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Apr. 2, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Earl:

Mr. Elliott, President of the First National Bank, has called twice in the past few weeks for the payment of a lot of delinquent customers' paper. I do not know the exact amount, but have the impression that it is considerable. I have just written Mr. Elliott to send a statement of it to Mr. C. M. Smith, Secretary of the Company.

I wrote you on March 13th asking you to send a check to cover your share of the liabilities of the company, but have not heard from you. To save the credit of the company, as well as to protect the reputation of the directors, I have dug up from time to time until I have now put up over \$100,000 more than my proportion of the total liabilities, and I submit to you whether it is unreasonable in me to expect the stockholders who are able, to provide at least the amount for which they are legally liable.

Am glad to report that since Mr. Smith has taken hold the situation looks much more encouraging. I think he has already put the business on a paying basis, and that it may eventually work out.

Mr. C. E. Finney is anxious to get into the gas engine



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manufacturing business, and is disposed to negotiate some sort of a deal for the purchase of the company's property, but the trouble is he has no ready money. I like his appearance, and believe that he would build up a great industry if he were able to finance the business.

To get rid of a lot of those old Frost snags, we are proposing to organize the Western Gas Engine Corporation, and take over the live assets of the company at a fair valuation, and reorganize the business. Those who are putting up money will in this reorganization scheme get their pro rata of the stock of the new company, which, I believe, will prove to be a substantial asset. Do you approve of this?

Kindly send your check promptly, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. J. M. Elliott, President,  
First National Bank,  
City.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of your recent correspondence with Mr. S. I. Merrill, in reference to delinquent paper in your hands, which we have guaranteed for the Western Gas Engine Company. Will you kindly send a statement of the paper which you desire to have cared for to Mr. C. M. Smith, Secretary of the Western Gas Engine Co., 908 N. Main St.

Regretting the annoyance which this matter has caused you, I am, as ever,

Yours very truly,  

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Apr. 2, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find correspondence between the First National Bank and S. I. Merrill, together with copy of my letter to Mr. Elliott.

It seems that Mr. Merrill and I had guaranteed payment to the bank on our customers' paper, so we will need to provide for it very promptly. When you hear from Mr. Elliott kindly let me know how much money will be required to make a clean-up, and oblige.

In the papers for your proposed new corporation I notice that you have provided for seven directors. I think seven would be rather cumbersome for us, and would suggest five.

Yours very truly,

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

Dear Mr. Earl:

Yours of the 2nd inst. at hand. In reply beg to say that I am out of politics this year. Am trying to save the Western Gas Engine Co., and to build a plant for the Los Angeles Bible Institute, so that my hands are more than full.

Thanking you for giving me the opportunity to participate in this work, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 4, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Finney,

Title Insurance Bldg.,

City.

Dear Mr. Finney:

Yours of the 1st inst. at hand. My lack of enthusiasm in reference to your proposition results from the fact that it does not provide the financial relief to me which I am seeking. Perhaps if we could have an interview we might possibly work out some basis that would be mutually satisfactory.

The Gas Engine situation is looking much more encouraging than it did a few weeks ago.

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 4, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Please ship to me at 632 Lucas Ave., Los Angeles, and to W.L. Stewart at La Mania Park, Cal., one box each of navels and tangerines. Also please ship one box of oranges to each of the following:

T.C. Horton,	654 W. Ave. 49, L.A.
A.B. Prichard,	1329 W. 4th St. "
Mrs. C.E. Hurlburt,	5118 Granada St. "
Miss L.M. Crowell,	1421 Albany St. "
Prof. H.W. Kellogg,	4820 San Rafael St. L.A.
✓ R.D. Smith,	624 Lisner Bldg. "
Robert Watchorn,	2706 Wilshire Blvd. "
Giles Kellogg,	3002 Wilshire Blvd. "

Yours truly,

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W.B.Stewart,  
Upland, Cal.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find bill of Beesley & Castle for \$22.32, together with my check to cover same. I am sending it to you for the purpose of ascertaining whether this is our property, and whether the work has been actually done.

May reached home without any interruption from the storms and floods, and is well.

You will notice by the papers that our attorney, Major H.T.Lee, has passed away. He is the fifth of our prominent attorneys whom we have lost through death, and this suggests the fact that we are not, as we flatter ourselves, in the land of the living, but in the land of the dying, and it becomes us to secure an inheritance in the land of the living through acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

With loving regards to May and the children, I am,  
as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 4, 1912.

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

Dear Dr. Dixon:

Your kind and helpful letter of sympathy of March 13th was duly received, and for which please accept my heartfelt thanks.

I note in your reference to the work of the Testimony Publishing Company that you are disposed to give me credit to which I am not entitled. There are hundreds of Christian business men who could have financed such an enterprise, but it was you who made it the successful instrumentality which it is in doing the work for which intended. It was you who gathered together the strong committee which organized the work, and it was you who enlisted the services of the able corps of stalwart writers who have supplied its pages and made them a means of blessing to so many.

I often think of how I was impelled when you were in Los Angeles to go and talk this business over with you. I had never mentioned it to any one, not even to my own dear wife, and had I not yielded to the impulse to go and see you, so far as I am concerned I am afraid the work would not have



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been undertaken at all. At least, it probably would not yet have been begun, for the depression in industrial affairs which followed soon after, together with other responsibilities since assumed in connection with other work, would doubtless have prevented our taking up this additional work. As "God hath before ordained" our "good works," I believe that He sent you to the Pacific Coast at that particular time in order that you might undertake what has developed into the work of the Testimony Publishing Company.

We from time to time receive clippings from English newspapers telling how the Metropolitan Tabernacle again has large crowds at its services, and we rejoice with you in the success which is attending your ministry in that historic church.

Praying that the Lord will continue to abundantly bless your work for Him, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 6, 1912.

Mr. James Edwards,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$94.61, as per your requisition.

It will be all right for you to purchase a new cultivator, and such an one as you desire.

Yours very truly,



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Apr. 6, 1912.

Mr. Horrick J. Lane,  
316 Pasadena Ave.,  
South Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Mr. Lane:

Yours of the 5th inst. just received, and of course I am somewhat disappointed. However, as you say, the hand of God seems to have controlled in your affairs. I am wondering whether, in His infinite wisdom and love, He is not seeking to protect you from the dangers of a college and seminary training by placing you in a position where you can take up lines of Bible study and Christian work, and where you may render more efficient service than if you were in a pastorate.

We know that His will for you is right and the very best possible thing for you, and the only thing for you to do is to know His will and walk in it. May you so know His leading as to get fully into His plan for your life, is the prayer of

Yours very sincerely,

Eph. 2:10.

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Apr. 8, 1912.

Mr. E. O. Emerson,

Titusville, Pa.

My dear Mr. Emerson:

Your very kind letter of sympathy under date of Feb. 16th from Watkins Glen was duly received, for which please accept my heartfelt thanks.

I was very sorry to learn that the condition of your health required you to leave your home in the winter, and trust that your sojourn in that delightful place not only met your expectations in reference to your physical improvement, but that you found it a great spiritual uplift as well. I remember that Watkins Glen has been somewhat noted for its high spiritual character.

I note that your sister has departed since I saw you, but you of course knew before something of the desolation and loneliness that a break in the family circle necessarily brings, and you have long known the real Source of true comfort. Yes, it is true the ranks of our old friends are being rapidly depleted, and we have constant reminders that we are not in the land of the living, as we seek to flatter ourselves, but really in the land of the dying. What a blessed thing it is, however, that we may have a hope of an inheritance in the land of the living, through faith in the atoning sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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In view of the uncertainty of life and the limited tenure of our hold on its affairs, it becomes us, as wise men, to be "laying up in store for" ourselves "a good foundation against the time to come." I often feel impelled to seek to have that which the Lord has entrusted to me transmuted into living gospel truth before being called away.

Our coast is progressing along all lines at such a phenomenal rate that I am often led to ask myself the question whether I am "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." Our city already has 400,000 inhabitants, and it is expected that in another decade we will have a million. With our magnificent climate, our fertile soil, our rich mines, our immense water power, our cheap fuel, our superior citizenship, the opening of the Panama Canal, and our proximity to the orient, there will, in the comparatively near future, if conditions continue normal, be built up on this coast such a commercial and industrial empire as the world has not even dreamed of. Hence it is the part of wisdom on the part of the Lord's people to seek to lay such deep and permanent foundations for the spiritual and moral welfare of this coast as shall influence its entire future.

We have a great object lesson in San Francisco. The gold seekers came out and were so successful that they cared little for the spiritual and moral welfare of the community, with the result that anarchy has practically reigned in that city for the past decade. The last census shows 420,000 people in that



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city, 40,000 of whom are Protestant adherents and 100,000 Roman Catholics, leaving 280,000 infidel and pagan. The influence of this pagan and infidel element is liable to dominate the entire coast unless counteracted through the many-sided work of our Los Angeles Bible Institute and Bible House. The influence of these organizations is already felt to some extent throughout the entire length and breadth of the coast, but their work needs to be greatly augmented, not only to meet present needs, but to meet the emergencies that will arise when the canal is opened and the hordes of European immigrants pour in here.

I send you under separate cover a report of the Bible House, which I trust you will find interesting reading, and that you will note particularly its unique work under the direction of Dr. Frank A. Keller in the province of Hunan, China. Twenty-two of these floating Bible training classes would cover the entire province of Hunan in four years. It costs per year for the equipment of one boat, the salaries of its teacher and colporteurs, and the literature which they distribute, \$2500 to \$3000, so that a comparatively small sum would evangelize that entire province of 22,000,000 people. I believe that this method would result in the evangelization of that great empire in very much less time than would be possible under existing methods; and these colporteurs, with two years of Bible training, and then a course in the Bible Institute, would be very much more efficient workers than the average foreign missionary, principally because they know the language,

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the peculiarities of their people, and will have a better Bible training than could possibly be obtained in a theological seminary. I simply mention this line of work as being, I believe, a more profitable and safe one in which to invest mission funds than any of the usual channels.

(Dr.R.A.Torrey came here early in January to take charge of the teaching work in our Bible Institute, bringing with him Dr.John Hunter of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Dr.Gray did not like to part with Dr.Hunter, but he said that he regarded Los Angeles as the most important point in the world at the present time, because great battles would eventually have to be fought out here, where the occident and the orient meet, and that for that reason he would consent to Dr. Hunter's coming, and would himself come out each year and spend a week or two in assisting in Bible conferences. Dr. Torrey is very popular as a teacher, and I presume is one of the best Bible teachers in the world.

The Institute has already outgrown its present quarters, and it becomes necessary for it to have a home of its own. We have secured an ideal location at a cost of \$170,000, but we will need at least \$500,000 or \$600,000 to complete the plant. We are preparing now to excavate and get ready, and hope to have the basements completed by fall. While these buildings will be needed for use as quickly as they can be constructed, we can only proceed with the work as fast as funds can be obtained. Much more money will be required than is at present in sight.)



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The present operating expenses of the Institute and its affiliated work are in the vicinity of \$40,000 a year. This will be largely increased as means are provided, because the Institute's work contemplates the evangelization of the entire coast. There are large areas in this state where there is not even a Sunday School. On one of our vacation trips we traveled from Placerville to Tahoe City, a distance of seventy-five miles, and in all that distance we did not find a church or a Sunday School, so the needs right here at home are very great, but unfortunately the great mass of our church people are quite satisfied if they can keep their individual churches free from debt. They do not seem to feel any special responsibility in reference to the carrying out of the great commission, "preach the gospel to every creature."

Our motto in connection with the Bible House, and largely with the Institute also, has been "full information, but no solicitation." The Lord has been very gracious, and we have had many answers to prayer.

With kind regards to Mrs. Emerson and your children, and praying that you may ever realize the Lord's presence with you, and be so guided as to be in His perfect will, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 8, 1912.

Miss L.M. Crowell,

Office.

Dear Miss Crowell:

In the matter of the checks given you under dates of Feb. 23th and Feb. 29th, 1912, for the sums of \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively, and which sums, at my request, you loaned to the Western Gas Engine Company: Now, this is to certify that I hereby release you from all claims of myself, my heirs or legal representatives for these moneys or any part thereof, excepting such as you may realize from collections on your claims against the said Western Gas Engine Company, which amounts you are to pay to me.

Yours respectfully,

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April 8, 1912.

Mr. A. F. Gaylord,  
Moody Bible Institute,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

Your very kind letter of the 3rd inst. is at hand.

I evidently was very careless in dating my memorandum in reference to my pledge to the Moody Bible Institute. I am disposed to take advantage of your generous leniency in reference to its payment, and defer its liquidation, if entirely satisfactory to you, until we get our own Bible Institute plant sufficiently advanced to give us possession of the basement of the auditorium building. I will, of course, pay interest on the amount in arrears until paid. I assure you, however, that I will endeavor to pay it before the time indicated.

Thanking you most heartily for your generous attitude in this matter, and praying for the Lord's continued blessing upon your great work, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 9, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Will you kindly send me an itemized statement of the moneys paid to the Gas Power Machinery Co., or to Mr. F. C. Helles for it? They are negotiating for a settlement, and the amount which they state as having been paid in by us varies a thousand dollars or more from what we have been claiming.

It will be necessary for us to have a settlement before making any transfer of assets.

Yours very sincerely,

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have not seen a list of the assets, and the prices put on them, which you propose to have the new corporation take over. As I hope to dispose of some of my stock in the proposed new corporation if it should become marketable, I want to receive, as far as possible, full value from the assets of the old company by having those that are turned over appraised as nearly as possible at their real value. For instance, the machinery, though not strictly up to date in its present position, installed in a going plant is worth a great deal more than it would be disconnected and sold merely as second-hand machinery.

Besides, the goodwill of the business is certainly a valuable asset. When I was talking with Mr. Finney, he did not seem to regard \$50,000 as an excessive price to put upon it.

As to the accounts receivable, I would suggest that you take over only those which you are willing to receive at their face value, with interest. Those which you regard as doubtful might be left in the assets of the old concern, but which I trust you will make every possible effort to collect. I would be pleased if you would furnish me a list of the assets which you propose to take over, and the valuation which you put upon them, (keeping in mind



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my suggestion in reference to sale of a part of my stock in the new company), and also a list of those that would remain in the assets of the old company.

Have you made any further progress towards a settlement with our Gelndora frienas, and have you undertaken to do anything with our friend who lost his potato crop from the delinquency of the company? Would be pleased to hear from you at your early convenience.

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 10, 1912.

Mr. Clarence H. Taggart,  
City Tax Collector,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$347.17, in payment  
of second installment of taxes due on my property, as per your  
bill No. 26080.

Will you kindly furnish me a blank assessment list for  
the coming year, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 10, 1912.

Mr. W. O. Welch,  
County Tax Collector,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$277.93, in payment of second installment of taxes on my property for the year 1911, as per your bill No. 27704.

Yours very truly,



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Apr. 10, 1912.

