

THE MONTEREY CHURCH AND THE TESTIMONIES

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(Extracts from Records of the
SDA Church of Monterey, Mich.)

Jan. 6, 1861Receipt of Testimony

Testimony for the church in Monterey was read.
Bro. S. Howard, Jr., believed the testimony in his case to be true.
Sister Howard believed the testimony to be of God.
Bro. Howard, Sr. said that the testimony in his case was the truth.
Sister Howard said that she could not see a part of the testimony in her case to be true. She did not think that she had been so fretful.
Bro. Charles Jones believed every word of the testimony.
Sister Jones did not believe all that had been shown in her case.
Bro. H. Kenyon, Sister Kenyon, and Sardis believed every word of ^{the} testimony.
Bro. John Russ believed the testimony and made a humble confession.
Bro. John Day believed what was shown in his case.
Bro. G.L. Day and S. Rumery believed what was shown in their cases.

Relation to TestimoniesFeb. 3, 1861

Voted that the first vision given to Sister Sarah Jones be read before the church. This she utterly refused to have done. The last vision was then read.

Voted that we withdraw the hand of fellowship from Sister Sarah Jones until she makes thorough work as far as the visions point out her wrongs.

Bro. Hoyer's case. Confessed his wrongs, and it was Voted that we accept Bro. Hoyer's confession. He also made a solemn vow before God and the church that he would never again touch strong drink or anything that would intoxicate.

July 7, 1861Acceptance of Testimonies

Voted that we as a church adopt the Testimonies given by God not as a Rule of Faith but to correct those who err from Bible truths and that we show our faith in them by our works.

Voted that we as a church respond to the Testimonies and prayers of our brethren and sisters.

Aug. 4, 1861Testimony to the Church Reread

Reading of the Testimonies given for the benefit of the Monterey Church generally last January.

Acceptance of Testimonies

Bro. Howard, Sr.'s case. It was Voted that we accept Bro. Howard's confession with regard to his neglect of the Family Altar and the violation of the 4th commandment. With regard to the third point being possessed with a spirit not willing to yield to the better judgment

of his brethren, Bro. Howard said that he could not see it. The whole burden was thrown on him,

Sarah Jones' case. Was willing to throw herself into the hands of the church. She believed the Testimonies given in her case to be all true and was willing to walk up to them. It was Voted that we receive Sarah Jones back again into full fellowship with the church.

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