thousand dollars I would have hesitated to give it, because of not having any assurance that they have anything to sell. Mr. Merrill has gone to Arizona for a few days, so that the matter is in suspense at present, and my purpose in writing you about it now is the possibility of matters being so cleared up in Mexico before you leave the east that you will be warranted in proceeding to Mexico to get this matter adjusted. I would suggest, however, that you see your

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friends in Washington and obtain the strongest credentials possible, and thus be ready either to go on short notice or to write to the attorneys, sending your credentials, and thereby getting favorable action possibly without your presence. However, the adverse claimant may have some equity in the matter, and possibly by our giving him a quarter interest, or something of that kind, in settlement of his equity, we would thus have a good title to a property which might eventually become very valuable, and possibly this adverse claimant might be willing to accept a very reasonable compensation for his uncertain title. The danger, however, in delay is the fact that I am advised that our attorney is also attorney for him, and we not having a representative on the ground, there is nothing to prevent action in his favor during our absence, thus leaving us without any legal status in the matter whatever. So if you had your credentials, and could write this attorney, if he has not already acted he will be more likely to be disposed to go slow in the premises.

At a meeting of the Producers Agency last week they accepted our proposition for the purchase of the storage oil. I presume you have been advised of the details of the deal.

I understand that we have not yet been supplied with any data or material whatever from which to form any estimate of the value of the Associated's holdings, so that not progress whatever is being made at this end of the line.

Trusting that you are making progress at your end of the line, and that we may soon receive encouraging reports from you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 12, 1912.

Mr. Cassius M. Smith, Manager,
Western Gas Engine Co.,
City.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Yours of the 9th inst. at hand, and I thank you very heartily for the information which it contains.

I did not have any data at hand by which to test this prospectus, but the figures furnished by you are such as to preclude my having anything to do with the promoting scheme, until we can ourselves create such data as will warrant our doing so on a basis that will bear the most rigid inspection. I have written Mr. Finney advising him that under existing conditions I cannot join in a scheme for the flotation of Western Gas Engine Co. stock.

Thanking you for the interest which you have taken in this matter, and for the data furnished, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mr. C. E. Finney,
Title Insurance Bldg.,
City.

My dear Sir:

Your proposition of the 7th inst. is at hand, and has been carefully considered. On comparing the data in your prospectus with the actual facts, I find such a wide variance that I cannot conscientiously, in view of existing conditions, become a party to the proposed flotation of stock. Your figures of course are very attractive, and supposing that you were working from the basis of accomplished results, I was myself becoming enthusiastic in reference to them; but, as there has evidently been some erroneous data compiled, I cannot see my way clear to have any promoting undertaken until we have established a basis on which such promotion may be made with absolute justice to the possible investors.

Regretting that I am obliged to write in this way, and trusting that later we may establish such relations as may be mutually profitable, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 12, 1912.

Gas Power Machinery Co.,
419 Wright & Callender Bldg.,
City.

Gentlemen:

I have stated to the stockholders of the Western Gas Engine Co., and to others who are interested, that it, (the W.G.E.Co.) under contract with you would receive one-half of your capital stock.

Two or three days since I received a copy of a contract executed in October 1911, (the date not given) which sets forth "that the parties of the third part shall be entitled to receive one-fourth of the said royalties, which shall be paid to them direct," this referring to the contract with the Wisconsin Engine Co. Mr. Merrill and Mr. Watchorn both being absent from the city, I write to ascertain on what ground of equity or justice this 25% of the proceeds of the proposed sale were to be turned over to the said parties, without the Board of Directors of the Western Gas Engine Co. having been consulted in the matter. From the fact that this contract calls for 5% commission to be paid W.K. Thompson, it is evident that said 25% was not in the way of commission for services rendered in making the said sale. Until the receipt of this, we had supposed that Mr. Nelles had negotiated this sale himself.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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Mar. 13, 1912.

Mr. E. T. Earl,
Central Bldg.,
City.

My dear Mr. Earl:

You doubtless remember that the last time I met you I handed you a statement of your liability on your holdings in the Western Gas Engine Co., and the last thing you said as we separated was that you would have Mr. Loughbaum look into the matter, and if it was all right you would give your check. My brother has handed in his check on the same basis, and I have largely exceeded this basis in the contributions which I have myself made.

The new management has taken hold very vigorously, and is producing results which are very encouraging. The surplus expenses have been cut off, dragging accounts have been adjusted, and sales of engines have been largely increased.

I know it is not convenient for a man to draw his check for such an amount under such conditions, and I can appreciate your feeling in the matter, for I have gone out myself and borrowed money to a disadvantage to protect the credit of this institution; but I believe if the leading stockholders will now stand under it, we will yet make our original investments good, as well as protect our good names in the matter. Will you kindly send your check, as per statement handed you, to C. A. Smith, Secretary Western Gas Engine Co., and much oblige.

Regretting the necessity which leads me to call your attention to the matter, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 13, 1912.