County Tax Collector,  
San Bernardino, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$2,009.34, in payment  
of second installment of taxes due on my property for the year  
1911, as follows:

Bill No. 17256,	\$1,592.99
5916,	107.62
16401,	308.73
	<u>\$2,009.34</u>

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 11, 1912.

Mr. T. W. Marsh,

25th St. & Chester Ave.,

Bakersfield, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 9th inst., with enclosures, at hand. As I am not an officer of the Western Gas Engine Co., I will hand your communication to Mr. S. I. Merrill, the President, for his consideration.

Regretting that you have had any annoyance in the matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

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April 11, 1912.

Mr. S. I. Merrill, President,  
Western Gas Engine Co.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find letter and enclosures just received from Mr.  
T. W. Marsh.

Of this matter I am entirely ignorant, further than that  
I understand that during all the period of Mr. Hankey's employment  
he has sold but two engines, and his auto expenses have run about  
\$125 per month. You are possibly somewhat familiar with the whole  
matter.

Yours very truly,  

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April 11, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd, beg to say that we are in a new country here, and the demands for educational institutions and for laying the foundations for the spiritual and moral welfare of the community are necessarily very large, and are really beyond our ability at present to reach. Hence, it would be impossible for me to aid you in your present canvass.

I have talked with my brother Milton in reference to the matter, and he is situated somewhat as I am, having already larger demands along lines in which he is specially interested than he is able to meet, and hence he, too, will probably be unable to give you assistance.

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 11, 1912.

Dr. John Willis Baer, President,  
Occidental College,  
City.

Dear Dr. Baer:

Yours of the 6th inst. duly received. I learn from Mr. Horton that Dr. Torrey has already accepted your invitation to attend your chapel services for one week.

In reference to supplementing Prof. Kellogg's salary, beg to say that I will gladly add to my quarterly remittance \$75, for the purposes indicated, with the understanding that any amount left over at the end of the fiscal year, not used specifically for Bible work, shall be credited on my next quarter's payment to the college. I understand that the purpose of Mr. Kellogg's visiting churches and young people's conventions is in connection with his Bible work.

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 12, 1912.

Mr. Charles H. Stimson,  
207 American Bank Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Mr. Stimson:

Several times when receiving your annual booklet my dear wife would say, "Now you must write Mr. Stimson and express your appreciation of this, for he is doing a good work." You of course understand how in the rush of business when we get to the office, many matters we would like to give attention to are crowded out.

I want to congratulate you, as well as the community at large, on your great interest in the moral and spiritual welfare of your fellow men, not only here in our own community, but in foreign lands as well, where I have heard of the help and encouragement which you have given to the Lord's servants who are laboring for the enlightenment of the benighted peoples therein.

( I can better appreciate the work which you have been doing because of the lines along which I myself have been led. For three years of my early history in Los Angeles I gave my time and thought very largely to the Y.M.C.A., but their work being limited to a class, I was led to join in organizing the rescue mission work, which has daily ever since been seeking to rescue the perishing. But that work also lacked, in that it did not make ample



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provision for the establishing of the converts in the truth, and hence we were led to organize the Los Angeles Bible Institute, first under Dr. A.B. Frichard, who did a successful work in teaching and in distributing gospel literature, but he being called to the pastorate of the Central Presbyterian Church, the classes were allowed to lapse, and the work was merged into what is now the Bible House of Los Angeles, which, in the providence of God, has been doing a very wonderful work. I beg to hand you under separate cover copy of its last report, under the title of "The Open Door," and trust that you will take time to note carefully the character and volume of its work, both among the Spanish speaking people of the world and in China.

Five years ago Rev. T.C. Horton, in the providence of God, was brought to Los Angeles, and he had such a vision of its spiritual needs and of the importance of quickly laying strong and deep spiritual foundations in order to protect the city from the infidelity and paganism which threatened it, that he was led first to organize a young men's Bible training class, which was the nucleus for his organization of the Bible Institute, which has extended its work until now it embraces nine departments of Christian work, and is doing, I believe, the greatest work for the Lord that has ever been done on this coast. It has now a corps of twenty-six paid workers. Many of these workers have made great personal sacrifice in order to help in the general work for which the Institute stands. For instance, Mr. Lewis, who is holding meetings every day in the

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shops and car barns of the city, relinquished a salary of \$5,000 a year to accept one of \$1,200 from the Institute. Some of the Bible women have given up salaries of \$100 per month to work for \$40 in the Institute.)

As illustrative of the importance of laying deep and strong spiritual foundations at the present time, we have San Francisco as an object lesson. When the pioneer gold seekers came to the coast they were so intent on business success that they gave comparatively little thought to the laying of spiritual and moral foundations, with the result that for the past few years anarchy has practically reigned in that city. The last census showed that it had a population of 420,000. Of these, 40,000 were Protestant adherents, 100,000 Roman Catholic adherents, leaving 280,000 infidel and pagan. San Francisco occupies such a position on this coast that it is possible for it to dominate the entire coast, and unless those who love the Lord and accept the Scriptures as His inspired Word, will go to work quickly and vigorously to counteract such influences as would naturally emanate from San Francisco, Southern California is also liable to be paganized and to be dominated by socialists and anarchists.

(One of the purposes of the Institute is to have the entire coast evangelized, and to train young men and women who will go out through the mining camps, ranches and villages and give the gospel to all the people. Some very successful work along these lines has already been done, but large areas in our own State do not even have a Sunday School.

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You will realize, of course, that an institution that does such a diversified work as is being done by the Bible Institute, must have a home which is adapted to its requirements. We believe the Lord has directed in securing a location for this home on the east side of Hope St. just south of the Normal School grounds. It has secured four lots, giving a frontage on Hope St. of 240 feet, and having a depth of 165 feet, but it may have to defer building until funds for the purpose can be provided.

The development of this coast is so phenomenal, and its future apparently so great, that the question frequently comes to me whether I have not "come to the kingdom for such a time as this," and evidently the same question has come to you. It is such a great privilege to live in such a day, and to have a part in shaping the institutions which are to mould the destiny of the coast, that I have been led to feel that in order to "lay up a good foundation against the time to come," I must get my means transmuted into living gospel truth as rapidly as I can convert them. For this reason, I feel that the Lord is better pleased when His children labor to do definite gospel work for the perishing than to be scattering their means in promoting humanitarian and reform enterprises. I have been interested in, and have given considerable time to, the Anti-Saloon League and also the Good Government work, but it has begun to dawn upon me that if the saloon is closed and good government established, there will still remain the same work to be done, - that of giving the people the gospel, and by giving them the gospel first, the closing of saloons and establishing of good government will logically follow.



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The infallible Word declares that

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.

"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

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

The Lord Himself having so clearly shown that there is none other way of salvation than through faith in Christ, it became us, as His followers, to be witnesses for Him, and to faithfully give the people His Word.

I feel like apologizing for inflicting so long a letter upon you, but believing that you are influenced by the same motives that I am, I am sure that great good can be accomplished for our beloved State by the Lord's people concentrating more on the general lines of evangelism, personal work and Bible instruction, - much more than will be possible through any system of humanitarian work or reform measures.

Trusting that you may see your way clear to ally yourself wholly with those who have for their purpose the leading of men to Christ, and praying that the Lord will so guide you that your work for Him may abide "in that day," (1 Cor. 3:11-15) I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 13, 1912.

Personal and confidential.

Mr. M. Lisner,  
Lisner Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 4th inst., in reference to Mr. Fred C. Helles, beg to say that I have known him for about five years, but my relations with him have not been of such an intimate character as to enable me to give a positive opinion as to his business qualifications.

My impression of the man, however, is that he is capable, industrious, and of unquestioned integrity of character, and that he will put his best effort into whatever he undertakes; and because of his natural ability, energy and perseverance I would judge him to be capable of supervising an institution like the Whittier Reform School.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 15, 1918.

Mrs. Lutie Shugart Waters,  
3 W. Delaware Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Waters;

Your favor of the 2nd inst., with testimonials, duly received. The latter I return herewith, as I presume you will need them in your canvass.

I showed your letter and these testimonials to my brother Milton, but he does not see his way clear to make any contribution outside of the lines to which he has already committed himself. In fact, his entire resources will be fully absorbed by the enterprises in which he is already engaged.

Wishing you abundant success in your laudable undertaking, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 15, 1912.

Mr. R. W. Fenn,  
Box 513,  
Lindsay, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fenn:

Yours of the 1st inst. duly received. Somehow I got the impression that you would be down here the first of last week, so did not reply.

In my zeal for your interests I find that I have gotten myself in a somewhat embarrassing position with our Executive Committee. When the action was taken by the Board at Oleum last January in reference to your resignation, the acceptance which was drawn up by Mr. Watchorn put the matter in most excellent shape for you. When I found, however, that you had changed this basis, making it absolute from April 30th, I very naturally felt that you had made a serious mistake, and supposing that this was done by correspondence, (not knowing that it had been a matter that had been passed upon by the Executive Committee), I undertook to have your action changed so as to put it back under the Board's action in January. However, when the matter was brought up before the Executive Committee, I learned two or three things which I had not been advised of, viz: That the committee had formally acted upon this matter, and that in my taking it up with you as I did, I was overriding the committee's action; and in endorsing the employment of Mr. Stokoe to take your place during

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your vacation, it seems that I also was ignoring the action of the committee when it, by resolution last fall, positively refused to have Mr. Stokoe changed to the Manufacturing Department.

The declaration was very emphatically made that if the acts of the Executive Committee could be coolly ridden over, a place upon it was not at all desirable. It was charged that you had personally written to several of the Directors, in which letters you made charges against the committee, and that this was an act of insubordination, which, if tolerated, would be subversive of all discipline, as in writing to the Directors you were going over the heads of the committee. I did the best that I could for you, and stated to the committee that no man who had been faithful to the interests of the company should be held accountable for words or acts when he was sick and morbid.

Under the above circumstances I could not do otherwise, however, than apologize to the committee, disclaiming all intention of overriding it, and suggested that in view of your faithful services in the past, due allowances should be made for your action, and that I would leave the matter with it to take such action in the premises as might be decided to be best. I was not present in the afternoon of the day on which the meeting referred to was held, and have not been informed as to what action was taken. Doubtless you have been advised.

Now, my dear Mr. Fenn, while I appreciate the fact that you have had to work under some very annoying and trying conditions, you of course recognize the fact that authority, wherever

Apr. 15, 1912.

Captain Charles Farr,  
East San Pedro, Cal.

My dear Captain:

Yours of the 7th inst. at hand. Possibly I may be able to help you a little in providing for the addition to your Bethel.

It has occurred to me that as the Bible Institute is wrecking some houses it could spare you some doors and windows. Would suggest that you see Mr. John Lowe in reference to this matter.

Yours very sincerely,

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lodged, must be respected if discipline is to be maintained, and it seems to me, in view of the fact of your writing to the Directors, etc., that an apology is due from you to the Executive Committee. Had I been on deck, I believe these embarrassments would have been avoided.

Trusting that your expectations in reference to improvement in your health from the change of scene, etc., may be more than realized, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 15, 1912.

Mrs. Daniel H. Martin,

Cynwyd, Pa.

My dear May:

Enclosed find letter addressed to you.

I was very glad to get your letter of the 6th, and to learn that the friendliness between Miss Phoenix and Elizabeth seems to be increasing. I was very sorry, however, to learn that Miss Phoenix would use such awful threats to a little child. I cannot conceive how an intelligent lady could deliberately make any kind of a threat which she did not mean to carry out. I cannot help feeling that it would be very unfortunate for Elizabeth to be in the hands of such a person unless she repents and reforms very radically.

We were glad to hear of the church's action in reference to Dan's salary. I extend to him and to you also our hearty congratulations on the pleasant relations between pastor and people of the Cynwyd Presbyterian Church.

It was thoughtless in me to refer Mrs. Clelland to you when she called to ask about the continuance of the support of mama's missionaries, for I felt pretty sure that none of you would see your way clear to do so, and this was only putting some additional labor on both of you. Personally, I believe that one dollar put into Dr. Keller's work will reach as far as ten dollars through our Boards in the way of giving the gospel to the people of China, so



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if you ask my advice I would say concentrate on the Hunan work, and if Mamma's missionaries are all right the cause will be protected to the extent of their salaries, which the Board would now have to provide. So many unsound missionaries are being sent out that I feel that we make a mistake in just putting money into the Board for its appropriation.

We are now all well. Milton has entirely recovered from his protracted cold.

The work of the Bible Institute seems to be flourishing, and men are now at work demolishing the large building on our new site, and we hope before long to have the excavating work under way.

I am still continuing to receive letters of sympathy. In one day last week I received letters from Dr. Underwood of Korea, Mr. Saxton, from Portland, and Mr. Herriman, from Seattle.

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

Your very affectionate

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Apr. 15, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Beattie;

Will you please ship by express, prepaid, one box of your best oranges to Mrs. Thomas E. Stephens, c/o Normal and Industrial Institute, Albemarle, North Carolina; also one box to Thomas E. Stephens, 808 La Salle Ave., Chicago, Ill., and oblige.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 15, 1912.

Mr. L.B. Moore, Secretary,  
Highland Park, City.

Dear Sir:

Responding to yours of the 11th inst., I enclose herewith my check for \$40 to cover 20% of my guarantee towards the salary of Dr. Pratt, our Presbyterian evangelist.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 15, 1912.

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

My dear Mr. Stephens:

Your favors of the 6th and 10th insts., the former enclosing table of contents of Volume 8 of "The Fundamentals," and the latter a check for \$5, duly received.

I return your check herewith, as I could not think of receiving compensation for oranges sent to any one connected with the Testimony Publishing Co. I will order the box of oranges sent to Mrs. Stephens today, and also another box to your office.

Trusting that these boxes of fruit will reach their destination in good condition, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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P.S. Enclosed find four letters belonging in your files, which had been mislaid.

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Apr. 17, 1912.

L.A. County Assessor,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find my assessment list for the year 1912, to which is affixed my signature. If it is necessary for me to appear personally at your office, kindly advise, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 17, 1912.

L.A. City Assessor,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find my assessment list for the year 1912, to which is affixed my signature. If it is necessary for me to appear personally at your office, kindly advise, and oblige.

Yours very truly,



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April 19, 1912.

San Antonio Water Co.,  
Ontario, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$622.50, in payment of assessment No. 68, of \$5 per share, on 104½ shares of stock owned by me.

Yours very truly,

Apr. 19, 1912.

Horticultural Commissioners,

Los Angeles County,

Los Angeles, Cal.

Gentlemen:

The arrucarias on my place, Southeast corner of Sixth and Lucas, are very badly infested with scale. Will you kindly have a competent man examine them, and prescribe a treatment for them. which will eradicate the scale without injuring the trees.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 19, 1912.

Mr. John Murray Marshall,  
611 American Bank Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Have you ascertained whether anything can be done in reference to the Sterling matter by filing claims in St. Louis, his former home? We are anxious to know quickly, as it is necessary for us to take up these obligations. We do not care to have any special expense involved, and trust that you will take up the matter quickly and in a practical way.

