

Ellen G. White 1903 letters Lt 201- 309

Lt 201, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 10, 1903

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

It has been a long time since I have written to you. I should be very much pleased to visit you in your own home. Willie writes me that he is much pleased with your situation. I have not heard from you for a long time. I should be so glad to get a letter from you, even if it is only a few lines. And remember that if at any time you wish to pay us a visit, to counsel about your work and about the books that we are trying to get out, I shall be more than glad to see you.

It seems a long time since Willie left us. He went away the last of June, and it is now the tenth of September. He will not be home for a week yet.

Of late I have had many letters to write. Different ones write to me in regard to whether our young people should be sent to Battle Creek to take a nurses' course. This is a delicate subject, but something must be said in answer to the questions asked.

For the past week the days have been exceedingly hot. The paper says that this is caused by a hot wind from the North. Since beginning this letter I have had to open my windows to get some fresh air. I perspire freely, and then have an attack of sneezing. I hope that you do not find the hot weather very trying.

I think that I shall write you a family letter, telling you about my household and my place. My health is fairly good. I have been and am still able to go up and down stairs as easily as any member of my family, excepting when my hip gives me pain, as it does occasionally.

Our electric battery, which has been out of repair, is now in working order; and what relief it brings in sickness! Just as the prunes were ready to pick, Brother James was seized with an attack of what he calls lumbago. He had severe pains in his back and could neither stand straight nor bend down far enough to unlace his shoes. Sara gave him electricity, Sister James helping where she could. But Sister James was afraid of the battery and would not touch the sponges. At first Brother James could hardly endure the application of the electricity, but Sara persevered, and wonderful relief came to him. He now thinks that electricity is a marvelous remedy. After the first application, he was able to walk straighter than he had been able to for days, and he continued to improve. Sara has given him electricity three times a day, and he has been able to keep at his work.

For the past few months the farm and orchard have supplied a large part of our food, though some of the fruit trees, having borne a superabundance last year, bore hardly anything this year. At first we had strawberries and cherries. There were not so many of these as there were last year, but they were extra nice. Then came loganberries, and of these we had an abundance. We all enjoyed them exceedingly. We had a good crop of Early Rose potatoes, and they were as fine as any I have ever eaten.

For three weeks we have been using tomatoes of our own raising. I thought them a long time ripening, but about three weeks ago I went to Healdsburg. We took some ripe tomatoes with us, and I was very glad that we did; for there was not a ripe tomato to be found over there.

Brother Leininger has been given charge of a large apple orchard. The owner told him that he might give away all the windfalls. Brother Leininger told me of this and said that if I wished I could have all that I wanted of the apples that fell. We have been there several times to pick up apples, and thus we have been able to put up a large quantity of apple sauce. The apples are wormy, but Sister Nelson prepares them carefully, cutting out all the decayed parts. We have apple sauce on the table every day.

I find Sister Nelson to be a faithful, economical housekeeper. She has been very busy canning fruit and drying corn. The others have not been able to help her much; for they have all been busy on the writings. But Mrs. Nelson does not complain. She sees what needs to be done and does it. This is a great blessing.

She has already canned one hundred and thirty-eight quarts of tomatoes, sixty quarts of loganberries, and seventy-five quarts of applesauce, besides cherries, peaches, and apricots. We hope to have two hundred quarts of tomatoes put up. We have nearly a bushel of sweet corn dried and have had sweet corn on the table nearly every day for two or three weeks.

It seems wonderful that in this dry time—not a drop of rain has fallen for nearly six months—there can be such an abundance of tomatoes and sweet corn. To me this seems like a miracle; for the crops have not been watered, and there has been very little fog. I certainly cannot solve the problem of how, without a drop of rain, there can be so rich a harvest.

The grapes are ripening fast. Oh, I wish that you and Brother Palmer and his family could be with us for a while. I know that you would enjoy grapes fresh from the vineyard.

We do not know just what we shall do with our grapes. I wish that we could find a good market for them. But I shall not sell them to the wineries. We shall can a few and perhaps make the rest into sweet wine. Last year we sold the whole crop to the Bakery, but they did not make proper provision to handle them, and many spoiled just as they were ready to pick.