James Moffet,
D.H.Parsons,
C.E.Poor,
W.H.Bradshaw, Agent, (Nellie A.Bradshaw, Admx)

820 W. First St.,

City.

Gentlemen:

When Mr. S.I. Merrill left the city for Arizon. last week, he sent me copies of his correspondence with you in reference to the CoalComan iron interests in Mexico.

Your proposition does not meet the present situation. If we are informed correctly, the attorney who is handling the matter of our titles in Mexico is also the attorney for the party who is contesting them, and by reason of this peculiar condition it is quite probable that our titles may fall absolutely, and none of us have anything to sell. It has occurred to me that it would be good business to settle with the contestant by giving him some interest in this proposition, so that each would have a title that would be unassailable.

Mr. Watchorn is in the east, and while there will secure credentials in Washington which will give him standing with the authorities in Mexico and enable him to get this matter cleared up, provided political conditions become sufficiently settled to render it safe for him to go there before returning to Los Angeles. With your knowledge of the condition of our titles, would you kindly say to what extent you are willing to surrender a portion of your interests in order to secure a good title on the remainder.

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and I will advise Mr. Watchorn accordingly,

There will be considerable expense incurred in Mr. Watchorn's going to Washington and taking up this matter in Mexico, and as already much more money has been expended than was originally anticipated, will you kindly state whether you will each, (excepting, of course, Mr. Moffet) stand your proper pro rata of the extra expense, including Mr. Watchorn's trip and any other expenses which may be involved in the perfecting of these titles?

I note that your proposition is based on the premises that you are "associated with" us "in the Aquila-Aquila and the recently denounced and surveyed two Anexa Aquilas, iron claims situated in the Dist. of CoalComan, State of Michoacan, Republic of Mexico." When the money was furnished for the later trip of Mr. Moffet it was understood that the denouncements made, and for which we furnished the money, were not to belong to the original pool. If this is correct, we cannot recognize them as belonging to it now. Mr. Moffet, however, can explain this matter, and we assure you that it is our purpose to have all parties in interest dealt with on an equitable and just basis. Perhaps the lines between these pools have not been explained to all parties in interest with sufficient clearness to enable each to understand just what his rights are in the premises.

Would be pleased to hear from you very fully in reference to this matter, as well as to what concessions in interest you would be willing to make, if necessary, to secure absolute title.

Trusting that Mr. Moffet's health is improved, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Mar. 13, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,
Murray Hill Hotel,
New York.

My dear Mr. Watchorn:

Your esteemed letters of the 6th and 8th insts. at hand. The typed letter to which you refer as having written me on the 3th has not come to hand.

On the receipt of Mr. Rowe's letter I dictated a letter to him stating that no person had been authorized to offer the Stewart interests for sale. On reading my letter to Mr. Kellogg, he suggested that I had better not put myself on record in that way, lest these people might take some action that would embarrass your negotiations in New York, and that I had better simply refer Mr. Rowe to you, which I did by telegram which I quoted in my letter to you. It was not that we attached any special importance to the matter, but concluded that statements should emanate from only one source, and that source yourself.

I do not remember that I have reported to you that Allen and Hibbs are both here waiting to see you. They have several times asked for interviews, which I have declined to grant. Mr. Hibbs remarked the last time I saw him on the street that they were very anxious to talk with me, as they had something to report that would do my heart good.

Now, in reporting information that may be of interest or possible value, I am not doing it to hamper you, but to

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aid you, for I am sure that you need to know all that is being said and done, that you may know how to answer in case any of these matters are thrown at you.

I note your "tremendous surprise" on learning of the 190 pages of matter that have been sent you. Our attorneys and Mr. Soleau, I believe, are responsible, the 190 pages being the result of their interpretation of your request. I did some chafing personally under the delay, and was again inclined to criticize the "system" of accounting which rendered it so troublesome to furnish the data you asked for. Mr. Kellogg reported about the time the work was completed that a number of the clerks had been working evenings, and were so exhausted that they were on the verge of nervous prostration, and should have rest.

Mr. Selater has been down and made application for Mr. Penn's position, which would involve combining the Manufacturing and Sales Departments under one head, which begins to seem the logical thing to do. Mr. Dyer is also down and has made application, which I have requested him to put in writing, a copy of which I am tempted to send you, so that you may understand the situation more fully. Mr. Penn has always insisted that Mr. Dyer was a very brainy man, and a man that the company should never allow to get away at any price. I was somewhat familiar with Mr. Dyer's work, as for some time I kept the Manufacturing Department under my control, and I did some pretty harsh criticizing of his first movements, but I finally surrendered to him, and I find that he has been of very great value to the company, and believe that Mr. Penn's favorable showing

has been to a considerable extent the result of Mr. Dyer's work.

Just this moment comes a further embarrassment in the way of a telegram from Mr. Penn reading as follows:

"Willing to accept arrangement offered by Directors provided I can draw my vacation salary in advance as I have made engagements on strength Watchorn's letters which I cannot cancel. Please understand also that I have most serious reasons for asking to be on Board. Am writing today."