I am not sure that the matter at the First National Bank is in such form as would allow us to use it, for I think that Mr. Earl did not sign until after the death of Mr. Sterling, and then Mr. Elliott took the position that it was not a completed document, and did not bind Mr. Sterling's estate, and another was substituted for it, and without Mr. Sterling's name, and it is possible that the First National Bank may have both. If they only hold the one, then it would not be available for our purpose, and recently Mr. Smith has paid \$5,000 on the Farmers & Merchants note, where Mr. Sterling was a guarantor, thus leaving only \$5,000 there out of an original \$20,000, so that, if it were only the Farmers & Merchants \$5,000 that could be used, I do not know whether it would be worth our while to undertake it. This is a practical question



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that would depend altogether on what you found the legal status  
to be.

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 20, 1912.

Dr. J. F. Carson,  
258 Jefferson Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Carson:

Yours of the 2nd inst., with enclosures, duly received. I was rejoiced to learn of the movement which had been inaugurated to emphasize the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. I am specially interested along this line of work.

I have deferred answering, that I might present the matter to a couple of my friends. The fact is, that in our rapidly growing community, with the great need for foundational work, our resources are taxed to the utmost in making what at best will be an inadequate provision for the evangelization of our own community. For this reason my friends could not see their way clear to lend any financial aid to your movement at present, and my own resources are so taxed that I am in the habit of saying "no" to many lines of good work; but in order to show my good-will, and as an expression of my appreciation of your proposed work, I enclose pledge card for \$100, on the conditions on which others have subscribed. x x

Praying that the Lord will greatly prosper this work, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

*x Note: Condition being that \$100 is subscribed*

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Apr. 20, 1912.

Mr. J. H. Inazawa,  
920 W. 10th St.,  
City.

My dear Mr. Inazawa:

Yours of the 16th inst. at hand. Am glad to learn of the progress of your work. Sorry to say, however, that I am not in a position to give you financial aid at present, nor will I be perhaps for a good time to come, as we are endeavoring to establish our Bible Institute in a home of its own, which will tax all our available resources.

Praying that the Lord will bless and prosper you in all your work for Him, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



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Apr. 20, 1912.

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

Dear Dr. Dixon:

Your interesting letter of March 30th was duly received. I have given considerable thought to the matter of Bible conferences ever since your first suggestion of them in connection with the publication of "The Fundamentals." I have taken up the matter of your communication with my brother, who, with myself, feels that the heavy demands that are being made upon us, and the depression in our securities, will prevent at present our complying with your request, or, rather, giving an affirmative reply to your suggestion that we undertake to finance the conference in London. Financial conditions, however, may take a more favorable turn in sufficient time to enable us to at least have some part in this work.

We are now undertaking to build a home for our Bible Institute, and to finance it will be beyond our present available resources. We are hoping that when our large auditorium is completed we can have a world's conference held here, probably in the winter of 1914-15, when the World's Fair in San Francisco is expected to be in progress. I have not yet, however, even suggested

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this to our own people.

Regretting that I cannot give you a more encouraging reply, and praying that the Lord will open the way for you in this important matter, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Apr. 20, 1912.

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Professor Howard W. Kellogg,  
Occidental College,  
City.

My dear Mr. Kellogg:

Your very kind and encouraging letter of the 13th inst. duly received. It rejoices our hearts to learn of the strong undercurrent of spiritual life which has been developed among the Occidental students, and of their deep interest in Bible study.

We have been greatly pleased from time to time on hearing of the work which you and your good wife are doing through teaching of the Word in various places.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Kellogg, and praying that you may both realize the Lord's presence with you, and His blessing upon you in all your work for Him, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



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Apr. 24, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Lyman Stewart,	632 Lucas Ave. L.A.
W. L. Stewart,	La Manda Park, Cal.
T. C. Horton,	654 W. Ave. 49, L.A.
A. B. Prichard,	1329 W. 4th St., "
Mrs. C. E. Hurlburt,	5118 Granada St., "
Miss L. M. Crowell,	1421 Albany St., "
R. D. Smith,	624 Lissner Bldg. L.A.

Also three boxes of the best oranges to the Union Oil Company,  
1114 Union Oil Bldg., Los Angeles.

Yours very truly,

P.S. Please ship one box of the best oranges to Louise E. Braun, c/o Hallgarten & Co., 5 Nassau St., New York. Please make a separate bill for the freight charges on this box, and mail it to me.

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April 24, 1912.

Mr. Fred L. McGahan,  
P.O. Box 1054,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 22nd inst., in reference to furnaces for  
the new steel plant, is at hand.

In reply beg to say that Mr. S. I. Merrill, President of the  
California Industrial Co., Los Angeles, is the gentleman with  
whom you should communicate in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 24, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bradbeer,  
351 W. Ave. 53,  
City.

My dear friends:

On the last Friday of each month the workers in the several departments of the Bible Institute meet at twelve o'clock at 262½ S. Main St. for an informal luncheon, and to give oral reports of their work for the current month. The meeting closes at two o'clock with the administration of the Lord's Supper. These meetings are exceedingly instructive and helpful, and I would be greatly pleased if you would both come on next Friday as my personal guests, and thus see for yourselves something of the general character of the work of the Institute, and also learn of the Lord's blessing upon the labors of those who are doing His work.

The character of the future of Los Angeles will depend, to a large degree, on the kind of spiritual foundations that are being laid during the city's formative stage. To attain the highest degree of success, the Lord's people must stand together, so if possible, please come next Friday.

Praying that the Lord will guide and keep you, and hoping for a favorable reply by note or telephone, (Home 60481), I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Goodale,  
941 Blaine St.,  
City.

My dear friends:

On the last Friday of each month the workers in the several departments of the Bible Institute meet at twelve o'clock at 262½ S. Main St. for an informal luncheon, and to give oral reports of their work for the current month. The meeting closes at two o'clock with the administration of the Lord's Supper.

This work is so precious, and remembering how intensely interested you both have been in the Lord's work, I feel that I would not be a true friend to you if I did not make some endeavor to have you get at least a glimpse of how the Lord is using His servants and handmaidens who are working for Him under the auspices of the Bible Institute.

I would therefore esteem it a very great favor if you would come on next Friday as my personal guests, that you may come into direct touch with some whose labors the Lord has wonderfully owned in blessing their efforts to win souls to Christ.

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Mr. & Mrs. O.E.G. -2-

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Praying that the Lord will guide and keep you, and  
hoping for a favorable reply by note or telephone, (Home 60481),  
I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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April 25, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. T. W. Marsh of Bakersfield, with copies of other letters attached; and also letter under date of the 23rd inst. from Mr. S. I. Merrill, - to whom I had sent the other letters, - explaining Mr. Hankey's relations, etc., with the company. On receipt of Mr. Marsh's letter I simply replied to him stating that I had forwarded it to the President of the company.

Yours very truly,

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April 26, 1912.

Mr. John Murray Marshall,  
American Bank Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 24th inst. at hand. It strikes me that the quickest and most practical way to settle the question as to whether the First National Bank claim against the E.C. Sterling estate et.al. can be collected in Missouri, will be to have the bank file its claim against the estate in St. Louis, and they probably would soon get an answer as to whether anything could be accomplished or not, without the necessity for your undertaking to look up the authorities for the procedure at this end of the line. I would recommend, therefore, that you arrange with the First National to have such action immediately taken by it as will protect the other guarantors on that paper.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank has a similar paper for \$20,000, \$15,000 of which I have paid. I think the bank has not endorsed the payments on the note because of their desire to protect my interests, and so if we find that these claims may be filed in Missouri, we would want to consider the Farmers & Merchants also.

Trusting that this question may soon be settled, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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April 25, 1912.

Mr. W. M. McVay,

c/o German American Savings Bank,  
City.

Dear Mr. McVay:

It affords me great pleasure to say that Mrs. Clara Jane Robinson, who has applied for a position in the Whittier Reform School, is a very capable woman. She was for many years the Superintendent of the McKinley Boys' Home, where she displayed great executive ability, not only in managing the business affairs of the school, but also in her influence over the boys in providing for their mental, moral and spiritual welfare.

I believe you will make no mistake in placing her in any position which she may undertake to fill, and anything which you may do for her will be very greatly appreciated by me.

Yours very sincerely,

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April 26, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Beattie:

If you have not already made the arrangements to have the box of oranges for Louise E. Braun taken from a car in New York, will you kindly ship them direct from Upland, marking the box "Compliments of Robert Watchorn," and oblige.

Yours truly,



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April 26, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find agreement with the First National Bank,  
which I have signed this date, with the understanding, of course,  
that should we pay off existing obligations then I have the right  
to cancel this agreement.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 29, 1912.

Mr. E. T. Earl,  
Union Oil Building,  
City.

Dear Mr. Earl:

Replying to yours of the 27th inst. beg to say that the capitalization of the California Industrial Co. is \$500,000, all of which is issued, as follows:

Union Oil Co. of California,	\$178,600.
United Petroleum Co.,	30,000.
Lyman Stewart and family,	60,500.
Fredk. H. Rindge Estate,	63,400.
S. I. Merrill (also as Trustee)	79,000.
Wm. R. Staats,	15,000..
Frank A. Garbutt,	10,600.
John B. Miller,	10,000.
Giles Kellogg,	7,400.
J. S. Torrance,	5,400.
Dr. Granville MacGowan,	5,000.
John Irwin,	5,000.
Dr. Wm. S. Young,	8,000.
18 Small Stockholders,	22,100.
	\$500,000.

Of the amount standing in S. I. Merrill's name as Trustee, \$40,000 belongs to the Bible Institute, so that we figure that the Union, with its auxiliaries and the Stewart interests, controls the company.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 30, 1912.

Mr. George Ballmann, Extension Secy.,  
Young Men's Christian Association,  
City.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th inst., stating that six months interest, amounting to \$250, is due May 1st on my note to the Y.M.C.A.

In reply beg to say that on Dec. 20th, 1911, I paid \$250, being six months interest to Jan. 1, 1912, and that consequently the next payment will not be due until July 1st. I think you will find this correct on referring to your records.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 30, 1912.

Mr. R. P. Garbutt, Secy.,  
Ontario Water Co.,  
Ontario, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your circular letter of the 25th inst. to the stockholders, beg to say that as I am not in close touch with the situation at Claremont, I will be governed by the judgment of those who are, and will be satisfied with such action as they may see fit to take in the premises.

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 30, 1912.

Charles A. Blanchard, D.D., President,  
Wheaton College,  
Wheaton, Ill.

Dear Dr. Blanchard:

Your interesting letter of the 22nd inst. at hand, and I am pleased to learn that the way seems to be opening up with you for the inauguration of a Bible Training School in connection with your work. I believe that this is along the right line, and will produce much greater results for the Lord's work than would otherwise be possible.

We certainly should be pleased to have some part with you in such a good work were it possible, but the demands of that which we have already undertaken, coupled with the fact that our securities have been somewhat depressed, will doubtless tax our resources to the utmost for the next year or two at least. Hence, we are obliged to deny ourselves the privilege of fellowshiping with you at present in this good work.

Thanking you for giving us the opportunity, and praying that the Lord will abundantly bless this undertaking for Him, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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Apr. 30, 1912.

Mr. C. E. Gamsby,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

My brothers and I visited your orchards on 13th and 17th Sts. on Saturday, and regretted that we did not see you.

The orchard on 13th St. did not impress us as having received the high standard of care which has been formerly given to it, as there were large weeds near some of the trees, which at this time of the year help to extract the moisture very rapidly from the soil, and which should not be allowed to grow. I hope to come over soon and look over the trees carefully with you.

The cottage on 13th St. did not seem to be occupied, - at least, no one was around. Is there a man living in it at present?

Yours very truly,

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Apr. 30, 1912.

Dr. Arthur J. Brown,  
156 Fifth Ave.,  
New York.

Dear Dr. Brown:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Mr. Fred Jansen, enclosing a copy of a letter from him to yourself, explaining the conditions at the Cebu Station, P.I., which I return herewith. I understand from his letter that he expects to sail on May 4th for London, and that you would advise him as to my answer to his communication.

I have been somewhat in touch with the work of the Jansens, and have been very greatly interested in it. They are exceptionally strong missionaries, and I regret exceedingly that I am so situated that it will be out of the question for me to extend any financial aid at this time. I am sure, however, that there are many people in the country, who, if they knew the value of this work, and its needs, would be glad to put it on such a financial basis as would relieve these dear friends from the burdens of care and responsibility of providing for the needs of their work, and thus allow them to give their entire time and attention to the ministry of the Word.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 1, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Your report of the expenses on Bowen orchard for February has just come to my notice.

To the extent that you can utilize the teams and your own services on the Bowen orchard, and by crediting same to 10th St. orchard, the latter will show that amount of additional earn, of which you would be entitled to ten per cent. This ten per cent, it seems to me, would amply compensate you for the extra care.

The fact that you have been making extra charge for time spent on irrigating is liable to lead to some complications with the Gansby and Edwards orchards, for they do not get pay for extra time, that being covered by their ten per cent of the profits.

Yours very truly,

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May 1, 1912.

Mr. Wm. H. Crawford, President,  
Allegheny College,  
Headville, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 25th ult. is at hand. I was rejoiced to learn of the success of your canvass. Please accept my hearty congratulations. We thought of you many times, and of the tremendous pressure under which you were working to accomplish this much to be desired result.

It was impossible for either my brother or myself at this time to render any assistance, or even to make a pledge for the future, as we are endeavoring to provide a home for the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and also for one in Changsha, Hunan Province, China, and the financial demands along these lines were such as to preclude the possibility of our having a part in your special work.

Thanking you again for giving us the opportunity to participate, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 1, 1912.

Dear May:

Yours of April 24th at hand. We are glad to learn that you are all well, and that Elizabeth is more disposed to make up with Miss Phenix. We are very sorry that Miss P. did not prove to be all that you had hoped.

Uncle Milton and Miss Wickett started on Monday morning to meet Mr. Critchlow in Oklahoma, Mr. Orcutt going with them. Uncle Milton is determined to do some more wild-cattling. This seems to have become almost a mania with him, which I very much regret, for I am afraid that it will wear him out. His correspondence is becoming somewhat voluminous, and he has very little time for reading or recreation. I think he had planned to go on east, but was finally dissuaded from so doing, and we expect him to return here and spend at least a month or two longer with us. He will be away about two weeks, probably.

Was glad to learn that you were going to have Louis Meyer supply Dan's pulpit morning and evening last Sunday. Am anxious to learn about the character of the sermons which he gave.

Dr. Robert Johnson, of Montreal, whom our church called as its pastor, has finally telegraphed that he has decided he is not the man for the place. Our people are very much disappointed, and a meeting of the general committee is called for this evening. Dr. Robert Coyle has been preaching for us for a couple of Sundays. He

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is quite an eloquent man, and I am afraid will stampede our people. Last Sunday he referred to "archaic interpretations of the Scriptures," which savors very strongly of New Theology, and we are praying that the church may be kept from such teachers.