Our prunes this year are much larger than they were last year, but there are not nearly so many of them. We are drying them ourselves. Brother James' children have been gathering prunes for two or three days, and Brother James and Brother Packham dip the prunes and spread them on

crates in the sun. We think that we shall be able to get a good price for them, because this year the prune crop everywhere is light.

I think that I have told you how I lost on my prune crop last year. A young man, our nearest neighbor, bought the whole crop. He also bought largely from others who have prune orchards. He contracted for more than he could handle, and then the rain came early, and spoiled tons and tons of prunes. The young man lost everything and could not pay his creditors for the prunes that they had sold him. My loss was between five hundred and seven hundred dollars. I may possibly get fifty dollars after the young man's mother has sold this year's crop of prunes.

Brother James wishes that you could have some of the prunes that he is now drying, and if we hear of any one going to the South, we shall try to send you some. The fresh prunes are very nice. Marian almost lives on them.

A word or two more. I have on hand a large quantity of last year's prunes. I should be glad to give these to our people in the South. But I have not money to pay the cost of transportation. Have you any suggestion to make as to how these prunes could be sent South? Please mention this in your next letter.

I am very short of money, and I do not know what I should have done had we not been able to spread our table with the fruits of our place. It is years since I have received so little from my books. For nearly six months not a penny came to me. Then I received four hundred dollars from Australia. There were four hundred dollars due me from the London office, but the Pacific Press owed the London office, and I owed the press, so I gave the Press an order on the London office.

At one time I had drawn all that I had in the bank here. But Sara had some money in the bank, and she allowed me to draw on her account to meet running expenses. I shall have to borrow some money somewhere unless I receive some soon. But though no money comes to me, I praise the Lord for His blessings. We meet round the meal table with good appetites and cheerful, happy hearts, thankful that the Lord has so graciously blessed us by giving us an abundant harvest from the seed sown. The Lord is good, and we will honor Him by praising His holy name.

I will be thankful for the blessings that we have; and if the time comes when I can pay off my debts, I shall praise the Lord.

We try to practice economy in every line in our home. We see so much to be done to advance the cause of truth. I pray that the Lord will open the way for me to receive some money from my books. I hear good reports in regard to the sale of *The Coming King*. I am glad for you. Marian is now working on the temperance book. I am very anxious to see this book in circulation.

The world has certainly been taken captive by satanic agencies, and a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation is soon to come. This is why I desire so much to have

means. I want to prepare books for publication, and I want to establish memorials for God—schools and sanitariums and meetinghouses.

We need now the power of the Holy Spirit. We need now to put on every piece of the gospel armor. We need clear, sharp spiritual discernment, that we may not be taken captive by the enemy.

Dear children, Canaan is in sight. We must have a place there, in that beautiful home where the Lord will be our Father and we His children. O to be where the wickedness of the wicked shall have come to an end.

I hope and pray that the Lord will help you in your work in the South. If at any time you want to come to us, come; and we will unite our forces.

Your mother.

Lt 202, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 11, 1903

Dear children,—

I have had many matters to write out, and I have been hard at work. My heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. We are in no case to be doubtful, but hopeful.

This morning I found your letter under my door. I was glad to hear from you. Yesterday I wrote you a letter on common, everyday topics. This letter will be sent today. I have written a long letter on the subject spoken of in your letter and have given it out to be copied. This will be sent to you soon. Maggie has just told me that the manuscript which you spoke about in your letter has been sent only to W. C. White. No one else has seen it.

It is Satan’s plan to call minds to the study of the color line. If his suggestions are heeded, there will be such diversity of opinion that great confusion will result. No one is capable of defining the proper position of the colored people. Men may advance theories, but I assure you that it will not do for us to follow human theories. The color-line question must be allowed to rest.

I think I have already written that the colored people should not urge that they be placed on an equality with white people.

The cities of the South are to be worked, and for this work the best talent is to be secured, and that without delay. Let white workers labor for the white people, proclaiming the message of present truth in its simplicity. They will find openings through which they may reach the higher class. Every opportunity for reaching this class is to be improved.