This is the result of the earnest solicitations of his wife, who was down here. I suggested to her that the resolution passed by the Board of Directors in January in reference to Mr. Penn's resignation put the matter in excellent shape for him, but since that time he had unfortunately burned his bridges behind him, and that if he could withdraw his more recent action it would leave the matter in much better shape for him for the future. He has not yet, however, gotten over the foolish whim that being on the Board of Directors would make him more useful.

We are remembering you, my dear Mr. Watchorn, and we trust that the Lord will give you such favor with the people with whom you have occasion to deal that the result may be wholly in accordance with His will.

Miss Crowell joins me in kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 15, 1912.

Mr. James Moffet,
820 W. 1st St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Moffet:

Your special delivery letter of even date is at hand. In re-reading my letter you must have misunderstood. My reference to cash was in regard to the expenses of securing the titles by Mr. Watchorn's going to Mexico, etc.

As to your second question, in reference to what portion of each of our interests we should be willing to give up in order to secure the title, I am at a loss how to answer. Of course, I think we all realize that "half a loaf is better than no bread," and hence it would be better for us to be willing to give the contestant a half interest than not to get anything. Of course, if we can equitably and legally hold the whole of it, we should do so, but I believe we should be willing to concede at least up to one-half in settling with the contestant. I think if we stand all the expense, that we should have some contingent additional interest for furnishing the funds. I trust that I have made myself clear in this matter.

Was I not correct in my letter of yesterday in stating that Mr. Poor and his associates were not interested in the more recent denouncements which you made? I remember that Mr. Merrill had a written agreement from them to the effect that they waived all claim to anything that you might secure outside of the original locations. If that agreement covered your more recent denouncements, they certainly

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should not be taken into account in our dealings with Mr. Poor and his associates. Will you kindly see to this?

Trusting that you will be able to give this matter the attention which its importance deserves, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 15, 1912.

Mr. R. W. Fenn, Mgr. Manufacturing Dept.,
Hills Bldg.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fenn:

Yours of the 13th inst. duly received. Because of cert in statements therein, I did not think it wise to present it to the Board at its meeting yesterday afternoon, as I believe to have done so would have defeated our purpose in trying to have you continued in your position at the head of the Manufacturing Department..

While there are men in the employ of the company whose services I think might be dispensed with to its advantage, I do not feel that it is wise to make an issue at the present time. and while agreeing with you in part in reference to criticisms which you have made in the past, I cannot see that these conditions need to interfere with the successful management of your particular department. They are matters you can dismiss from your mind for the present, and trust that in the development of our organization these things will be corrected.

As to the question of newcomers having been preferred before you in the matter of Directorship, would say that it was necessary to elect Mr. Watchorn, because of the importance of having the Manager of our Financial Department present at the meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee on all occasions, as far as possible. Mr. Tubby was put in as the representative, I think, of

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the Steamship Company, to fill a vacancy in time of emergency, during your absence. This is my recollection. But your idea as to your usefulness to the company being enhanced by being on the Board is a mere fallacy, and am sure has no foundation in fact, for your opinion in the Executive Committee is just as valuable as it could be in the Board; and the Executive Committee, composed of the heads of departments, is doing the executive work of the company under the authority of the Board of Directors. The success of the company must necessarily depend on the hearty cooperation of the heads of all the departments, and the head of a department does not have any increased authority or influence in the Executive Committee by reason of being a member of the Board of Directors, excepting in voting on legal questions, and the decision on many of these legal questions is dependent on the counsel of the men who are at the head of departments.

As my friend, I personally wish you were on the board, but being there would not increase your influence or usefulness to the company one iota. Candidly, I believe that this ambition of yours to be placed on the Board is your greatest weakness, and I hope you will be able to forget it. I am saying this to you as your friend.

I will take up the matter of Mr. Watchorn's agreement with you to advance you the money referred to at the first meeting of our Executive Committee. Today was the time for it, but some of our members are out of the city.

Trusting that you will receive what I have written in the spirit in which it is written, and that you will see your way clear to place your resignation on the basis on which the action of the Board of Directors placed it in January, I am, as ever,
 Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 18, 1912.

James Moffet,
D.H. Parsons,
C.E. Poor,
W.H. Bradshaw, Agent, (Nellie A. Bradshaw, Admx.)

320 W. 1st St.,
City.

Gentlemen:

When Mr. S.I. Merrill left the city for Arizona last week, he sent me copies of his correspondence with you in reference to the CoalComan iron interests in Mexico.

Your proposition does not meet the present situation. If we are informed correctly, the attorney who is handling the matter of our titles in Mexico is also the attorney for the party who is contesting them, and by reason of this peculiar condition it is quite probable that our titles may fall absolutely, and none of us have anything to sell. It has occurred to me that it would be good business to settle with the contestant by giving him some interest in this proposition, so that each would have a title that would be unassailable.