We are all well. Fred is very busy in the shops, as usual.

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

Your affectionate

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May 2, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$849, covering bill for fertilizer, \$770, and bill for oranges, \$79.

Will you please ship one box of oranges to each of the following:

Mr. J. H. Hunter,	368 W. Ave. 57,	L. A.
Prof. H. W. Kellogg,	4820 San Rafael St.	"
Prof. J. H. Sammis,	432 W. Ave. 52,	"
Mr. R. A. Hadden,	4929 Pasadena Ave.	"
Rev. W. L. Tucker,	214 N. St. Louis St.	"
Mrs. Lillie Manson,	6410 Pollard St.	"
Miss Ethel Higgins,	130 W. Ave. 52,	"
Miss Sara T. Bingham,	1133 Ingraham St.	"
Mrs. John Lowe,	139 E. Ave. 55,	"
Mrs. G. A. Neth,	3908 Pasadena Ave.	"

Please mark the box for Miss Bingham "Compliments of Lyman Stewart."

Will you also please order one box taken out of a New York shipment, and have it shipped to William Crowell, 3342 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa., and send the bill for same, together with all charges, to Miss L. M. Crowell.

Yours very truly,



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May 2, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Hadden:

Your interesting letter and reports of your work, etc., under date of Apr. 15, duly received, for which kindly accept my thanks.

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$375, to cover my contribution to your work for April, May and June, 1912.

Referring to your former relation to the Bible Institute, and your claim for further compensation in connection therewith, I beg to say that I have looked into this matter somewhat, and I find that under date of Aug. 19, 1911, its Superintendent, Mr. T. C. Horton, wrote you, among other things asking whether you would sign the statement which the Trustees had adopted. By the terms of this statement any officer or teacher refusing to subscribe to it would, by such refusal, render his office or position vacant. Your refusing to sign, therefore, was equivalent to you yourself declaring your withdrawal from the Institute.

Payments were made to you on your former salary basis for the months of June, July, August and September. I do not know when the fiscal year closed, but it would seem to me that any money paid to you in excess of the amount due for the fiscal year was erroneously paid, and should be refunded, as well as any com-

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pensation received from outside sources during the previous fiscal year, and moneys received for the extension account and book account.

Allow me to say very frankly, my dear Mr. Hadden, that I am at a loss to understand on what ground or Christian or even business ethics you could base a claim on a struggling department of the Lord's work for services which you did not render, when you not only refused to subscribe to its doctrinal statement, but at the same time were exerting an influence which, to say the least, was not conducive to its upbuilding.

Praying that the Lord will so guide you in all these matters that His will may be done, and His Name glorified, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 2, 1912.

Temple George Realty Co.,

317 S.Hill St.,

City.

Gentlemen:

Replying to yours of April 23rd, beg to say that at  
present none of our San Antonio Heights lands are on the market.

Yours very truly,

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May 3, 1912.

Miss Lillian M. Wood,  
317 W. Ave. 52,  
City.

My dear Miss Wood:

My daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. C. Stewart, has handed me a letter from you under date of April 30th.

I regret exceedingly that anything should have been said to cause you discomfort. I have never understood, nor even thought, that you had suggested to anyone to write me for assistance for you when you were ill. My old-time friend, Dr. J. M. Boal, wrote me, telling me of your condition, and explained that he was writing entirely of his own volition, without your knowledge. He later wrote me, explaining that you needed further rest, but his letter came at a time when I was ill in New York, and my mail for a number of weeks was censored, so that it did not come to my attention, I think, until you had returned to your work.

I think I never mentioned the fact of having sent you any funds for your relief excepting incidentally, when the needs of the Bible women were being discussed with the Superintendent. My anxiety was that possibly, by reason of my mail not reaching me, you had gone to work sooner than you should have done.

Now please never give the matter another thought. I regard it as one of the greatest privileges to have some fellowship with the Lord's children who are in His service in such manner

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as He may enable me to participate. I think I would feel that I had not been dealt with frankly if any of our dear Bible women should be ill and in need, and I not in some way be permitted to assist them.

It was a great disappointment to a number of us last Friday that Mr. Horton overlooked you when calling for the reports. It seems that you were sitting in such a position that he did not see you, and his wife gave him a little signal, which he misinterpreted, and called on a young man who had been teaching a Bible class. The plan will be in future to have all who are to report sit on the outside of the table, where they not only can be seen by the leader, but where they will more directly face the audience, and thus be more readily heard.

With kindest regards, and praying that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 3, 1912.

Miss Julia West,  
629 E. First St.,  
Long Beach, Cal.

Dear Madam:

Yours of the 2nd just received, containing the sad news of the decease of your brother, James A. West. This news was considerable of a shock to us, as we did not know but that he was in his usual state of health. I will be pleased to meet you on most any day, excepting Tuesdays and Fridays, between the hours of ten and twelve in the morning.

I have known your brother for a number of years and admired his loyalty to the Word of God and his zeal in promulgating it. He loved the Lord, and what is for you a great loss is certainly for him infinite gain.

Praying that the Lord will comfort you with His presence at this time, and guide and keep you in your sorrow, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 3, 1912.

Rev. H. P. Lane,  
316 Pasadena Ave.,  
South Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Mr. Lane:

Your letter addressed to me at my residence duly received.

I cannot express to you how it grieves me to learn that you feel that you are "down and out" so far as the ministry is concerned. When you were pastor of the Third Church here, Mr. Prichard said to me one time that he regarded you as the best Bible preacher of the Presbyterian pulpits of the city, and I have also heard from your people in Upland that you were a strong Bible preacher, and I cannot help feeling that you are making a serious mistake in concluding that you are "down and out," for I believe the Lord has a work for you in the ministry of His Word.

There certainly are churches where the visiting of the people would give you all the outdoor exercise that you require, and they need a man who can feed them and build them up.

The greatest problem that now confronts the church on this coast is that of laying right foundations while society is still in its formative stage, as it were, and such men as you are needed in helping to lay them.

I think you will find it more difficult to secure a situation that is to your liking and will give you sufficient com-

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pensation to meet your requirements, than it will be to obtain a church. Our business is separated into a number of departments, the heads of which are so jealous in reference to their right to choose their employees, that it is practically impossible for me to place even a friend. However, I will be glad to meet you, and talk over the situation with you, at my house, say on Monday at four o'clock.

I was a good deal disappointed recently on learning from Herriek that he had given up his plan for entering the ministry, and had taken a position in a bank. I hope he may be led to see that this is really a retrograde act on his part.

Praying that you may be guided by the "wisdom which cometh from above," I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 4, 1912.

Dr. Graham Lee,  
S.S. Shinyo Maru,  
Toyo Kisen Kaisha Line,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Dr. Lee:

Your favor of the 19th of March came duly to hand, and I am sorry to learn that your health is so poor.

In regard to the questions which you ask in your letter, I have made inquiry, and find that the Long Beach Sanitarium is very well spoken of, although I know nothing about the institution personally.

As to the matter of renting a house, the rentals will vary very materially according to the distance of the house from the water front. The Sanitarium is ten blocks from the ocean, and houses in that vicinity will probably be \$20 or \$30 per month. The season is just now beginning, and it will be much easier to find a suitable place now than it will be a month hence. My informant thinks you will not be able to get much of a furnished house for less than \$30.

The name of Irving Miller & Co., a real estate firm, has been recommended to me as an absolutely reliable company with which to deal. They have recently moved, and I cannot give you their address, but you can easily ascertain it on your arrival in Long Beach.



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Trusting that this information will be of assistance to you, and anticipating the pleasure of seeing you here soon, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 4, 1912.

Mrs. Robert Watchorn,  
Paso Robles Hot Springs,  
Calif.

Dear Mrs. Watchorn:

Your very kind letter mailed May 2nd is at hand. Our hearts were made heavy on learning that Mr. Watchorn was having so much pain. We had hoped that the change in the treatment would bring him very prompt relief, but "our help cometh from the Lord," and we are earnestly praying that the Lord will bring the relief for dear Mr. Watchorn which he is seeking. We hope he will not become discouraged.

With loving regards to you both, in which Miss Crowell heartily joins, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 4, 1912.

Rev. R. W. Holman,  
3532 Denker Ave.,  
City.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 3rd inst. at hand, and I thank you for your kind expressions of interest in my welfare.

In view of the fact that we are endeavoring to establish the Bible Institute in its work, which embraces many departments of Christian effort, my resources will be absorbed for some time to come to such an extent that I will not be able to assist in any other line of work. Hence it would not be just to use your time in presenting any other work to me at the present time.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 6, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

My dear Mr. Beattie:

Our hearts go out to you during the sad rites in which you are engaged this morning in sincerest sympathy. I had hoped to be with you, but not being well, and having some prior engagements, thought it would not be wise to go.

Although you realized that the end was necessarily near for your father, yet doubtless when it came it brought a shock and a sense of desolation, which only a vacancy in the family circle can bring. The lesson of such experiences for us should be that we are not in the land of the living, as we sometimes boast, but we are in the land of the dying, and that the part of wisdom is for us to seek for an inheritance in the land of the living through acceptance of the Savior and our Lord Jesus Christ.

My relations with your father were such as to lead me to highly appreciate his worth, and I shall greatly miss him. Kindly convey to the other members of your family my sincere sympathy.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 7, 1912.

Miss Saidee B. Nelson,  
Fairmount Hotel,  
San Francisco, Cal.

My dear Miss Nelson:

Your postal from the Fairmount Hotel postmarked the 5th inst., duly received. I was pleased to hear from you, and to learn that you are having an opportunity to see San Francisco.

I was very sorry to miss your call at the office, and trust that you will come again, should you return.

I have been very well, and have weighed as high as 156 pounds.

San Francisco, you will doubtless find to be very different from any city you have ever been in, and I trust that you will remember that you are a Christian, and that Christ wants His followers to be witnesses for Him.

Hoping to hear from you or see you soon, I remain, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 7, 1912.

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May 30<sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Mr. Stewart.

I thank you for your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> just forwarded to me from Paris. I have written a number of letters to Mr. Watchorn regarding my stay in London and that I hoped Mr. Macomber would have things lined up for me to go to work upon my

needed possible data, and if Mr. Watchorn were here, we could possibly devise some means for obtaining a por-

addressed to Mr. Watchorn, to Robles, where he went his rheumatism. He is to get no benefit from the end of a week, but a fuller test of their

the city, having gone is poorly he will remain

erably to undertake to because of this being maps without going to now for a couple of weeks, him our purpose in detrimental to the int- e only too glad to



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tion of it, at least. But under the circumstances we trust that you will be able, with such maps as you have, the company's annual reports, geological reports, etc., to carry the matter to a point where your parties will see their way clear to send their representatives to inspect the properties for themselves, which they would doubtless want to do, even if they had the most perfect data that could be furnished. We will endeavor, however, to gather up such data for you as we conveniently can, and forward to you as early as possible.

We have been considering very seriously getting hold of some Mexican territory, but owing to the unsettled conditions in that country, we have not deemed it wise to undertake to send our men in there at present. Mr. Orcutt, with my brother, is now looking over a large prospective oil field in Oklahoma.

Trusting that you will appreciate our situation in regard to the data asked for, and hoping that you will have a prosperous trip, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 8, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,  
Paso Robles Hot Springs,  
Cal.

My dear Mr. Watchorn:

I dictated a letter to you yesterday, stating that I had written to Mr. Staats, and that I enclosed you a copy, but learning that you were expecting to come home tonight, I did not send them. As my letter to Mr. Staats was somewhat of a gossipy nature, I will not inflict a copy on you at this time.

We regret very much to learn that the springs are not giving you the relief that you had anticipated. We trust, however, that you will remain long enough to demonstrate their real efficacy.

With kind regards to Mrs. Watchorn, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 3, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Merrill:

I have been giving more thought to your proposition in connection with the organization of a company to handle the Nix-Frost gas producer. While your proposition seems fair enough, I would not be willing to have my name, nor ask Mr. Watchorn to allow the use of his, as members of your proposed directorate, until Mr. Frost has positively demonstrated the value of what has been designated as the "baby" gas producer.

Trusting that Mr. Frost will be able to demonstrate the practicability of his improved producer, and that you will meet with large success in financing it, I am, as ever,

Yours very truly,

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May 8, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

For your information enclosed find copy of letter  
which I am sending to Mr. John A. Merrill.

Yours very truly,

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May 9, 1912.

Rev. John G. Blue,  
629 S. Catalina Ave.,  
Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Mr. Blue:

I want to thank you for your kind thoughtfulness in coming in yesterday to talk over matters which pertain to the interests of the Kingdom.

Some hours after you left I remembered that there had been something said in reference to the control of the Presbytery, but it was not in regard to control by the Bible Institute, but was to the effect that if Immanuel Church secured a strong, orthodox man, the Presbytery could then be controlled for sound teaching in its pulpits. It was probably from this statement of a member of the Institute that the impression was conveyed to your friends that the Bible Institute was wanting to get control of the Presbytery. As stated to you in our interview, there is absolutely no ground for such an impression.

I want to assure you again that the Bible Institute has but one purpose in its work, and that is to give the gospel, as far as possible, to all the people, and it is ever ready, to the extent of its ability, to send workers to assist any church, no matter what its attitude toward the Bible Institute has been.

As to Mr. Kellogg and myself, I think we have never

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wavered in our loyalty to Presbyterianism. I do not believe that Presbyterianism has a stronger supporter and more loyal adherent to the doctrines of the church than it has in Mr. Kellogg. As to my personal attitude toward the church, I think I have been misunderstood. As stated to you, I have in the past been in the habit of giving, to some extent, to every good work, not saying no to any, but when the responsibilities of special work became so great as to require all of my resources, I was obliged to begin to say no to many good enterprises, and to soften my refusal I have sometimes stated that I was not now even contributing to enterprises of our own denomination. It was necessary for me to take such a position if the special work in which I was interested was to maintain its existence; but these special departments of work are always ready to cooperate with and help the churches along the lines of evangelistic effort, or in furnishing instructors in the way of Bible class teachers, wherever the churches ask for them.

The Bible Institute stands for the faithful and honest teaching of the Word, and its position is so decided on this line that it is even putting a reversionary clause in the deeds to its property, stating that in case any teaching contrary to the fundamental doctrines which are specified, (and all of which the Presbyterian Church stands for except that of the pre-millennial coming of our Lord), the donors, or the heirs of the donors, will have the right to commence proceedings for the recovery of the property. In other words, it is expected that the Bible Institute



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will forever stand for, and its property will ever be used for the promulgation of the eternal truths of the Word of God.

I would be pleased, if you see your way clear to do so, to have you state in what particular the group of ministers referred to take exception to the teaching that is being given at the Bible Institute.

While assuring you that both Messrs Horton and Kellogg, as well as myself, are absolutely loyal to the Presbyterian Church, we do not stand for, nor will we knowingly support, any man in the Presbyterian Church who is not loyal to the standards of truth as set forth in the Word of God.)