Let our colored workers do what they can to keep abreast, working earnestly for their own people.

I know that if we attempt to meet the ideas and preferences of the colored people, we shall find our way blocked completely. The work of proclaiming the truth for this time is not to be hindered by an effort to adjust the position of the negro race. Should we attempt to do this, we should find that barriers like mountains would be raised to hinder the work that God desires to have done. If we move quietly and judiciously, laboring in the way that God has marked out, both white and colored people will be benefited by our labors, unless the colored people place themselves where the Lord cannot work with them.

Medical missionary workers are needed in the Southern field, who can engage in Sanitarium work. Sanitariums are needed, in which successful medical and surgical work can be done. These institutions, conducted in accordance with the will of God, would remove prejudice and call our work into favorable notice. The highest aim of the workers in these institutions is to be the spiritual health of the patients. Successful evangelistic work can be done in connection with medical missionary work. It is as these lines of work are united that we may expect to gather the most precious fruit for the Lord.

From the instruction that the Lord has given me from time to time, I know that there should be workers who make medical evangelistic tours among the towns and villages. Those who do this work will gather a rich harvest of souls, both from the higher and the lower classes. The way for this work is best prepared by the efforts of the faithful canvasser.

Many will be called into the field to labor from house to house, giving Bible readings and praying with those who are interested.

It is of the utmost importance that harmony exist in our institutions. Better for the work to go crippled than for workers who are not fully devoted to be employed. It is unconsecrated, unconverted men who have been spoiling the work of God. The Lord has no use whatever for men who are not wholly consecrated to His service.

The hearts and interests of God's workers should be one. The workers should be bound up with Christ and should esteem one another highly for their works' sake.

This is not now the case in the publishing house at Nashville. There should be in this institution perfect unity, perfect confidence, and hearty co-operation. The workers should look upon the work in the different departments as one. They should stand shoulder to shoulder, helping and strengthening one another. When they carry on their work in this spirit, there will be no evil surmisings, no envy, no strife.

Let the workers remember that they will meet with enough prejudice and evil surmising outside. They do not need to cultivate these evils right at the heart of the work.

Simplicity, meekness, lowliness, are of great value in the work of God. Try to unite the workers in the office in confidence and love. If you cannot do this, go straight ahead. Be right yourself, and leave the rest with God. Labor in faith and prayer. Select Christian youth, and train them to be not workers with hearts like iron, but workers who are willing to harmonize.

The gospel of Christ is to be lived, practiced in the daily life. The servants of God are to be cleansed from all coldness, all selfishness. I pray that the Lord will change the hearts of those who, unless they receive more grace, will enter into temptation. I pray that He will soften and subdue every heart. We need to live in close fellowship with God, that we may love one another as Christ has loved us. Thus the world is to know that we are His disciples. Let there be no self-exaltation. Let every one humble his heart before God. Then the blessing will come.

I can write no more now. It is my daily prayer that God will bless you and lead you and guide you.

Lt 203, 1903

Nashville Publishing House

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 14, 1903

To those in positions of responsibility in the Nashville Publishing House

My dear brethren,—

I am charged with a message to you from the Lord. Seek Him earnestly while He may be found. He is acquainted with the spirit that you reveal in your purposes and plans. Do not carry yourselves proudly. You need to clear the King’s highway. There are to be no gods amongst us. One is our God. He is to be feared and honored by every one. All plans of worldly policy are to be abolished. A spiritual order of things is to be brought in.

The Lord desires the men connected with our publishing houses to be men who are worked by the Holy Spirit. If the spirit continues to control those in positions of responsibility in the publishing house at Nashville that has controlled them in the past, the same commercial spirit will be brought into this institution that was brought into the publishing house in Battle Creek. Those who have been leavened by this spirit—I shall not call them by name—are in need of the converting power of the Holy Spirit on mind and heart.

I copy some extracts from my diary. On March 1, 1903, I wrote:

“There are some things that I cannot forbear stating to my brethren standing in positions of responsibility in the Nashville Publishing House. Your danger is in supposing that position gives you power. You are constantly to learn of Christ. While you are influenced by the same spirit

that has borne sway in the past, it will be impossible for unity and love and sympathy and deep humility to exist amongst you.