Mr. Watchorn is in the east, and while there will secure credentials in Washington which will give him standing with the authorities in Mexico and enable him to get this matter cleared up, provided political conditions become sufficiently settled to render it safe for him to go there before returning to Los Angeles. With your knowledge of the condition of our titles, would you kindly say to what extent you are willing to surrender a portion of your int-

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There will be considerable expense incurred in Mr. Watchorn's going to Washington and taking up this matter in Mexico, and as already much more money has been expended than was originally anticipated, will you kindly state whether you will each stand your proper pro rata of the extra expense, including Mr. Watchorn's trip and any other expenses which may be involved in the perfecting of these titles?

Would be pleased to hear from you very fully as to what concessions in interest you would be willing to make, if necessary, to secure absolute title.

Trusting that Mr. Moffet's health is improved, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Mar. 18, 1912.

To Whom it May Concern:

I take pleasure in stating that I have known Mr. Seth J. Hardison since his childhood; that he was for a number of years in the employ of the Union Oil Company; and that he has had a large experience in the handling of oil wells. He left our employ of his own volition to accept a position in South America.

We always found him honest, sober and industrious, and we do not hesitate to recommend him without reservation to any one requiring the services of a competent man to handle an oil property, in any position which he may undertake to fill.

Respectfully,

President.

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Mar. 18, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Please ship a box of oranges to each of the following:

✓ Lyman Stewart,	832 Lucas Ave.
✓ W.L. Stewart,	La Banda Park, Cal.
✓ Giles Kellogg,	3008 Wilshire Blvd.
✓ R.D. Smith,	624 Misner Bldg.
✓ T.C. Horton,	654 W. Ave. 49.
✓ A.B. Frish rd,	1329 W. 4th St.
✓ Mrs. John Lowe,	139 E. Ave. 55.
✓ Mrs. C.A. Neth,	3908 Pasadena Ave.
✓ Mrs. C.E. Hurlburt,	5118 Granada St.
✓ Rev. Louis Meyer,	123 Huntington Place,
	Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.
	Testimony Publishing Co. 803 La Salle Ave., Chicago.

and one-half box to Prof. H.W. Kellogg, 4820 San Rafael St., Los Angeles.

Please ship choice fruit to the eastern addresses; also kindly change the order for the Bible Institute to three boxes every other week.

Yours truly,

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Mar. 18, 1912.

Mr. B. T. Earl,
Union Oil Bldg.,
City.

Dear Mr. Earl:

Yours of the 14th inst. duly received. Am sorry that Mr. Loughboa has not been able to make the desired investigation of the Western Gas Engine Company's affairs, and trust that he will be able to do so very soon.

I also regret to have to admit that the Western Gas Engine Co., or its attorney, neglected to protect the interests of the stockholders in filing a claim against the Sterling estate. The only hope for us now to secure our claim against that estate will be the possibility of having the banks send these notes containing the guarantee to some correspondent in St. Louis, and have them make the fight against the estate there, if possible to do so. The law in Missouri allows two years in which to make such filing. I instructed John Murray Marshall to take it up promptly, but have not heard as yet as to the result.

Yours very truly,

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Mar. 20, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,
Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Please ship, prepaid, one box of oranges to Mrs. Daniel H. Martin, Cynwyd, Pa., and one to J.M. Critchlow, Titusville, Pa. You were right in sending the very choicest fruit to the eastern addresses which I gave you a couple of days ago, and I also wish this fruit to be the best quality. I neglected to mention that the charges were to be prepaid on the other eastern shipments. Please do this if the shipment has not already been made.

Yours very truly,



Mar. 20, 1912.

Mr. S. E. Wishard,
135 E. Avo. 52,
City.

Dear Mr. Wishard:

Yours of the 18th inst. at hand. In response thereto, I am enclosing you my check for \$10, to assist in getting out another edition of the brochure referred to in your letter.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 23, 1912.

Mrs. Daniel H. Martin,
Cynwyd, Pa.

Dear May;

On reading reports of continued storms and floods in the middle west we were feeling very anxious, fearing that you would not be able to get through, and that with yours and Elizabeth's colds the result might be serious, so we were greatly relieved on receipt of your telegram of the 22nd, saying that you had arrived on time. Somehow the Santa Fe seems to be more fortunate in battling with the storms and floods than the other transcontinental lines. We read of great floods in Pittsburg, and shall continue to feel anxious until we know you have arrived safely in Cynwyd.

Letters of sympathy continue to come in, and I enclose one from Cousin Anna Reynolds herewith, which kindly return.

We miss you all very much, - notwithstanding Freds have come in to take your place. It has been remarked several times how large a place such small people could fill in a home.

Miss Crowell ordered a box of oranges for you a day or two after you left. I trust you will all enjoy them.

On returning from the train Tuesday morning we found a letter for Dan, which we assumed was the one he had been so anxiously expecting. I would like to have opened it and wired him the contents, thinking that it might possibly set his mind at ease in reference to the supply of his pulpit tomorrow, but instead we forwarded it, and you will probably receive it about Monday morning.