Yours very sincerely,

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May 9, 1912.

Mr. E. O. Emerson,  
Titusville, Pa.

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Yours of the 4th inst. at hand. Am pleased to know of the movement for establishing a Y.M.C.A. in Titusville, and note that you would be glad to receive a subscription from me towards it. To this I am obliged to reply that owing to the fact that we are just starting in on the work of erecting a plant for the Bible Institute, which will cost several hundred thousand dollars, and as the responsibility for this devolves pretty largely upon me, I am obliged to say no to very many worthy enterprises, and hence will have to say no to yours. I thank you, however, for giving me the opportunity of having a part with you in this work.

Milton is absent at present in Oklahoma, but will probably return in a few days, when I will be pleased to present your letter to him.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Emerson and your family, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 9, 1912.

Miss Mary R. Irwin,  
516 N. 6th St.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Cousin Mary:

Just as Milton was leaving last week for Oklahoma, he said, "Mary Irwin's birthday will probably come before my return, so I will leave a little check for her birthday present." I enclose the same herewith, together with my own.

Your very kind letter of sympathy of Feb. 19th was duly received, and very greatly appreciated. Ada made a long and brave, but losing battle for life. She commenced to lose ground early in November, but continued around and was able to ride out as late as the early part of January, but on the 5th of February she passed away. Of course you know the sense of loneliness and desolation which a break in the family circle makes.

You did not mention Cousin Gelia in your letter, and we have naturally felt somewhat anxious. Is her health improving, and is Cousin Harlan able to follow his profession?

I do not remember when I wrote you before, but Milton had a very severe attack of pneumonia in Buffalo, New York, and for some weeks there seemed to be no hope of his recovery, but the Lord graciously answered prayer in his behalf, and he is now pretty well again, though somewhat stiffened up, so as to require the



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May 9, 1912.

Mr. James Edwards,  
Upland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Replying to yours of the 2nd inst., beg to say that your request for an advance of five dollars a month on your wages, I believe under the circumstances to be not unreasonable, and I cheerfully grant the same, to date from the beginning of the year.

Yours very truly,

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assistance of a nurse.

I was myself taken very ill with a hemorrhage of the stomach while in New York last October, and was practically an invalid all winter, but through the Lord's blessing I am again well, and attending to business.

After Ada's death Fred and his family moved into our house with me, so that I am much more pleasantly situated than I otherwise would be.

With much love to your sister and brother, and also to your good self, I am, as ever,

Your affectionate cousin,

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May 10, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Horton:

Fred and I have just had an interview by appointment with Mr. Lowe. It seems that he has been waiting for instructions in reference to the purchase of machinery, etc., and as it will take time to get the machinery after the order is given, no time should be lost. What would you think of putting the responsibility directly on Mr. Lowe of selecting the machinery that is required, and then have it negotiated for immediately by Mr. Lowe, or by some man who is an expert as a trader? The Institute certainly ought to get the benefit of the usual commissions that are paid to agents in a case of this kind. If you see no objection to my suggestion I would recommend that you at once notify Mr. Lowe that the responsibility for the selection of plant, and for making the excavation, etc., is now on him, and that no time should be lost.

We have been wondering how you got home the other night, - are as much interested in that as we are to get a report of the results of your fishing expedition.

Yours very sincerely,



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May 11, 1912.

Mr. R. D. Smith,  
620 Lissner Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Ralph:

Your good letter of the 4th inst., with enclosures, at hand.

As a matter of fact, there are no funds available, that I know of, for equipping more boats in Hunan. There were some parties whom I thought would be interested in this particular character of work, and that some of them might be induced to undertake to equip a boat for a term of years, but of course I cannot approach them if the men are not ready.

I note what you say about the different fields, and that one should not get all the good things, and the others be left to starve. Although "the field is the world" I believe it very much better to concentrate, just as the Bible House has done in its Spanish work, and now in its Hunan work, than to try to do a little everywhere. I have all my life been making contributions for the support of the gospel, but I think you will agree with me, that in concentrating as I have done, much more has been accomplished than would have been possible if I had continued to give to the agencies already established; and for the same reason I think it would be wise for the Bible House to continue to concen-

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trate on its Spanish and Chinese work, unless funds should come in in such abundance as to enable you to do very substantial work among people of other languages.

I will hand your letter with copy of Keller's to my brother. The other letters I return herewith.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 11, 1912.

Mrs. T. C. Rounds,  
1425 Solon Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Rounds:

I find that yours of Jan. 29th has remained unanswered.

In that letter you referred to Mr. Blackstone's disposition to withdraw his support from Dr. Meyer, because of his not giving his entire attention to the Jewish work, and that you were going to write Mr. Blackstone in reference to it. If you have received his decision I should be glad to know what it is.

I think that Dr. Meyer, if he embraces his opportunity through The Fundamentals, will be able to accomplish more for the Jewish people than he possibly could under his former method of working, and for this reason I have thought that Mr. Blackstone would not regard his apparent diversion from his former work as an act of bad faith. Besides, the work on The Fundamentals will be only of a temporary character.

Your very kind letter of March 1st, with your warm expressions of sympathy and comfort, was also duly received, and for which you have my most hearty thanks.

I am pleased to report that my health, and also that of my brother, is good. The Lord has indeed been very gra-



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cious in answering the many prayers that our friends have sent up for us.

Thanking you for your prayers in my behalf, and praying that the Lord will continue to manifest Himself graciously to you at all times, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 11, 1912.

Miss Louella Smith,  
Santa Fe Hospital,  
City.

My dear Miss Smith:

I had not overlooked your kind and interesting letter of April 4th, but by reason of being behind in my work it has been neglected.

I was very much rejoiced, not only to know that you were planning for a home of your own, but that you were willing to leave the matter entirely in the Lord's hands. I am sure that if the matter is entirely committed to Him you will not only make no mistake, but you will be assured a life of true happiness.

Wishing you such happiness as only the Lord can give, and praying that you may realize His presence with you, and that His richest blessing may rest upon you in all your service for Him, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 11, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

I find on my desk a letter from S. I. Merrill, under date of March 8, pertaining to the business of the Western Gas Engine Co., and I enclose it herewith for your information and files.

Yours very truly,

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May 11, 1912.

Rev. Hugh W. Gilchrist,

San Jose, Cal.

Dear Dr. Gilchrist:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$500 to cover my contribution for this year to the Mount Hermon Association. I trust that you are making good progress along the lines of work which you were endeavoring to inaugurate when I last met you.

Praying for the Lord's richest blessing upon you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 13, 1912.

Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, Secretary,  
511 Witherspoon Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Yours of Apr. 27 duly received. As we are just undertaking the providing of a home for our Los Angeles Bible Institute, it would be impossible for me to make any contribution to your Board at present.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 13, 1912.

Rev. W. C. Stevens,  
Missionary Training Institute,  
Nyack, N. Y.

Dear Brother Stevens:

Yours of Aug. 8, 1911, with enclosures, came during my absence from the city last summer, and having been taken with a severe illness soon after, the business referred to was entirely overlooked. As so much time has elapsed I return the letters of Mrs. Eddings to you herewith.

Trusting that you will kindly pardon my negligence in the matter, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 13, 1912.

Mr. George S. Fisher,  
Euclid & 7th Sts.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Brother Fisher:

During my illness I think there were a couple of communications come from you which were not even acknowledged.

I want to express my appreciation of the work which you are doing in continuing to "Sound the Alarm" during these days of apostasy. Many of us are so careless in our reading that unless our attention is called to unsound statements we are liable to pass them over, but your pointing them out shows the unwary the danger.

As a slight token of my appreciation of your work, will you kindly accept the enclosed check for \$51,- \$50 for the aid of your good work, and \$1 for which please send me an assortment of your tracts.

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

yours very sincerely,

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May 14, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Merrill:

We had a Board Meeting of the Western Gas Engine Company yesterday afternoon, and I recommended to the Board the acceptance of your proposition, but to my surprise the members unanimously refused to concur in my views. They did, however, pass some resolutions which possibly will be much more favorable to you than the acceptance of your proposition would have been. A copy of these resolutions will be furnished you by the Secretary of the Western Gas Engine Co., Mr. C. M. Smith.

Trusting that the action taken will prove entirely satisfactory to you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 18, 1912.

Rev. W. C. Stevens,

Missionary Training Institute,

Nyack, N.Y.

Dear Brother Stevens:

I have just learned, since writing you on the 13th inst., that Van Eddings is a student at our Los Angeles Bible Institute, and also that his mother is here in the city. I am very glad to know this, and shall hope at some time to have the pleasure of meeting them. I hear the very best reports of the young man, - that he is a fine, bright student, and a splendid soul winner.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 18, 1912.

Mr. John Murray Marshall,  
American Bank Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 16th, enclosing copy of letter from J.M. Elliott, President of the First National Bank, at hand.

I infer, from the fact that he is willing to put in his claim against the Sterling Estate in Missouri, that you have found the way open for him to do so. I would be pleased, therefore, to have you proceed along the lines indicated by Mr. Elliott.

Yours very truly,

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May 18, 1912.

Mr. Alex Solater, Mgr. Sales Dept.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Solater:

I enclose herewith letter from Rev. H. C. Underwood, of Seoul, Korea, which will explain itself. I would be pleased if you would consider his two questions very carefully and answer them very fully. There is a possibility of a future business for us in Korea, judging from his statement of the conditions there.

Dr. Underwood is a brother of the Underwood of Underwood Typewriter Co., and you will address him in care of the Typewriter Company in New York.

Yours very sincerely,

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May 18, 1912.

Miss R. Esther Smith,  
Chiquimula,  
Guatemala, C.A.

My dear Friend:

Yours of the 4th inst. at hand. Am pleased to learn of the progress being made in your work. I have heard from time to time from other sources, and rejoice that the Lord's blessing is so manifest in all your labors for Him.

I regret not to be able to respond favorably in reference to providing the press to which you refer, but my available means are now fully absorbed. I will, however, present the matter to one or two of my friends, who possibly may see their way clear to in this way have some fellowship with you in your good work.

Thanking you for offering me this privilege, and praying for the Lord's continued blessing upon you, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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May 18, 1912.

Mr. John Lowe,  
139 E. Ave. 55,  
City.

Dear Brother Lowe:

I just find in my pocket your letter of April 2nd to Mr. Horton, in which you recommend three drum hoist, etc. I was not aware that I was the delinquent in this matter, and was fretting because of the delay. I certainly owe you an apology, and trust you will kindly pardon my carelessness.

Now that you know I am forgetful, you will please not hesitate to give us a prodding whenever you realize that it is needed.

I have been praying that the Lord would give you special wisdom in planning for this work,- not only for the excavating, but in all the work of construction of the Bible Institute plant, which we trust is to become the great center for Biblical instruction and dissemination of Biblical literature on this coast.

With kind regards to Mrs. Lowe, and praying that she may be speedily restored to her usual health, I am, as ever,  
Yours very sincerely,

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May 18, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Earl:

I am handing you herewith a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Western Gas Engine Corporation. If you care to, will you kindly look this paper over and make any criticisms which may occur to you

Yours very truly,

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May 20, 1912.

German American Savings Bank,  
City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$544.38, covering interest at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % for quarter to date on my note in your favor for \$33,500, dated Nov. 20, 1911.

Yours very truly,



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May 24, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

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

T. C. Horton,	654 W. Ave. 49, L.A.
A. B. Prichard,	1329 W. 4th St. "
Prof. H. W. Kellogg,	4820 San Rafael St. L.A.
Giles Kellogg,	3002 Wilshire Blvd. "
Lyman Stewart,	632 Lucas Ave. "
W. L. Stewart,	La Manda Park, Cal.
L. M. Crowell,	1421 Albany St. L.A.
J. H. Hunter,	368 W. Ave. 57, L.A.
Mrs. C. E. Hurlburt,	5118 Granada St. L.A.
W. W. Orcutt,	1323 W. 5th St., L.A.
R. D. Smith,	620 Lissner Bldg., L.A.
Robert Watchorn,	2706 Wilshire Blvd., L.A.
Mrs. Danl. H. Martin,	Cynwyd, Pa.
Rev. Louis Meyer,	123 Huntington Place, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.
Thos. E. Stephens,	808 La Salle Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Porter Phipps,	607 Fitzsimmons Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.
John D. Miller,	Newton Hamilton, Mifflin Co., Pa.
Hon. R. R. Pealer,	Three Rivers, Mich.

and three boxes to Union Oil Co. of Cal., Union Oil Bldg., L.A.  
and one-half box to Mrs. Lydia Birchard, 111 N. Ardmore St., L.A.

Fresh first-class "drops" will answer our purpose in filling  
this order, except for the eastern shipments. Please handle the  
eastern shipments in the way which is easiest and most convenient,  
and have the boxes marked with my compliments.

Yours very truly,

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May 24, 1912.

Dear May:

Your good long letter was duly received. Was glad to learn that you were getting so much enjoyment out of your garden work.

I have been real well until Monday night, when I had a little set-back that rather suggested the possibility of a recurrence of my New York experience, but the doctor says there is no danger. I have been staying in the house now for several days, and I hope to get straightened out without any further set-back. Miss Crowell has kindly come up to take some letters, etc., and am improving the opportunity to let you know that we are in our usual state of activities, with the exception noted.

Fred and Florence, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Bergay, Dorothy, Margery and Clement went over to Santa Paula last Saturday, and returned on Monday. Margery has had a cough for some little time, is out of school this week, but she seems to feel pretty well.

You will of course be sorry to learn of the great grief that has come to our neighbors, the Botsfords, in the death of Mr. Botsford on Wednesday evening. He had <sup>been</sup> poorly for some time with heart trouble and Bright's disease, but I had no idea that he was so badly off. Had been planning to call on him, but put it off too long. The funeral is to be tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at two o'clock.

M.S.M. -2-

W.L. has been in San Francisco a couple of days this week, but I understand has returned this morning.

I have just instructed Miss Crowell to order some oranges, and to have a box expressed to you. I trust they will reach you in good condition, and that you will find them very good.

Dr. Torrey is delivering a series of addresses at the Temple Auditorium Sunday afternoons. He will complete the series on Sunday next. There has been considerable interest in them, but not so much as we had hoped. It is difficult to get out a large audience on Sunday afternoons, we find.

About a week ago Mr. and Mrs. Hanna had a celebration, which the enclosed clipping will explain.

With much love to Dan and Elizabeth, in which Miss Crowell joins, I am, as ever,

Your affectionate

P.S. I am dictating this postscript over the phone to Miss Crowell. Your letter of last Sunday just received. We are glad that Margaret is coming with you, and we will try and give her a pleasant vacation.

You said something in one of your recent letters about continuing to take care of one of mamma's missionaries. Now, mamma did not know anything about these particular missionaries. She simply took them because the ladies of the church recommended them,



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and was considering dropping them to take up some of this Hunan work, (which, as I understand, you have already taken up), and Bible Institute work. So I think you need not feel under any obligation to continue what she had been doing on that particular line, so far as these individuals are concerned, because they were nothing special to her.