“The cold barrenness of soul that is seen is detrimental to the missionary work which the Lord desires to see done. The leaven of selfishness and self-exaltation will grow and prevail unless, every day and every hour, humility of mind and heart is cherished.

“Let the men who stand as leaders in the work of God, and whose work affects others, feel the obligation resting on them to stand ever under the orders of Him who declares that their work is to bear the stamp of heaven. My brethren, unless the commercial work received into the office bears the index and symbol of the divine, it will be a sure snare to the apprentices, who look to the men in responsibility for instruction in business and spiritual lines.”

On July 29, 1903, I wrote:

“I am carrying a heavy burden for the work in the Southern field. He who bears responsibilities that bring him into contact with others needs a heart that is not a stranger to the influence and teaching of the Holy Spirit. I hope and pray that the men who shall act a part in the publishing house at Nashville will not steel their hearts against the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Angels are watching every movement made.

“The experience of the past will be repeated by the course of the leading men in this institution unless their self-sufficient spirit is exchanged for the spirit of truth, candor, and Christian courtesy. A thorough conversion alone can make them men that God can use. There is much self-confidence, combined with worldly policy methods. The Lord calls for a change of heart, mind, and character. These men must lay off their self-assurance. The love of Jesus does not rule in their hearts as a living, transforming power. I say to them, Be sure that you are not fit to occupy a position of trust in God’s cause unless you are daily learning of the great Teacher. Remember that you are under God’s orders.

“The work of God in the South has not been appreciated or wisely carried forward. It is years behind because there has been, on the part of those engaged in it, a lack of true courtesy, of genuine Christian fellowship. Their long-continued need has been the light and love of God.

“When men are chosen to fill positions of trust in the work of God, they are placed on trial. If they do not bear the test, if they show that they are not converted, they must not be allowed to remain where they will hinder the progress of God’s work by bringing in wrong methods. Such men place a heavy burden upon those connected with them. What do they need?—A reconversion. They need to know what it means to seek for and receive wisdom from on high. They need to realize that in thought, words, and deed they must undergo an entire transformation before they can offer God acceptable service.

“The prayer recorded in the ninth chapter of Daniel was offered by one who had long been in the service of God, and who had received the commendation of God. Yet Daniel appeared before God as a sinner, pleading the great need of the people he loved. His prayer is eloquent

in its simplicity; for he was intensely in earnest. Read this prayer, and then ask the Lord to indite your prayers. Ask Him to help you to pray with Christlike fervor. With humility and contrition confess your mistakes and errors, and repent before God. Oh, your prayers mean very little; for they are cold and lifeless. You have not a personal acquaintance with Jesus of Nazareth. How can you, then, bring light and power and grace and righteousness into your work for Him?

“When men feel their deficiency, there is hope that they will take hold of Him who is their power and efficiency. But while they are self-complacent, content to move in accordance with their deficient human judgment, there is no hope of a change for the better.

“The Lord calls upon those who claim to be His children to make no deceptive pretensions, but to seek Him in earnestness and sincerity. Let them remember that their words, their acts, their work, their worship of God have an influence upon those connected with them.

“My brethren, if you have a realization of the responsibility resting on you, you will seek earnestly for true conversion. We need men now who have been proved and tried and tested. The position in which you stand demands men who fear and tremble because of their inefficiency. Remember that you will either grow in grace, or in a spirit of cold pharisaism. Will you now change your attitude? Will you now make thorough work for eternity?”

Harmony and unity are to prevail amongst those in charge of the publishing work at Nashville. These men are to conduct themselves in all humility. Some who in the past have acted a part in this institution have had their secret councils, which pleased themselves, but at which the presiding office, the great I AM, was not present. They supposed that they were doing the will of God, but by their spirit and actions they greatly retarded the work of God. Two or three, destitute of the Holy Spirit and of the warmth of Christ’s love, linked themselves together and thought that in their own wisdom they would carry matters forward. Evil was the result.