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On Wednesday night I had to go to Bakersfield to testify in that suit, returning on Thursday night. On Thursday Milton and Miss Wickett went to Ontario, and Milton contracted a severe cold, and is confined to his room today. We of course feel somewhat anxious because of his experience of a year ago.

With much love to you all, and praying for the Lord's blessing upon you in all your work for Him, I am, as ever,

Your very affectionate

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CARBON COPY OF TELEGRAM

MAIL A COPY DAILY TO LOS ANGELES OFFICE

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 23, 1912.

Robert Watchorn,

Murray Hill Hotel, New York.

Moffet Poor and associates have executed power of attorney giving you full authority to do everything necessary even to making of concessions of such portions of their interests as may be necessary for the perfection of title to Mexican iron holdings. Will forward instrument if desired.

Lynn Stewart.

(Chg. Union Oil Co.)

... institute, payable within 24 months, conditioned on \$50,000 being raised within that period, for the Union's building.

You will notice that the ...

When your agent ... first called to see me, I gave him ...
... and said that in order ...
... go through with its building ...
\$50,000 on this coast, and that it would ...
to secure it unless I would give a ...
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Mar. 25, 1912.

Mr. A. F. Gaylor, Bus. Mgr.,
Moody Bible Institute,
Institute Place,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gaylor:

Yours of the 13th inst. duly received. I had been resting under the impression that my subscription was payable in three years, but on referring to my books I find this memorandum:

"Apr. 28, 1910. Signed pledge for \$5,000 to Moody Bible Institute, Payable within 24 months, conditioned on \$50,000 being raised within that period, for the women's building."

You will notice that the date is one month later than you have named.

When your agent, - I think his name was Campbell, - first called to see me, I gave him a check for \$500. He returned later, and said that in order for the Moody Institute to go through with its building enterprises he would have to raise \$50,000 on this coast, and that it would be impossible for him to secure it unless I would give a large subscription. I accordingly pledged \$5,000, as indicated in the memorandum quoted above, but in which I notice that I failed to state that it was limited to this coast. I never heard from him again, and am not advised as to what success he had on the coast.

I am not disposed, however, to take a technical

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advantage of his possible failure to secure the amount indicated, but inasmuch as we are now struggling to provide a home for our local Bible Institute, it would be a relief if the payment of this pledge could be deferred.

I greatly enjoyed my little visit at the Moody Institute, and regret that I could not have spent more time in examining your plant. I was taken seriously ill soon after, and hence was necessarily obliged to defer acknowledging your great kindness to me on the occasion of my visit, which I shall ever gratefully remember.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 25, 1912.

Mr. T. C. Horton,
262½ S.M. in St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Horton:

I return herewith letter which you handed me some time since from Mr. William H. Nowack. I have wondered if the Bible Institute were to identify itself with any special missionary work in China whether it would not better take a part in Dr. Keller's unique work in Hunan. This involves Bible training and practical evangelistic work, as well as contemplating a large central Bible Institute for the province. This work, it seems to me, is such an improvement over the ordinary methods, that I think it would be a distinct gain to the cause to have all your students familiarized with it by being identified with it, and thus possibly extend it to the various fields in which the Lord may call them to labor, in other countries as well as in China.

I am disposed to think favorably of Joe's suggestion to buy the lots on the corner of 4th St. and Lucas Ave. and place our best buildings from Hope St. thereon, thereby enabling us to realize more nearly their real value.

For the purpose of having a record, would suggest that you drop a line to Rev. E. W. Blew, calling his attention to the notices which you have sent him for the calendar of Immanuel Church, and ask whether there is any objection to inserting them. It cer-

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tainly is doing our Immanuel people a great wrong not to have them apprised of the fact that such meetings are being held by Dr. Torrey every Sunday afternoon.

Yours very sincerely,



Mar. 25, 1912.

Mr. J. A. Gordon,
262 1/2 S. Main St.,
City.

Dear Dr. Gordon:

Enclosed find check for \$1.00 to cover subscription
to the Bible Student & Teacher for the year ending March 1913.

Owing to the pressing demands of the enterprises in
which I am interested, I do not see my way clear to assist in the
good work of the Bible League this year.

Praying that the Lord will bless and prosper its
work, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 25, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Finney,
Title Insurance Bldg.,
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 13th inst. duly received. Accept my thanks for the opinion from Prof. Hershfield upon the Western engine.

I have had some conversation with my son A. C. regarding your suggestions in reference to a promotion scheme for the Western Gas Engine Co., and he quite agrees with me that we have no sufficiently reliable data on which we would be willing to have a promotion scheme undertaken; and as stated to you, I think in our last interview, I do not think it would be wise to undertake anything along this line until from actual practice we have established data on which we can safely recommend our friends to invest.

