

LETTER WRITTEN

Regarding

Mrs. Irene V. Sandel

March 20, 1932.

Dear Elder White,-

I read through the manuscript which is enclosed herewith while in Fresno. I meant to return it to you while there, but with many other duties pressing I neglected to do so. I think Brother Manous has done real well in the arguments he sets forth.

I suppose it is advisable to notice this woman in this way. Mrs. Sandel has a very small following in this conference. I imagine that probably only six or eight have gone with her. We had no difficulty at all in disfellowshipping her. At that time she was quite well identifying herself with the Rowan movement.

At the time she was disfellowshipped, I had in my possession the mimeograph sheet which she had sent out and in which she spoke of Mrs. E.G. White as the servant of the Lord, Mrs. Rowan as the servant of the Lord, and Mrs. Sandel as the servant of the Lord. I asked the congregation if they were willing to have Mrs. White placed in a class with Mrs. Rowan, who attempted murder on the person of Dr. Fullmer. Naturally our people objected seriously to anything of the kind.

A further remark in this statement sent out by Mrs. Sandel said that the Seventh Day Adventists of today had murdered the Holy Ghost just like the Jews murdered Jesus Christ. We felt that such statements prove sufficiently that she is not a true prophet of the Lord, and on the basis of this we disfellowshipped her.

I wonder sometimes, Brother White, if we help the cause much by condescending from our high level to give published recognition to so many of these offshoots. When Brother McComas started his independent work, it was rumored about that he would carry off as many as six or seven hundred of our members. We have given very little notice to the work he is doing. We try to be kind to him as we would to any poor man who has lost his way, and endeavor as much as we can not to fight him. The facts are that he only has 40 or 40 of our people. Quite a few of these who went with him when he first started out, have returned. It is true that we should meet these opponents of ours at times; however, it seems that often we raise opposition to them they find in our opposition ammunition for their work.

I trust that God may add His blessing to the sending forth of this document, that it may help souls who are bewildered with this claim of Mrs. Sandel.

Sincerely your brother,