Abraham was chosen by God to be a representative of Himself. He was bidden to leave his kindred and his father’s house and go into a land that he knew not. He was chosen to introduce a new order of things into the country to which he was called. He was to live in close communion with God. He was to receive his orders from God, and his life and character were to be fashioned according to God’s designing. He was to receive instruction from God and give it to the members of his family. He was to be the priest of his household. Upon him was enjoined the cultivation of home religion. He was to cause the will of God to be respected and obeyed. He was to do nothing in a scheming, underhand way, nothing that would in any sense dishonor God.

Abraham obeyed the word of the Lord. His large household, consisting of more than a thousand souls, was controlled by Christian principles. The searcher of hearts, He who blessed the habitations of the just, said of him, “I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment.”

[Genesis 18:19.]

It is the omnipotent God who is speaking, and in His words there can be neither hypocrisy nor deceit. "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him. There will be on his part no betrayal of the truth, no yielding to the guidance of any one but God. I know that he will obey the laws of heaven."

Why was Abraham thus honored by the Lord? He was a man whom God could trust. He was a man of faith, who always followed principles of the strictest integrity. In all his business transactions he was courteous and honorable. His life was controlled by Christian politeness, and he placed the service of the Lord before all else. He would not swerve a hair's breadth from pure, Christian principles. He did not forget that his first duty was to God.

The history of Abraham should be studied by those who are building up the work in Nashville. The same spirit that was to control in the home of the patriarch is to control in the institutions established for the advancement of the work of the Lord.

Some who have been handling sacred things have lost a sense of their sacredness and treat them as common matters. Unless they change, the Lord will remove them from His work. He will not have His work carried on in the way in which it has been carried on in the past. The Lord's name will be magnified if His servants will serve Him. Let them not regard the time as lost that is spent in spiritual devotion. Let them devote every capability of mind and body to keeping the way of the Lord.

Those who stand in the work of the Lord as counselors and teachers, but who have not the education and the training that the Lord declares essential for this work, might better stop right where they are and do as the disciples did—make prayer and confession and humiliation their first work until they understand that they are but finite, erring men, who must daily learn their lessons from Him who taught Abraham how to be a Christian gentleman.

The Lord revealed Himself to Abraham in the visions of the night and word by word gave him his instruction. O that today men would humble their proud hearts and let the sight of the Omniscient One so impress them that they would strip from them their self-importance and self-assumed dignity, feeling that they are only the Lord's little children, and that they must learn from Him how to behave as gentlemen and gentlewomen. Through careful training under Bible precepts, they may become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.

The principles that guided Abraham must be followed by the members of the Nashville church, if they would be lights in the world. The members of this church must be living witnesses for God. They must be filled with zeal; for there is a heaven to win and a hell to shun.

"I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." [Verse 19.] Parents are never to show harshness and roughness in their treatment of their children. They are to show the gentleness of Christ. They are to keep the way of the Lord, guiding their children in this way, daily revealing the Saviour's love and tenderness, daily obeying the principles of truth.

The Christian parent should never lose the sense that he is one of God's little children, and that he is to cultivate a courteous, compassionate disposition, because he is an educator. He is to represent Jesus to his children. In his dealing with them, there is to be seen no impetuosity, and neither is there to be seen the cold, icy dignity that freezes love in the heart. He is to be so kind, so tender, that the hearts of the children will be softened and subdued, prepared to receive the love and grace of Christ.

No harsh words are to be spoken by a Christian to any one, old or young. Such words are prompted by the enemy.

My brethren, do not be so coldly proper toward those with whom you meet in service and worship that you freeze the souls that are in need of the warmth of the love of Christ. Do not let your children or the young people in your charge in the office learn from you to be cold and hard and unapproachable. This is a sin in the sight of a gracious, loving Saviour. Let your hearts break before God. Let Christ come in and bless you. Let the light of His love shine into your poor selfish hearts, making you sweet tempered and amiable.

We are taught in the Word of God to be kind, tender, pitiful, courteous. Cultivate Christlike love. Let all that you do bear the impress of this love. Those who do not speak the words and do the works of Christ are trying to climb into heaven by some other way than through the door.