Mr. C. M. Smith has taken hold of the business as General Manager with such energy, and has thus far proven such efficiency in his position, that I believe within a few months we will be in a position to talk intelligently and safely to prospective investors.

Thanking you for the interest which you have taken in this matter, and for the attention which you have already given it, I am,

Yours very truly,

Mar. 25, 1912.

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Mrs. Hannah R. Armstrong,
713 S. Flower St.,
City.

Dear Madam:

Yours of the 15th inst. duly received. I regret to learn of your long illness and of the lonely condition in which you are placed. It is a great comfort to know that you are in the hands of an all-wise Father, who makes "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

I regret to have to say to you that I am so situated that it will be out of the question for me to aid you in getting into the Hollenbeck Home, my resources having already been practically mortgaged in other work.

Praying that you may know the Lord's keeping power in all your trials, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Mar. 25, 1912.

Mr. C.C.Pierce,
810 S.Flower St.,
City.

Dear Mr. Pierce:

Yours of the 5th inst. duly received; also a copy of your "Songs of Heaven," which you so kindly sent me, and for which please accept my sincere thanks.

Allow me to say that all our friends have been profuse in their expressions of appreciation of the services rendered by your firm on the occasion of Mrs. Stewart's funeral. It was a great satisfaction to have the details of these services in the hands of men who not only understood their business, but who were conscientious in the performance of their duties.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 25, 1912.

Mrs. F. P. Durston,
433 Lake St.,
City.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$210, being in payment of six months interest to Mar. 26th, 1912, on my note for \$7,000 in your favor.

Yours very truly,

Mar. 25, 1912.

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Pacific Presbyterian,
788 Mission St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

On the 23rd inst. I mailed you a check for \$1.50, covering subscription to your paper from Apr. 1, 1912 to Mar. 31, 1913. I have just discovered that I mailed you check for a similar amount on Feb. 14th. Is this a duplicate payment, or was I in arrears on my subscription?

Yours very truly,

Mar. 26, 1912.

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Mr. A. W. Johnson, President,
California C. E. Union,
2183 Fillmore St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

Your very interesting letter of the 23rd inst. duly received. Am pleased to learn of the good work which your state Union is doing.

Having undertaken some special work, which is overtaxing my resources, my impulse was to reply that I would be unable to help in your good work this year; but this morning I read your letter to my brother, Milton Stewart, and he said that he would pay one-half of the amount indicated by you, and handed me his check for \$50. I enclose my own check for an additional \$50, and trust that you will be able to raise the amount required for your work without serious difficulty.

Praying for the Lord's blessing upon you and upon your work for Him, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 28, 1912.

William H. Crawford, President,
Allegheny College,
Meadville, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 20th inst., beg to say that your letter to my brother Milton was received. I will hand to him your letter of inquiry in reference to it.

He has taken up some special work, and has indicated to me on more than one occasion that his resources were being severely taxed.

Yours very truly,

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Mar. 29, 1912.

Mrs. Alice A. Manlove,
443 Florence Ave.,
Hollywood, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Manlove:

Your letter of the 26th inst. duly received, and I am pleased to hear of the good work you are doing. Enclosed herewith find my check for \$5.00 to relieve your present needs.

Praying for the Lord's blessing upon you and upon your work for Him, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 29, 1912.

Miss Louella Smith,
Santa Fe Hospital,
City.

Dear Miss Smith:

Your letter of Oct. 2nd has only lately come to my attention. I was taken very seriously ill in New York on Oct. 3rd, and for a considerable time my mail was censored, so I did not see it, and I am only just now taking it up.

I sincerely sympathize with you in reference to your nephew's sad condition, and I trust that ere this the desires of your heart have been granted, both as to his salvation and his restoration to health. I would be pleased to hear from you again in regard to him.

I note how you have been blessed in never having a death in your family circle, and I trust it may be long before you are subjected to such an experience. On the 5th of last month Mrs. Stewart was taken away. You can doubtless imagine what this means to me, after forty five years of close companionship, and what it means to our children, to whom she had ever been one of the most devoted of mothers.

Praying that the Lord will be with you and sustain you, and greatly bless you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mar. 29, 1912.

Mr. Herrick J. Lane,
Occidental College,
City.

My dear Mr. Lane:

Yours of Oct. 5th only came to my attention a few days ago. During my illness my mail was censored, and it accumulated to such an extent that I never got through it until this week.

I am very glad to learn that a part of your plan was to have a couple of years work in a Bible school. You say that you had thought of White's Bible School in New York City. I believe that you would get a great deal more help from a couple of years in our own Institute than you would in Dr. White's school. Confidentially, my friend, Dr. Louis Meyer, has spent considerable time in Dr. White's school, and is also familiar with the work being done in our own, and he regards ours as better. Now that we have Dr. Torrey, who is one of the greatest Bible teachers in the world, I think it will have a great advantage over Dr. White's.

As I understand the situation now, you are depending on me for a loan of \$250 a year for four years. These amounts are now subject to your call from year to year as required.

Yours very sincerely,

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M.r. 29, 1912.