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May 25, 1912.

Mrs. T. C. Rounds,  
1425 Solon Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Rounds:

Yours of the 16th inst. duly received. I was very much surprised and humiliated to find that I was delinquent on the payment of Mr. Meyer's salary. When I reminded my brother of his arrearage, I had the impression that I had paid for a considerable time ahead, but Miss Crowell advises me that I had paid for only the first quarter of this year. So, to prevent any more embarrassment through failure of my treacherous memory, I enclose my check for \$600, to cover my part of the contribution for the balance of the year.

Mr. Blackstone seems to feel very much encouraged in his work, but his health is not all that could be desired. However, he has done a great work, on which, for a man of his age, has surprised even his friends.

Trusting that you will kindly overlook my delinquency, and that in the future you will not hesitate to remind me promptly, should I be delinquent, which I hope will not again be the case, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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P.S. Mr. Ralph D. Smith has just sent me an extract

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May 27, 1912.

Mr. Wm. H. Carlson,  
412 Bryson Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst., addressed to Mr. Lyman Stewart, is at hand.

Mr. Stewart has been out of the office for several days on account of illness, and has asked me to reply to you, stating that he has not succeeded in finding a place that he thinks would fit you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



Mrs.T.C.R. -2-

from your letter to him in regard to Dr. Meyer's salary, and I note that you state that I have not paid anything for this year. I presume your meaning was that I had made no payment during this year, for as stated above, I had paid, on Dec. 14, 1911, for the first quarter of this year. I sent you a check on that date for \$400, \$200 being for additional payment for 1911, and \$200 for January, February and March, 1912.

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Secretary.



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May 27, 1912.

Mr. W. K. Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Beattie:

Replying to yours of the 24th inst., I think I would recommend the purchase of shares in the Producers Transportation Company as an investment for your sisters, rather than Union Oil at present, for the reason that the former company has never yet paid dividends, and the market for the stock is in consequence depressed. The company is now earning a large income, and within a few months will probably commence the payment of dividends, when there will naturally be a very large advance in the market price. By investing on the present basis the percentage of earn on the investment will be larger than if invested in stocks which are already seasoned.

Yours very truly,

May 27, 1912.

Mr. John Makins, Supt.,  
341 Beacon St.,  
San Pedro, Cal.

Dear Mr. Makins:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. has just come to my attention, as I have been out of the office for a few days on account of ill health.

In reply I regret to say that the responsibilities which I have already assumed are taxing my resources to the limit, and in consequence I am obliged to say no to many who are presenting very worthy objects, so I do not see my way clear at present to aid in your good work.

With best wishes for the continued success of your work, I am,

sincerely yours,

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May 29, 1912.

Mr. J.H. Sammis,  
432 W. Ave. 52,  
City.

Dear Brother Sammis:

Yours of the 14th inst., and also Ballard's "Miracles of Unbelief," duly received. The article entitled "The Nature and Origin of the New Testament" is certainly very fine, - in fact, very much better than many that have been published in "The Fundamentals." The only objection that I would see to it would be its length. I will, however, write to Dr. Meyer in reference to it.

I will leave the book with Mr. Horton at the Bible Institute.

Thanking you for your kind thoughtfulness in the matter, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,



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May 31, 1912.

Dear May:

I intended to write you before this, asking you, if you thought best, to select something for me as a wedding present for Constance Emerson. There may not be time now for you to reach her. Uncle Milton is sending something from here, but I was at a loss, not only to know what to send, but was also somewhat embarrassed in the matter by reason of not knowing how they had treated you on a similar occasion. I enclose herewith a couple of cards. You will please understand that you are not to allow this to burden you at all.

We are all well, with the exception that I have been under the weather somewhat because of my stomach not attending to business properly.

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

Your affectionate

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May 31, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to our oral understanding in reference to the sale of the Hix-Frost gas producer patents, it is understood and agreed that the gas producer plant now in use for furnishing power for the Western Gas Engine Company shall be continued in service somewhere on those premises for a period of two years, unless by your consent it may be discontinued within a lesser time, and I will use my best endeavors to have the Western Gas Engine Company carry out this agreement.

Trusting that this is in accordance with your understanding,  
I am,

Yours very truly,

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June 3, 1912.

Dr. Francis J. de Giers,  
Hotel St. James,  
109 W. 45th St.,  
New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 24th ult. beg to say that I regard Mr. W. L. Watts as a very careful, painstaking geologist. So far as my observation goes he is exhaustive in his examinations, and conscientious in his reports.

Yours very truly,

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President.



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June 3, 1912.

Mr. Lutie Shugart Waters,  
3 W. Delaware Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Waters:

Yours of May 26th is at hand. We of course appreciate the work which you are undertaking to do, but we are in a rapidly growing community where everything practically is still in its formative stage, and the demands of the institutions in which my brother and I are not only interested, but for the support of which we are largely responsible, are beyond our present ability to meet, and hence it is utterly out of the question for either of us at this time to undertake to help in any outside work. Besides, we are both endeavoring to use such means as we have available in the promotion of direct gospel work.

Trusting that the needs of your institution will sufficiently appeal to the wealthy residents of your own community to lead them to make all necessary provision for your work, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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June 3, 1912.

Mr. W. H. Carlson,  
412 Bryson Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Yours of May 29th, enclosing your note for \$500 at three months, has just this moment come to my attention. The note I return herewith, with regret that I am not in a position to accommodate you. Have taken hold of some work which is straining my resources, and I am myself seeking for loans.

I also regretted that owing to the policy of the company being to limit its extension work, we had no occasion for employing a man like yourself, along the lines which I had indicated to you.

Trusting that you will have no difficulty in making satisfactory connections, I am,

Yours very truly,

June 3, 1912.

Mr. George S. Edwards,  
Santa Barbara, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of May 30th has just come to my attention. I regret to have to say that as we are just entering on our work of constructing a plant for our Bible Institute, and as the financial responsibility largely devolves upon me, my resources will be taxed to the utmost limit for the next several years. Hence I am obliged to say no to such opportunities as your good work presents.

Thanking you for offering me this privilege, I am,

Yours very sincerely,



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June 3, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,  
Hotel Chelsea,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Watchorn:

Miss Crowell and I have checked over the former private codes made for you, eliminating a number of words which we thought there would be no occasion for you to use, but retaining some in reference to the Mexican business. You will notice we have only added the names of Messrs. Shellito and Mosser to the former code. Names of others with whom you may have to deal I would suggest that you have codified, and send to Miss Crowell.

In view of the possibility of peace being established in Mexico before you leave New York, I am enclosing herewith a power of attorney given by Messrs. Moffet, Bradshaw, Poor and Parsons. My judgment at present is that if the way opens for your going to Mexico it might be wise for you to go down there, well fortified with credentials, and get our title established, as far as possible, before opening up the matter with Mr. Shellito. However, Mr. Shellito may be a quick and easy trader, and it may be to our advantage to deal with him without waiting to first go to Mexico. The unsettled conditions in Mexico may prevent your going there for a long time.

These parties gave Mr. Merrill a sixty day

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option,- I think it was,- for the sale of their interests outright for \$90,000, at a time when they supposed we wanted to purchase, but I advised them that we did not want to purchase at any price, for we did not know whether they had anything to sell. What we <sup>authority to get</sup> did want was some kind of a title established, so that we could have something tangible to offer for sale. I simply mention this that you may have some idea as to what will probably satisfy them. However, as they have put the matter in our hands for adjustment, we could not do otherwise than share with them, on a basis of perfect equity, whatever we might obtain in settlement for our claims in and to the property. We will retain a certified copy of the power or attorney.

On Mr. Moffet's last trip to Mexico he surveyed some claims outside of the Aquila claims, in which our friends who have signed this power of attorney were not to be interested, as they refused to contribute any funds toward their acquirement, so if you should have any negotiations for a sale, be careful and not include all our interests, as I understand that these other claims are quite valuable also, and do not, I believe, have any adverse claimants to them. It is possible that we might, in case we were making the sale, have the respective claims appraised, and sell them all together. We would need to be very careful in this matter, because of our associates having put their interests entirely in our hands, and we do not want them to have any occasion for criticism. The embarrassment in the matter will be in having an equitable appraisalment

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made that will be entirely satisfactory to these men. I will probably see Mr. Merrill in a day or two, and may possibly be able to give you a little more definite information in reference to the later surveyed claims.

Wishing you abundant success in your undertaking,  
and praying that the Lord's blessing may be upon you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,



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June 4, 1912.

Occidental College,

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith find my check for \$450, being the quarterly payment on my subscription to the Bible work of the College.

Yours very truly,

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June 4, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

I am today sending to the Y.M.C.A. my check for \$250, in payment of interest for six months to June 1st on my \$10,000 note. Will you kindly make a similar payment to the Bible Institute, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

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June 4, 1912.

Youn Men's Christian Association,  
City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith please find my check for \$250, covering  
interest for six months to June 1st on my note for \$10,000.

Yours very truly,

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June 4, 1912.

Union Trust & Realty Co.,  
o/o German American Savings Bank,  
City.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby authorized to sign in my behalf petition  
for the paving of East Eighth Street.

Yours truly,

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June 5, 1912.

Mrs. Maria Newlove,  
468 Pine Ave.,  
Pacific Grove, Cal.

Dear Madam:

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank has called my attention to the fact that interest payments on my note for \$100,000 in your favor should have been made to them, instead of to you direct. Because of these payments having always been made to you in the past, the Bank has not credited them on the note. Will you therefore kindly sign the enclosed letter <sup>and mail</sup> to the Bank, and we will, in the future, make our payments to them, and they will give you credit for same.

Yours very truly,

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468 Pine Ave., Pacific Grove, Cal.,

June 6, 1912.

Farmers &amp; Merchants National Bank,

Los Angeles, Cal.

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that semi-annual interest payments of \$3,000 each, accruing June 9th and Dec. 9th on the \$100,000 loan which I made to Lyman Stewart Dec. 9, 1909, have been promptly paid to me as they have fallen due, four payments in all having been made, viz: June and December, 1910, and June and December, 1911. Will you kindly credit these items on the note, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

Maria Harlowe



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June 7, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,  
Hotel Chelsea,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Watchorn:

You will of course be grieved to learn that our associate in the Mexican iron business, Mr. James Moffet, passed away last Monday. He was buried on Tuesday. I did not hear of his death until after the funeral had taken place.

W.L., in referring to the Cornerstone well the other day, remarked that you were making a very serious mistake in continuing to run the rotary rig on it, as it was possible to go through pretty good oil formation and seal it up, and thus never discover it. I asked him why he did not speak to you about it, and he said he supposed that Mr. Teatsorth would have counseled you, but as I remember your arrangement with Mr. Teatsorth, he is simply interested in making the best time possible, and not in obtaining results for you. I give you this simply for your information and consideration.

There is nothing new, I believe, to report.

Trusting that you have had a comfortable and safe journey, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Watchorn, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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June 8, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Earl:

Your good letter of June 1st, followed by statement of the figures on which you made your estimates, duly received. Owing to some protracted sessions of our Executive Committee, I was obliged to take your letters home to finish reading them, and did not complete them until day before yesterday. As I have not yet submitted them to the Executive Committee, you will please regard this letter as personal and unofficial. I cannot write officially in the matter until we have had some executive action.

So far as I was cognizant of the facts, your statements correspond substantially with my recollection of them.

As you are aware, I left the office about the first of August, 1911, and early in October I had a severe attack of illness in New York, followed by a protracted period of convalescence, which, in turn, was followed by the fatal illness of my wife, so I did not get back to the office, - except for a few minutes occasionally, - until along in February of this year, and hence was not in touch with the work of the Union Oil Building Co. practically during the entire period of the construction of its building. Although aware that there were some differences between you and our people, from such information as had been given me I was

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not able to understand the questions at issue, but your letter presents the situation in such a clear, concise manner that I am at a loss to understand why or how there can be any real ground for a difference of opinion.

Personally, I have thought that neither basis for valuation of floor space was strictly equitable, for the reason that in engaging three floors we had planned for future growth, and were not able to advantageously utilize all the space; while, on the other hand, there will be some space on the other floors that will at times be vacant, and hence for the Union Oil Company to pay the full price would be to pay a larger average pro rata per square foot than would be realized from the rest of the building. I cannot, however, see any reason why the Building Company should realize on its annual receipts from the space occupied by the Union Oil Company less per square foot than is realized on the balance of the office space in the building, unless some portion of this space should not be so desirable, and hence not as valuable as other space in the building. On general principles I cannot understand why the Union Oil Company should have any more right to select three floors at a reduced rental than you would have, for we are, as I understand it, joint owners and equal partners in this Building Company, and neither should have any preferential rights over the other.

Why our folks should order the elevators left out of the 13th floor, I cannot understand, and certainly any extra expense which was involved later in changing to the 13th floor should legitimately belong to the party responsible for this extra expense.



June 10, 1912.

Title Insurance & Trust Co.,

City.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. J. H. Smith, 221 Henne Bldg., which will explain itself.

By your certificate No. 191077 you will see that you have been over this, and, as I remember, you cleared up all the back taxes. I think they claim that they purchased the property under a sale by the State for the taxes of 1905.

Kindly return Mr. Smith's letter, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

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I cannot see how there can be any question on this matter, excepting it may be as to the facts in reference to instructions given in regard to elevator service to the 15th floor. My motto in business has always been "pure goods and full measure," and so far as I am concerned, this standard for the conduct of the Union's business cannot be changed.

Trusting that you will keep in mind that this is a personal letter, and with assurance that I will use all my influence, both personal and official, to have an equitable adjustment of all the questions involved between the Union Oil Company and the Union Oil Building Company, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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## CARBON COPY OF TELEGRAM

MAIL A COPY DAILY TO LOS ANGELES OFFICE

Los Angeles, Cal., June 10, 1912.

Hambley &amp; Smith, Undertakers,

San Diego, Cal.

Sam Blakeley never worked for me. I do not think he has any relatives in America. For some years he has belonged to the down and out class.

Lyman Stewart.

(Chg. Union Oil Co.)

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June 10, 1912.

Mr. J. H. Smith,  
221 Henne Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. duly received.

In reply beg to state that I have taken the matter up with the Title Insurance & Trust Co., to have it again investigated under their guarantee.

Yours truly,

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June 10, 1912.

Mr. E. H. Jolliffe,  
Ontario, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Some years ago, without our knowledge or consent, a road was graded diagonally through some of our lots above Tenth St., over through the Cucamonga wash. Now we are advised that the city of Upland is re-grading, curbing and guttering this street or road. We of course own the property on both sides, and we cannot understand by what authority or right the city can go out on private property and go to grading, curbing, etc., without notice to the owners. The right to do it in this place implies the right to do it through any of our orchards that are in the city limits. I wish, therefore, you would look into this matter as promptly as possible, (if the way is clear for you to do so), and if the city officials have gone beyond their authority under the law, have them enjoined at once from proceeding with this work.