In the prayer that Christ offered for His disciples just before His crucifixion, He said, "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." [John 17:19.] My brethren, you who occupy positions of responsibility in the Lord's service, remember that Bible truth is not of the least value to you unless by it you are sanctified. Do not endeavor to preserve your cold, unchristlike dignity. This is not religion; it is not Christianity. What you need is the light that shines in the face of Christ, to cause your faces to shine with the brightness of His love. Put away your cast-iron dignity. God has not told you to cherish any such thing. Let your hearts be filled with the love of Christ. Then Christlike sympathy will shine forth from your faces.

"Neither pray I for these alone," Christ continued, "but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me." [Verses 20-23.]

Do you not desire to do that which will make it possible for God to answer this prayer? It is by your Christian conduct, your righteousness, your unity, that you make it possible for Him to answer it. Do you think that you honor Christ by standing apart, determined that you will not blend with your fellow workers? Can conduct of this kind answer the prayer of Christ?

Bring pleasantness and sweetness into your words and deeds. Then you will understand the meaning of the words, "The glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be

one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one.”
[Verses 22, 23.]

Then comes the reason that shows why it is so important that Christ’s followers should be united: “That the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [Verse 23.]

“Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee, but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” [Verses 24-26.]

Do you understand this? You have the Word of God. Might you not better read and practice its teachings? You have lost your first love. Unless you repent, God will come to you quickly, and will remove the candlestick out of its place. I am bidden to tell you that when you love God and keep His commandments, you will possess Christlike characters. You will then be as different from what you are now as light and sunshine are different from shadow and tempest.

There are some serving in holy things who have no faith in God or His power. They multiply their efforts to gain salvation by their own devices. How pitiful are their vain endeavors to justify themselves and to hold their footing against the downward current of evil. They are powerless; for they do not make God their trust.

My brethren, cultivate gratitude. Praise the Lord for His goodness. When a man begins to depart from God, there is no gratitude in his soul. He receives the temporal and spiritual blessings that come to him as if they were his by right. O that the Lord’s goodness were appreciated! Then would gratitude well up in the soul at the remembrance of His goodness. The heart would be warmed by a sense of His love and filled with joy and thanksgiving.

God is the eternal, uncreated fountain of all good. All who look to Him and trust in Him find Him to be this. To those who serve Him, cleaving to Him as their heavenly Father, He gives the assurance that He will fulfil His promises. His joy will be in their hearts, and their joy will be full.

May the Lord give you all a determination to do His will, and may He greatly bless and strengthen you, is my prayer.

Lt 204, 1903

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 14, 1903

My dear son Edson,—

With this I am sending you copy of a letter that I have written to those in positions of responsibility in the Nashville Publishing House. I am sending a copy of this to Brother Butler, asking him to read it to those addressed. It would, perhaps, be better for him to read it than for you.

I am too weary to write more today. For the last two or three days I have been troubled with rheumatism.

Brother H. W. Kellogg has promised to lend me one thousand dollars. As soon as I receive this money, I will send it to you.

With much love and in haste.

Lt 205, 1903

Brn-Srs. in Australia

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 14, 1903

My dear brethren and sisters in Australia,—

I read with the deepest interest the letters that come to me from you. My prayers often ascend to God in your behalf. I pray that you may be “steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.” [1 Corinthians 15:58.] We are living amidst the closing scenes of this world’s history, and to us comes the warning, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.” [1 Corinthians 16:13.]

I greatly desire that the Sanitarium shall be a means of much good. Those connected with that institution should be men and women of faith, men and women who feel that they are under obligation to heed and obey the words of the prayer that Christ offered for His disciples just before His crucifixion. They are not to give place to the devices that the enemy seeks to bring in to destroy the peace of the soul. We can be just what Christ prayed that we should be—one in Him.

Read and re-read the prayer of Christ, until you know it by heart. This prayer was offered for you. Do not disregard it. Accept the gracious privilege of oneness that Jesus holds out to you. His prayer declares that we may have perfect wholeness. In Him we are complete; apart from Him we are deficient.