Mr. M. H. Merriman,
The Kinnear,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Merriman:

Yours of Sept. 23rd has remained unnoticed because of its coming during my absence in the east, where I was taken very ill, and for a long time was not permitted to see my mail.

In regard to the matter of a lease of your property in San Diego, I presume anything I might say now would be too late. I will say, however, that our geologists who have examined the territory in that vicinity have not been favorably impressed with it as to its value for oil purposes.

I presume that you have heard that Mrs. Stewart passed away on the 5th of February. She had a stroke of apoplexy in June, 1909, but in answer to prayer was suddenly raised up, and she continued in fairly comfortable health until within a couple of months of her death. You of course know what a sense of desolation and loneliness a break in the family circle brings. The Lord has been very gracious to us, and has raised up many kind, sympathetic friends.

You have heard, of course, that Dr. Walker resigned the pastorate of Immanuel Church and accepted a call to Atlanta. He left us on Feb. 6th. We are now seeking to obtain a pastor, - one

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whom the Lord shall choose. Our annual meeting takes place next Wednesday night, and the committee has indicated that it would ask the congregation to take some action in reference to a man it has in view. We are not sure, however, that they will be ready to have action taken. In the meantime, will you kindly give me your views as to Dr. Matthews of your city. Would he be the right man for us, in your judgment? His name has been mentioned, but I believe some adverse criticism has been made, which caused the committee to be undecided.

With kind regards to Mrs. Merriman and John and Frank, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mr. A. C. Gaebelin,
80 Second St.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Gaebelin:

I was in New York last October, and had planned to call on you, but was taken very seriously ill, which illness was followed by a protracted period of convalescence, and hence my correspondence was necessarily neglected. For a considerable period I was not allowed to see my mail at all. This will account for your several letters not having been acknowledged.

The work which we have undertaken has so taxed our resources that we have been unable to assume further financial responsibility in connection with other work; so that even had I been able to write I could not have availed myself of the privilege of having a part in the matters which you have indicated.

Dr. R. A. Torrey is at our Bible Institute now, and we believe is deepening the foundation of a great work for the Lord.

Praying for the Lord's richest blessing upon your work for Him, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Rev. J. F. Carson, D.D.,
258 Jefferson Ave.,
Brookly, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Carson:

Your note of Dec. 29th was duly received, but owing to illness, it, with a large amount of my correspondence, has been neglected.

While thanking you very heartily for your kind thoughtfulness in nominating me as a commissioner to the Presbyterian Council at Aberdeen, Scotland, to be held in the summer of 1913, I regret to have to say that my acceptance will be impossible, and hence would be pleased to have you withdraw the nomination.

Thanking you most heartily for the honor which you have tendered me, I am, with kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mrs. Charles H. Fish,
614 Fifth Ave.,
San Rafael, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Your kind letter of the 28th inst. at hand. I thank you very heartily for your encouraging words in reference to "The Fundamentals." The Lord is greatly blessing this ministry, and many thousands of ministers and teachers have given warm expressions of their appreciation of its great helpfulness to them, some of them having been led to bid farewell to their doubts and having now a message for their people. If you have friends whom you think would be really helped by reading "The Fundamentals," the Testimony Publishing Company will be glad to supply them on request.

We cannot understand how you have learned that we are in any way connected with the publication of "The Fundamentals," and we trust that you will not communicate the information to others.

(You will doubtless be pleased to know that Dr. R. A. Torrey, formerly Superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute, is now connected with our Los Angeles Bible Institute, and with Rev. T. C. Horton, the founder of the institution, is endeavoring to lay deep, strong spiritual foundations, so that, if possible, our state may be saved from the paganism and inridelity that is so rampant in some sections of our coast.)

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We were disappointed in our efforts to protect the line of teaching which our missionaries were giving in Korea, by stipulating that they should accept the great fundamental doctrines of the Scriptures; and after waiting a year and a half without a single selection by the Board, and its sending elsewhere the missionaries whom Dr. Underwood had chosen on this coast, we became discouraged and withdrew our offer, on which they waked up and asked for an extension of time, which was granted, during which half the number which we had offered to provide for were appointed, and are now all at work in Korea. Poor human nature is not at all dependable, and I fear that some of the members of our church Boards have held their positions so long that they have become somewhat popish in their practice, and will not brook suggestions from the laity. The excuse given for not appointing missionaries under our offer was that they were not allowed to go back of the credentials of the Presbyteries from which the candidates would come. This, as a matter of fact, would make an infidel eligible to appointment to a mission field, or to a position as teacher in a Bible training school, if he had a letter from his Presbytery, which, in some instances, would not be difficult for him to obtain.

You are to be congratulated in having a daughter as a helpmate to a man who is doing such a mighty work for the Lord as Dr. Moffett is doing in Korea. We often think of him and remember his work in our prayers.