You are aware how the city refused to take any responsibility in protecting Twenty-third St. from storm water, and they certainly should have some valid reason for going out into the country now to grade and curb a road when it is not desired by the owners of property abutting thereon, and which, at the same time, cuts the property up in such shape as to largely impair its value.

Yours very truly,



June 11, 1912.

Mr. Randall C. Phillips,  
1228½ W. Ninth St.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 8th inst., with enclosure, received and noted. Am glad to hear of the good work that is being done for the Irish in the way of giving them the gospel. I would be pleased to have some part in this work, but circumstances at present are such as to render this practically impossible, for the reason that we are just starting in to build a home for our Bible Institute, which will strain our resources to the limit probably for a long time.

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

Yours very sincerely,

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June 11, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

Yours of the 8th inst. at hand. In reply beg to say that I will endeavor to adapt myself to your convenience, and meet you on any day that may best suit you. On Tuesday and Friday forenoons I am usually in an executive committee meeting, so an appointment for either of those days would not be satisfactory. My brother is now here, and is expecting to leave in a few days, and I will be out occasionally with him, so if you will arrange some day two or three days in advance, I will endeavor to make my appointments accordingly.

Yours very sincerely,

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June 11, 1912.

Mr. S. C. Wing,  
5341 Pasadena Ave.,  
City.

Dear Mr. Wing:

Replying to yours of the 7th inst., allow me to say that I could not consider the acceptance of your offer to transfer your Western Gas Engine Co. stock to me.

The losses of the company are, of course, attributable to bad management, but we believe past errors in management have been corrected, and that Mr. Smith is now placing the business in a position that will eventually reimburse the stockholders for all their investments, and at the same time protect them from liabilities in which they have become involved as stockholders. Of course none of us can afford to stand the losses involved in this unfortunate business, but as business men we should stand together and make the best of the matter.

Some of the money which I have borrowed to take care of the company's affairs has cost me seven per cent interest, and in order to protect your interests I will agree to accept your notes, payable in one and two years, with interest semi-annually at seven per cent, for your pro rata of the company's liability, and will have stock in the proposed Western Gas Engine Corporation issued to you, that you may attach it as security to the notes which you give. I have the utmost confidence that if business conditions



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continue normal, this will not only relieve you from an unpleasant situation but will in time make good your original investment.

Yours very sincerely,

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June 11, 1912.

Mr. C. White Mortimer,  
706 International Bank Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 6th inst. in reference to Mr. A. M. McDermott, beg to say that I have been personally acquainted with Mr. McDermott for some eight or ten years, and while I cannot speak from my own knowledge in reference to his ability as a mining engineer, I have a very high regard for his general ability and his personal integrity. I am sure he would be honest and conscientious in any report which he would submit.

Yours very truly,

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June 11, 1912.

Mr. Ed W. Hopkins, County Assessor,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 8th inst., per Charles M. Smith, Deputy, duly received.

In answering your question as to why the amount due me from the Western Gas Engine Company should not be added to my statement, I beg to say that the Western Gas Engine Co. is insolvent, and that the assessment on its stockholders to cover the individual liability on their stock amounts to \$235 per share; and further, that the assets, had they been sold prior to the first Monday in March, would probably not have realized sufficient to pay the current indebtedness, and the claims of banks and others, to say nothing about the amount due to me; or, in other words, there would have been absolutely nothing for me. But by putting up more funds we hope to save something out of the wreck. I agreed, prior to the first Monday in March, to accept stock in a new corporation to be known as the Western Gas Engine Corporation, for advances which I have made to the Western Gas Engine Co.

If, under the circumstances stated, you think that this amount, or any portion of it, should be placed on my statement for assessment, I should give, as an offset, money which I have borrowed, and which includes a larger amount than the indebtedness to me of the Western Gas Engine Co.

Yours very truly,



June 11, 1912.

Mrs. Rachel Shaw Lyman,  
794 Kensington Road,  
City.

Dear Madam:

Your favor of the 9th inst., addressed to Mr. Lyman Stewart, is received.

In reply beg to say that the dispensing of the patronage in connection with the Bible Institute is not in Mr. Stewart's hands, and would suggest that you address Mr. T. C. Horton, the Superintendent, in regard to the matter.

Yours truly,

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Miss Mary R. Irwin,  
516 N. 6th St.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

June 12, 1912.

Dear Cousin Mary:

Yours of the 10th inst. just received. Your previous letter in May was also duly received, and I undertook to dictate a reply, but was interrupted before completing it, and did not get back to it.

I noted what you had said about coming to California to escape the heat, and was writing to tell you to come and spend a week with us while finding a comfortable location in which to summer; but in the meantime, as I learn from your letter, Harlan and Gleason have come, and are now at San Diego. We are somewhat unsettled in our domestic relations, our help having "struck," and my son and his family planning to go to Catalina Island for a vacation soon, while Milton is planning to go back to Titusville in a few days. We would be glad, however, if you and Celia could come and spend a few days with us, and not only escape the heat, but get the benefit of a change of climate. Can you come?

Glad to know that you are leaning upon the only true source of help and deliverance in this time of trouble.

With kindest regards to Cousin Celia, and praying that you may realize the Lord's presence with you, keeping you and sustaining you, I am, as ever,

Your affectionate cousin,

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June 14, 1912.

Mr. George Ballman, Extension Secy.,

Y.M.C.A.,

City.

Dear Sir:

In regard to Mr. Lyman Stewart's \$10,000 note in favor of the Y.M.C.A., I am informed that while this note is dated June 1st, the interest was not to commence until July 1st, and that consequently interest payments are due January 1st and July 1st of each year. Your letter of May 1st does not seem to coincide with this. Will you kindly set us right on this matter and oblige.

Yours very truly,



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June 14, 1912.

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

Dear Mrs. Manlove:

Your interesting letter of the 12th inst. duly received. Enclosed herewith find my check for \$10. I am sending this because of the apparent urgency of your needs, but I desire to say that I have become responsible for taking care of the Lord's work along certain lines to such a degree as to fully absorb my resources for the present. Hence I will not only not be able to continue to aid you in paying your rent, but it will be out of the question for me to think of paying you a salary in connection with your gospel work. The Bible Institute is employing a number of Bible women, and possibly you might be able to arrange to work under its auspices, but I do not have anything to say as to whom they shall employ.

Praying that the Lord will guide and bless you in all your efforts to serve Him, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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June 14, 1912.

Mr. Silas Toms,  
Enterprise Nursery,  
Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Is your spraying mixture kept on sale in this city, and  
if so, will you kindly inform me where I can buy it?

Yours very truly,

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June 14, 1912.

California Drug & Chemical Co.,  
847 Stephenson Ave.,  
City.

Gentlemen:

I am informed that you furnish to applicants a book called  
"Fungicides and Insecticides." If this is the case, will you kindly  
mail a copy to me, and greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,



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June 14, 1912.

Mr.E.O.Essig, Secretary,  
State Board of Horticulture,  
Sacramento, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me a copy of "Destructive Insects  
and Their Control," and very greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,

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June 14, 1912.

Mr. E. H. Jolliffe,  
Ontario, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 12th inst. at hand. We cannot understand, in the first place, how the city of Upland could undertake such a work as curbing and grading the street referred to without information coming to the owners of the land in some form; for my brothers have been over the land several times during the past two or three months and we had no notice of their intentions until a few days ago, when some attorney, - apparently, - called us up on the phone to know how we wanted to pay for it.

On further reflection, I am sending your letter to my brother, W. B. Stewart, asking him to look up the matter of the notices and see whether they were so posted as to comply with the law.

The date at which you say you repaired and cleared that road was prior to the date of our becoming interested in the Ontario Colony. I did not know that it was an open road until the time it was graded by Mr. Holbrook. It was not noted, I think, on the maps of the Ontario Land Co. as being a public road. However, this will not have any bearing on the matter.

Yours very truly,

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June 14, 1912.

Mr. W. B. Stewart,  
Upland, Cal.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Jolliffe; also copy of my reply.

I wish you would look into this matter, and ascertain whether notices were so posted as to be readily observed, for I cannot understand how such an improvement could be undertaken without some of our folks being cognizant of it and entering their protest while they could. If you find that notices were not posted in a way to be readily observed, and the intentions of the Trustees were not advertised in a way that would be likely to come to your attention, you might see Mr. Jolliffe and talk the matter over with him. It looks to us as though the work was practically confiscatory of our lands abutting on the street. However, it may give some added value in the way of making it desirable for residence purposes.

Yours very sincerely,



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June 14, 1912.

Mr.S.G.Wing,  
5341 Pasadena Ave.,  
City.

Dear Mr. Wing:

Your favor of the 13th inst., in reference to your  
Western Gas Engine Co. stock, has been referred to Mr.C.M.Smith,  
Secretary of the company, for reply.

Yours very truly,

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June 14, 1912.

Mr. S. M. Smith, Secretary,  
Western Gas Engine Co.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter to me from S. C. Wing,  
dated the 13th inst., in reference to the amount due on his Western  
Gas Engine Co. stock. Will you kindly reply to this letter and  
oblige.

Yours very truly,

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June 15, 1912.

Mr. H. A. Grine,  
c/o E. K. Blanchard,  
Seymour, Mo.

My dear Mr. Grine:

Your interesting letter of the 11th inst. at hand. I am not in sufficiently close touch with the details of the business of the Western Gas Engine Company to know how important it would be to it to have the agency of the Sulzer Diesel oil engines. I presume, however, this would be a valuable agency, from the fact that our people have considered it.

I have been housed up for a few days with a cold, but expect to be out in two or three days, and then will be pleased <sup>and</sup> to present your application to the Union Oil Company, if there is a place where a man with your talents can be used I shall be very glad to recommend you for the position. However, should the agency of the Sulzer Diesel engine be secured, I suppose you would want to devote your time to its proper manufacture and to its successful introduction.

Yours very truly,



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June 18, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Horton:

Steel is advancing in the east, and there seems to be a prospect of a very large advance in the comparatively near future. I think it would be wise, therefore, for us to make a contract with the California Industrial Co. on the present market, ascertaining, of course, from the architects the approximate number of tons that will be required for the entire work. This should be done quickly, as Mr. Merrill may leave for the east in a day or two, and we would probably not be able to make such an advantageous contract as he might be disposed to make.

The more I think about the architects' demand that we pay a skilled man in their office to supervise the construction of the plant, by reason of our not having the work in the hands of contractors, the more unreasonable and unjust it appears to me. In their contract they were to provide competent supervision, and the men whom we put in charge of the details of the work are more competent, we believe to carry out the architects' plans honestly than the average contractor would be, so there is really no ground for their demand, and I trust that you will resist it.

Yours very sincerely,

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June 19, 1912.

Mr. Robert Watchorn,  
Hotel Chelsea,  
New York.

My dear Mr. Watchorn:

Miss Crowell has very kindly allowed me to read your several letters, the latest date being that of the 14th inst.

We are very sorry indeed to know that your arm is still so painful, and suggest that you take treatments from a good chiropractor while in New York, as the one here seemed to relieve you a good deal.

Mr. Shellito seems to mean business, but we infer from the fact that no telegrams have yet been received that Mr. Brommer is taking advantage of his rights under his option.

I had a letter from Mr. Staats. He is very enthusiastic about the future of oil. He says all the world is talking about using oil.

I have been laid up a few days with a little attack of grippe, and have not been able to attend all the meetings held here in the office. Mr. Merrill, of the Industrial, seems to be a good deal exercised in reference to the situation regarding his option for the purchase of that fine site down at Wilmington, as he will have to give notice and file a map showing

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the lands he wants about July 10th, this being sixty days in advance of the term of his option. Mr. Torrance has seemed to become suddenly apathetic in reference to the Industrial's interests, and Mr. Kennedy, whom Mr. Torrance had come here to make a report on the steel situation, is so impressed with the possibilities of a steel plant here that he has parties who would like to get an option on the Industrial's property. The individual members of the Board expressed themselves freely at its last meeting that those who were not willing to take their pro rata and go ahead with the new steel plant should sell out. It seems that both Mr. Kellogg and W.L. expressed themselves to this same effect. This has stirred Mr. Merrill up, and he is now pressing for an option on the company's stock at \$125, and is proposing to go east immediately and take up the matter of a steel plant with Mr. Kennedy.

When I had dictated thus far, Mr. Merrill dropped in with the proposed option for ninety days at \$125 for us to sign. I have had him take it up with Mr. Kellogg, and we will have the option made subject to your written endorsement thereon before becoming effective. He also showed a telegram just received from Mr. Kennedy, in which he says he could not deal with Merrill, but that negotiations would have to be made through Mr. Torrance. This accounts, we believe, for Mr. Torrance's change of front in the matter.

To make our situation clear to Mr. Merrill, I took him into our confidence to the extent of explaining Mr. Shellito's



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negotiations, and the importance of the Union having the control of the Industrial Company to hand over to him.

Mr. Terrance had also gotten some of our people interested in the sale of the harbor property, claiming that there was some negotiation on by which they could dispose of our interests for a ten per cent commission. I have warned W.L. and Mr. Kellogg not to give any encouragement whatever that we would dispose of the harbor property, remembering that Mr. Shellito had stated that he thought a great deal of the property, and would like to build the largest floating dock in the world on it.

Mr. Merrill will leave for the east as soon as he gets his option signed up, and will call on you; and I have advised him to rub up close to Mr. Shellito, if possible, with the hope of getting him to finance his steel scheme.

You will notice that Mr. Merrill's option is of no value without your written endorsement, and you of course will not give that if it will interfere in any way whatever with the sale which you are seeking to make. To avoid presenting this matter before the Executive Committee, Mr. Kellogg has just reported that he would deem it advisable for me to sign the option, giving the memorandum of the stock that is included, and then the members of the Executive Committee here in the office could give their verbal approval to my doing so, thus forming a basis for a fuller and more legal paper later.

Mr. Grentt has just reported that the well on the north side of the Newlove, which was being drilled deeper, has come in as

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a 275 bbl. well of 31 gravity oil. I have just instructed him to have no time lost in having the others in the vicinity also drilled down.

My brother leaves for Titusville on Friday.

With kind regards to Mrs. Watchorn, and praying that the Lord will guide and keep you, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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June 19, 1912.

Mr. W.K.Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Mr. Beattie;

Yours of the 17th inst., with map, duly received.  
Of course we would be glad to join with Mr. Frankish in opening  
Grove St., but in deeding this right of way would ask Mr. Frankish  
at the same time to deed to us the right of way for pipe lines across  
his property in the San Antonio Canon which joins our water lands  
there.

Yours very truly,



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June 22, 1912.

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your interesting letter of the 4th inst. I am ashamed to say has been overlooked, which I trust you will kindly pardon. I have a suspicion that, having been sent to my house, it lay on a table a week or more before my attention was called to it. Had it been mailed to the office I should have received it more promptly.