We are to answer Christ’s prayer by being one with Him in God. This is so plainly specified that there is no need for us to misunderstand.

“Sanctify them through Thy truth;” Christ prayed, “Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for

them also which shall believe on Me through their word.” [John 17:17-20.] This takes in all who hear the Word and receive it into good and honest hearts.

What is Christ’s request?—“That they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.” [Verse 21.]

By our unity we are to bear strong, indisputable evidence that Christ came to this world to save sinners. Satan works with all his ingenuity to prevent human beings from bearing this evidence. He wants them to develop an unsanctified individuality so that they shall not love one another. Too often professing Christians yield to him, and then the merest trifle causes a difference to spring up amongst them. Men and women professing godliness build walls of separation between them and their fellow workers, because not all think in exactly the same way or follow exactly the same methods. Those who stand apart, refusing to harmonize, dishonor God before the world. Christ prayed for unity. It is His will that His followers shall labor together in Christian fellowship. Shall it be thus, or shall we grieve Him by disunion and lack of harmony?

Let us respond to Christ’s invitation, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] To respond to this invitation, we must let go all self-importance, all feeling of superiority, and bow in submission to the will of God.

“And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [John 17:22, 23.]

What a wonderful change would be seen in our world if all would obey Christ’s words. He has united His interests with those of humanity, that men and women may receive from Him power to do His will. Those who through His grace become partakers of the divine nature receive the rich blessings that in the councils of heaven it was declared should be bestowed on those who believe in Christ as a personal Saviour.

“Father, I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee; but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it; that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” [Verses 24-26.]

“If a man abide not in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered, and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.” [John 15:6.]

Why do not these words make men afraid to sin against God? There are many today who, though professing Christians, are not one with Christ. They are drifting hither and thither. May God pity them. Unless help from above reaches them, they will be lost, eternally lost.

The members of our churches need to be converted, that they may understand what the love of Jesus means—the love that He revealed in His life of meekness and lowliness. Profession without practice is of no value in God’s sight. Position cannot gain for us salvation.

Nebuchadnezzar was the ruler of the greatest of earth’s kingdoms, but his greatness did not give him acceptance with God. In a moment his power was taken from him.

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.” [Verses 7, 8.] Fruit-bearing, then, is the condition of discipleship. What is the fruit that is to be borne?—purity of character, unselfish deeds, Christlike words. Those who do not bear this fruit, those whose lives do not reveal the tenderness of Christ, are not accepted as representatives of God.

In order for us to bear the fruit that glorifies God, our hearts must be filled with the love of Christ. We must learn of Him His meekness and lowliness. Then we shall not strive for self-exaltation. Those who retain their own unchristlike peculiarities are not sanctified through oneness with the Saviour. Self is so prominent that Christ is not seen. When men see more clearly the completeness of Christ’s sacrifice and condescension, they will better understand what is comprehended by oneness with Him.

“As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love.” [Verse 9.] These words show that man has a part to act. He is to continue in Christ’s love, wearing His yoke, learning His meekness and lowliness. We are bidden to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, fearing lest we make a failure, and grieve the Spirit of God. But we are not left to work alone. The apostle adds, “It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [Philippians 2:13.] Divine and human effort are to be combined. If the human agent realizes that he is a laborer together with God, if he relies on the Lord to do that which he cannot do, the work will go forward successfully.

“If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [John 15:10-12.] As Christ has loved us—this is the measurement of the love that we are to have for one another.

A Christian is one whose heart is controlled by the Holy Spirit. The love of God pervades his soul. He desires to live, not to get glory for himself, not to serve himself, but to serve and glorify the One who gave His life for him. He may have business to attend to, but it is not unlawful business. And his business life is not separate from his religious life. His business is a part of his service to God. He worships God as verily when attending to this business as when offering prayer. Daniel and his fellows had important duties to perform in connection with the government of Babylon, but they were none the less in the service of God.

Not all have the same office. God's workers are given different duties to perform. Some are entrusted with the spiritual interests of His cause. Others are given lowlier duties. But all are in the service of the Lord, and His blessing rests upon every one who puts forth faithful effort.