Thanking you for your good letter, and praying for the Lord's blessing upon you and your husband in all your labors for Him, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mr. Thomas E. Stephens,
808 La Salle Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Yours of the 26th inst. just received. I am very much surprised to learn that you could make a box of oranges go so far. I will be delighted to send a box to your home if you will kindly furnish me your address, and also one to Mr. Caylord, if he is a man or family, and one to Miss Behrens also, if she has a home. I wish I were worthy of the statement contained on the slip which you enclosed with the oranges sent to your friends.

Am pleased to know that the matter for Vol. 8 of "The Fundamentals" is already in hand. Vol. 7 is very excellent. Would be pleased to receive a list of the subjects for Vol. 8.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mr. O. E. Goodale,
325 Security Bldg.,
City.

Dear Mr. Goodale:

Yours of the 27th inst. just received. Your suggestion in reference to an Easter collection for the evangelistic work of the Presbytery I think is a good one, and I will gladly support such action.

Am glad to hear good reports of Mr. Pratt's work. This, however, I had expected, as I know him to be a strong Bible teacher and an able evangelist.

Yesterday afternoon we had our usual monthly report meeting of the several departments or work in our Bible Institute, and I thought of both yourself and Mrs. Goodale, and wished that you could be present and see for yourselves how wonderfully the Lord is leading and using these people. On next Tuesday night will be held what is termed the monthly open meeting of the young men's and young women's clubs, and I wish that you would both make it a point to be present and learn something of the blessing that has come into these young lives through the work of the Institute.

Of course no great work for the Lord can be done without active opposition from the great adversary, and it grieves me more than I can tell to know that many good people have been so

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impressed with groundless reports as to be led to repeat them, to the detriment of this good work. I find the opinion quite prevalent in our own Immanuel Church that the Bible Institute has been inimical to it and to its former beloved pastor, Dr. Walker. Allow me to assure you most positively that these reports, I believe, are absolutely without foundation in fact. I am sure that the Bible Institute has been one of the warmest friends of Immanuel Church and of Dr. Walker, and I have never heard in the Institute nor from any of its officers a criticism or an unkind word in reference to either. It has sought to help the church, and three of its paid workers have labored assiduously in Immanuel's Sunday School, as have also a number of its officers and friends.

I have had many pleasant recollections of yourself and your good wife as former members of my little Bible class, where we often "took sweet counsel together," and where I learned to esteem you both very highly, because of your loyalty to the Scriptures and your faithfulness in standing for the truth. It grieves me now, beyond my power to express, to find that you are antagonistic to the greatest work for the Lord which has ever been done on this coast. I am sure that if you understood you would want a part in it.

If you see your way clear to give me any ground for your lack of confidence in this work, I would be very grateful to you for doing so.

Dr. Torrey, who was for many years Superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute, and then made the world-famed evan-

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gelistic tour with Charles Alexander around the world, is every Sunday afternoon giving an evangelistic address in Temple Auditorium. These addresses are very helpful, and result in conversions at every service. There are many people in Immanuel Church who would be greatly blessed could they be in these meetings, and some of them doubtless would be glad to bring their ^{un}converted friends to such meetings did they know of them. I feel that it is doing our people a real wrong not to have them advised of such opportunities for hearing the Gospel.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mrs. Daniel H. Martin,
Cynwyd, Pa.

My dear May:

Your good letter of the 25th inst. was duly received. We are very much pleased to learn that you got home in such good time, and that Elizabeth had gotten over her cold, but sorry to learn that you had added to yours. I trust that you are entirely recovered from it ere this.

It certainly was very kind in your church people to remember you in such a beautiful way.

There is not much to report here in the way of news. Yesterday we had our usual monthly report meeting in the Bible Institute, which was really inspiring. It is very wonderful the way the Lord is using these men and women, whose lives are surrendered to Him, in leading souls to Christ.

Our committee on securing a pastor for Immanuel called a congregational meeting last Wednesday night, but were not quite ready to report, and the meeting was adjourned until next Wednesday night, when we have our regular annual congregational meeting, and this question will probably be disposed of then. Confidentially, the man whom the committee has concentrated on is a Dr. Johnson or Johnston, Pastor of the American Presbyterian Church at Montreal. We have no indication, however, that he would be disposed to consider

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a call, so the plan will be to adopt the usual Los Angeles policy that to get what we want we must go for it.

Miss Bingham is improving again, and seems more like herself.

Mrs. Clelland, President of the Presbyterian Society, called to see me yesterday to ascertain whether we would be disposed to continue the payment of the salaries of Mr. Gluns and Miss Banks. I think I asked her to write directly to you in reference to it. However, I would say in advance of her writing, that I think the amount of these two salaries, if put into Dr. Keller's house-boat work, would probably reach ten times as far in the way of evangelizing the people, for they not only reach directly a much larger number, but at the same time missionaries are being trained for future service.

Yesterday I received a letter from Dr. Dixon, Pastor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle of London, which is so interesting that I am sending you herewith a copy.

With much love to you all, I am, as ever,

Your affectionate