It would seem that in the manufacture of a pumping engine the most logical auxiliary to go with it would be a deep well power head, and hence I would favor the manufacture of this, if you are prepared to recommend it as a desirable thing for the company to do. Your proposition to have one-third of the profits go to Christian work is certainly generous on your part, and is in the line of my purposes for any interest which I may have in the Western Gas Engine Corporation. The details of arrangements for the introduction of the pump I will, of course, have to leave with you.

I also beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 15th inst., in reference to plans for distributing the issue of stock in the Western Gas Engine Corporation. I have been so rushed

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with other matters since receiving this, that I have not fully  
digested it. Will try and take it up early next week.

Yours very sincerely,

June 24, 1912.

California Industrial Company,  
S.I. Merrill, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter dated June 19th, 1912, No. 717, making quotation on approximately one thousand tons steel bars, to be used in the new Bible Institute building, such bars to be cut in lengths as specified by architects of the building, to be twisted square bars of tensile strength from 55,000 to 70,000 pounds per square inch, and further subject to certain stipulations mentioned in your letter.

I hereby accept your quotation of \$1.75 per hundred pounds, plus one-half steel extras, net cash, delivered on the building site, and confirmatory of my acceptance of your bid, I enclose herewith check in favor of the California Industrial Company for \$3,500, to apply on account.

Yours very truly,

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President Bible Institute of  
Los Angeles.



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June 25, 1912.

Mr. W. E. Beattie,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Burkholder informed me some time since that he had left two navel trees unpicked, to supply us with oranges as required. I presume it is getting so late that they will be dropping badly, so I would suggest that they be picked whenever it is convenient for you to pack them. I understood that there were about eighteen loose boxes. You will please, therefore, ship them as follows:

Lyman Stewart,  
W. L. Stewart,  
L. H. Crowell,  
T. C. Horton,  
A. B. Prichard,

632 Lucas Ave.,  
La Bamba Park, Cal.  
1421 Albany St.  
654 W. Ave. 49.  
1329 W. 4th St.

If there is any surplus, you might send a box also to A. C. Stewart, Avalon, Catalina Island. This latter please hold so as to have it reach Avalon about the 3rd of July. Should there not be enough to fill these orders, you might fill them as far as they will go from the beginning of the list.

Yours very truly,

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June 25, 1912.

Mr. R. W. Fenn,

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Fenn:

Yours of the 24th inst., in reference to Mr. Chown's wishes, at hand.

Of course he can do as he sees fit in regard to approaching Hallgarten & Co., but I am sure that it would not avail him anything, as they value their option very highly.

In our Executive Committee meeting this morning there were some remarks made about the company's long delay in utilizing the gas which is now going to waste, by extracting therefrom the gasoline which it contains. The remark was made that others were successfully doing this, while we were still feeling our way. What is the present status of the matter, and what has been the occasion for the long delay since Mr. Carl F. Adam began his experiments?

Yours very truly,

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June 25, 1912.

Mr. Milton Stewart,  
Titusville, Pa.

Dear Brother:

Enclosed find weekly report of the Ontario-Cusamonga Fruit Exchange; also some historic pictures which Fred has made in connection with the breaking of ground at the Bible Institute site. The pictures only show a section of the crowd.

We were pleased to learn from Miss Wickett's postals of your safe arrival in San Francisco. On Sunday morning we forwarded a telegram from Mr. Critchlow to you at the Hotel Stewart, - which we presume you received, - giving the sad tidings of Curt McKinney's affliction.

Watchorn reports very favorably on Shellito. He seems prepared to close the transaction, but Bronner is asking \$5 per share, which would amount to \$750,000, as a bonus for surrendering his option. Shellito's parties had authorized him to pay \$100,000.

Trusting that you have arrived in Titusville safely, and with kind regards to Miss Wickett, I am, as ever,

Yours affectionately,

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June 25, 1912.

Mr. C. M. Smith,

Western Gas Engine Co.,

City.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter in reference to the price of tops for gas engine use at hand.

I consulted our people, and find that they are paying 5 cents a gallon for tops which contain the gasoline. Kellogg's tops, we understand, have the gasoline extracted, and hence they are able to sell them at the low price which you mention.

W. L. Stewart thinks you could possibly arrange with Kellogg to purchase tops at the same price that Fairbanks Morse & Co. are paying.

Yours very truly,

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Yours very truly,

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June 25, 1912.

Mr. R. D. Smith,  
620 Lissner Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Ralph:

Enclosed I return letters of Mr. Clifford, Mr. Blackstone and Dr. Keller. I carried these in my pocket for some days, hoping to be able to call and deliver them in person, but must get my desk cleared up some before I try to see you.

The \$1,700 required for the Porciones looks like a pretty large sum to me at present, but will try and provide it, so that there may be no interruption in your work.

Yours very sincerely,

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June 25, 1912.

Dear May:

Yours of the 20th inst., and also one of prior date, were duly received. Am pleased to know that you have so enjoyed Mrs. Pettit's visit; also glad to know that you have a new mother's help who is apparently satisfactory to Elizabeth, which means, of course, that she is satisfactory to you too.

Yes, we had quite a shake-up in our domestic relations, and I do not know when I have had a greater trial than in parting with Mary. She came in three or four days before leaving, and gave me notice that since mother's death she had not been happy, and she could not remain, but that she would stay until after your vacation, but two or three days after she had some friction with Betty, and notified me that she could not stay in the house another night. She very kindly came back and spent a couple of days later to show our new help how she had done things in the house. Mary can hardly speak of mother without breaking down.

I am not sure whether I wrote you to express our gratification at the prospect of Margaret's coming with you. We of course will be greatly pleased to have her with us while she can remain. Will you please extend a very cordial invitation to her from me.

I enclose some "historic" photographs which your brother took during the ceremony of the ground breaking at the Bible Institute site. The one taken while Dr. Torrey was offering the dedi-

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atory prayer seems to indicate that he was not as reverent, possibly, as he might have been.

Milton and Miss Wickett left us on the morning of the 21st for Titusville by way of San Francisco, in which latter place they expected to remain over the Sabbath. We miss them very much.

Fred's are going over to the Island on the 3rd. I presume you knew that they had bought a cottage there, and were fitting it up. As Mr. Watchorn is in New York attending to some very important business, I do not want to leave the city until he finishes it. Our folks are disposed to object to my remaining in the house nights when they are all away, so I will probably go over to Will's for a few days, but possibly may remain at home.

My rule now is not to come to the office in the afternoon, but you know it takes the exception to prove the rule.

With much love to you all, and hoping to see you soon, I am, as ever,

Your affectionate



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June 26, 1912.

Mr. J. H. Smith,  
221 Honne Building,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 7th inst. was duly received and forwarded to the Title Insurance & Trust Co., and they reply that they have examined the tax rolls concerning the alley mentioned in your letter, and find that all taxes had been paid up to the time they issued the last certificate, upon the portion of the alley which runs east and west, and parallel to 6th St. Your claim, therefore, doubtless will be on the other part of the alley.

Yours very truly,

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June 26, 1912.

Mr. E. A. Grine,  
c/o E. K. Blanchard,  
Seymour, Mo.

Dear Mr. Grine:

Yours of the 21st inst. from Seymour, Mo., at hand. I will forward it immediately to Mr. C. M. Smith, General Manager of the Western Gas Engine Co., for his consideration. I am so ignorant in reference to the merits of various classes of engines that I am utterly incompetent to give intelligent consideration to any proposition which might be made; hence I refer the matter to our expert.

We have organized the Western Gas Engine Corporation, which is taking over the tangible assets of the Western Gas Engine Co., and which will be the active company in the future.

I understand that the Kellogg Oil Co. is making tops of about 52 gravity, which it is furnishing to the Fairbanks Morse people at 5 cents a gallon, for the use of their customers. This is so cheap that it may render the agency for the Diesel engine of comparatively small value, in view of its increased initial cost.

Trusting that you will be able to secure something that will be not only satisfactory but remunerative, I am, as ever,

Yours very truly,

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June 26, 1912.

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

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find letter just received from John Murray  
Marshall, together with copy of my reply thereto.

I also enclose letter from Mr. Grine under date of June  
21st.

Yours very truly,



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June 26, 1912.

Mr. John Murray Marshall,  
611 American Bank Bldg.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 25th inst. at hand. I will forward it to Mr. C. M. Smith, Secretary of the W. G. E. Co., with instructions to furnish you such data as is required.

Conditions have changed, by reason of the company having sold its tangible assets to the extent of about \$148,000.

It is understood, of course, that the bank will take these steps in our interest, and without prejudice to its own interests.

Yours very truly,



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June 27, 1912.

Mr. T. C. Horton,

262½ S. Main St.,

City.

Dear Mr. Horton:

The fear is beginning to dawn on me that our folks have to go through a lot of "cutting and trying" before they can make a great success of their excavating on our building site. My experience with Mr. Frost, who took a contract to deliver engines and had to invent them after taking the contract, makes me somewhat nervous over the appearance of things as they are at present.

Instead of putting a side-tilting box on the truck, they have put in a sloping hopper-formed box, which requires the opening of four doors, and then the slope is such that it will require the aid of shovels to get the dirt out, which of course will involve additional expense as well as delay the trucks. The scraper, it seems, has to be remodeled, and I am afraid that with that long boom on the plant for handling the scraper, the whole apparatus will be twisted from its base.

As it has already been determined that we could contract sand and gravel cheaper than we could haul it ourselves, and have shifted our base in this particular, it has occurred to me that possibly it might be wise, after all, to consider very seriously having this work done under contract by men who have been trained along this special line. The Union Oil Company, I understand, is



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in the market for a couple of trucks, and possibly you could sell them if a change should be thought desirable. You will please understand that I am not advocating this yet, but what I wish to urge is that these questions be determined as quickly as possible, so that if necessary to change our base we can shift with the least possible loss.

It is somewhat humiliating to us to know that since we really began work to clear this ground, excavations have been made, and high buildings, of the same character as we contemplate, have been erected on the corner of 6th and Figueroa and on Orange St., while we are just in the experimental stage of moving dirt. In estimating costs we should keep in mind the fact that the interest on the present value of the ground would amount to about \$1250 per month. We assume, of course, that the use of the property for the Institute will be worth at least this amount, and hence this item should be taken into account in so planning that the work shall be expedited to the utmost limit.

Bear in mind, please, that I am not finding fault with any person, but am simply very anxious that there be no mistakes made in the further prosecution of this work.)

Mr. Salvater failed to meet me at four o'clock yesterday on Fifth St., as I understood our appointment to be.

Praying that the Lord will give wisdom and guidance,  
I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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June 28, 1912.

Warren & Bailey Manufacturing Co.,  
City.

Gentlemen:

Please send to my place, south east corner of 6th St.  
and Lucas Ave., one length of your best  $\frac{3}{4}$ " garden hose, and  
oblige.

Yours very truly,

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June 28, 1912.

Miss Mary R. Irwin,  
516 N. 6th St.,  
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Cousin Mary:

Yours of the 15th inst. was duly received. Am very sorry that Cousin Celia does not feel able to go away from home at present. I trust that she is feeling better by this time. Should you decide to go to San Diego, I wish you would kindly advise us as to the date and time of the train on which you would arrive here in transit, so that we may, if possible, meet you.

Milton started for Titusville on the 21st inst. Presume he is due there today but have not yet heard of his arrival.

We are expecting May and her family here on the 21st of July to spend their vacation in California.

What is the latest word from Cousin Harlan? Does he continue to improve?

With loving regards to you all, and praying that you may realize the Lord's presence with you, I am, as ever,

Your affectionate cousin,



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June 28, 1912.

Messrs. Silas Toms & Son,  
Enterprise Nursery,  
Pasadena, Cal.

Gentlemen:

Will you please ship me fifty gallons of your resin wash for spraying purposes. Would be pleased if you could deliver this at my place on the southeast corner of 6th St. and Lucas Ave. The cost of delivery, I will, of course, be glad to pay.

Yours very truly,

June 28, 1912.

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Mrs. D. E. Luther,  
1226 Orange St.,  
City.

Dear Mrs. Luther:

Your very interesting letter, with enclosures, duly received. These reports are interesting, and indicate that the boys of the McKinley Home are receiving very helpful training. I return them herewith.

I have been a good deal interested in the McKinley Home, and of course am very much pleased to hear from time to time of the progress that is being made in it, and especially to learn of the good work that is being done for the spiritual welfare of the boys. It would give me great pleasure to have some part in the support of this work, but at present we are endeavoring to get our Bible Institute established in a home of its own, and our resources are being taxed to such an extent that we are obliged to say no to practically every other good work.

Thanking you for giving me this opportunity, and praying for the Lord's continued blessing upon this work, I am, as ever,

Yours very sincerely,

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June 26, 1912.

Premier Publishing Co.,  
306½ W. Second St.,  
City.

Gentlemen:

Yours of the 15th inst. was duly received. It will give me pleasure to refer your letter to the Union Oil Company with my recommendation that they consider you when having printing done.

Yours very truly,



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June 28, 1912.

Mr. W. B. Stewart,

Upland, Cal.

Dear Brother Will:

I learn that you are planning for a long trip east on account of your health. Am sorry that you find it necessary to plan so extensive a trip.

If convenient, I wish you would call and see me before leaving. I have a business matter to talk to you about.

With loving regards to May and the children,

I am, as ever,

Your affectionate brother,

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June 29, 1912.

Mr. Hilton Stewart,  
Titusville, Pa.

Dear Brother:

Under date of June 28 the Union Oil Company took up Don MacFarland's note at the Farmers & Merchants Bank for \$12,500, using your check of June 22nd for this purpose. There was accrued interest amounting to \$22.92, which the company has charged to your account. The canceled note I send you herewith. The United Petroleum certificate for 203½ shares is endorsed in blank by the Farmers & Merchants National Bank Pledgee. In what form would you like to have this reissued? We will hold the stock until we hear from you.

A letter just received from Mr. Watchorn is quite encouraging. He begins to enthuse in reference to Shellito.

There is nothing special from the field to report.

We are all well. Fred and family go to Catalina on July 3rd. Mrs. Bergay sails for Vancouver tomorrow.

With regards to Miss Wickett, I am,

Your affectionate brother,

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June 29, 1912.

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

Dear Dr. McAfee:

I find on my desk yours of May 18th, to which is attached letter of Mr. Whitney, and which I supposed I had answered promptly. Kindly pardon the delay of my reply. I return herewith Mr. Whitney's letter; also his card.

I took the matter up at once with our geologist, Mr. W. W. Orcutt, and he advised me that he was somewhat familiar with the property, and he did not regard it as desirable for the Union Oil Company to secure in any way. I supposed this information had been transmitted to you. You will please understand that this opinion of our geologist is not in any way to be courted as condemning the property for oil purposes, for I believe it is not only possible, but altogether probable, that oil will some time be developed on some portions of this property. The Union is so overloaded with property, and is obliged to do so much development work to protect what it has, that it could hardly, under any circumstances, consider the securing of additional territory at present.

Yours very sincerely,

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