My dear fellow workers, whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might. Make your work pleasant with songs of praise. If you would have a clean record in the books of heaven, never fret or scold. Let your daily prayer be, "Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Saviour."

Look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is part of God's service. Do not allow anything to make you forgetful of God. Bring Christ into all that you do. Then your lives will be filled with brightness and thanksgiving. We need a deeper faith. To each one of us God has assigned a certain task. Let us do our best, moving forward cheerfully in the service of the Lord, with our hearts filled with His joy.

Lt 206, 1903

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

September 16, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I did not write to any one in Australia by the last boat. I was very busy writing letters to some in this country. I sent a long letter to Brother John Wessels. He is now in Africa. His wife and children are living in San Francisco. Sister Wessels has a little daughter. I have strong hopes that John Wessels is really making reformations. He writes me good letters, and I always respond, writing words that I hope will be help to the whole Wessels family. I want to do all that I can to encourage them to press on in the heavenward way.

About three weeks ago I drove over to Healdsburg and stayed there for several days. I spoke on the Sabbath to a large congregation in the church. The Lord gave me great freedom. I spoke twice to the church school teachers who had assembled for the Institute. Next mail I will send you a copy of the talk that I gave on one occasion.

While in Healdsburg I was deeply impressed that there must be a decided upward movement in the carrying forward of the Lord's work. There is to be much greater spiritual advancement than there has been. The Lord will work mightily for His people when they believe His Word and submit to His will. When they come to Him with confession and repentance, He will take away their sins and will fill their hearts with the peace of Christ.

I can write you only a very short letter this time. The letters must go this noon. Last night Willie returned from the East, after a stay of more than two months. We have spent some time this morning talking together, and I have not much time left for writing.

Do you hear anything in regard to what Dr. Caro is doing? I feel very sorry for him. But we know that you must use great care in connecting workers with the Sanitarium, else the institution will be hindered in doing the work that the Lord desires to see done. How sad it is that Dr. Caro is not willing to be right with God and to learn from Christ to be meek and lowly.

I feel deeply the need of divine wisdom. I lie awake hour after hour, praying, "Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths. Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me; for Thou art the God of my salvation, and on Thee do I wait all the day." [Psalm 25:4, 5.]

To the workers in the Sanitarium I would say, Stand firm for the right. Remember that you are God's children. When perplexities arise, take them to God in prayer, and He will help. He will never misunderstand you.

The Lord has a work for all to do. He will aid every one who looks to Him. Remember that every effort you make needs the fragrance of Christ's righteousness, in order for it to be an acceptable offering to the Lord. Remember, too, that of yourselves you can do no good thing. Divine and human endeavor must be united. Then good will be accomplished. We need so much to be united with one another and with Christ. The commandments of God are a golden chain of love, binding heart to heart, mind to mind. In all your services follow the rule, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." [See Matthew 7:12.]

With much love.

Lt 207, 1903

Brethren and Sisters

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

August 13, 1903

My dear brethren and sisters,—

I understand that efforts are being made to establish a college in Battle Creek, after the Lord has plainly stated that there should not be a college there, giving the reasons why. He said that the school was to be taken out of Battle Creek, to remove one excuse for so many crowding into Battle Creek and settling there. He said, also, that Seventh-day Adventist schools were not to be like the schools of the world, but like the schools of the prophets.

The establishment of a college in Battle Creek is contrary to the Lord's directions. The Lord does not look with favor upon this plan or upon those who devised it. It is a plan of human devising.

The Lord does not require His people to give of their means for the establishment of a college in Battle Creek; for He has declared that a college should not be established there. He has declared that His people are not to settle in places where for so long the light of truth has been shining.

We are trying to establish a memorial in Washington to represent the truth, and means will be needed for this work. We shall be obliged to depend on our people to furnish means with which to purchase the land on which to erect this memorial. We shall have to call on them also to furnish means to provide facilities for the carrying forward of the work there.

I would say to our people, The Lord has warned me in the night season that efforts will be made to obtain means for the carrying forward of certain interests, when the Lord has declared that means should be used in other ways. If you have money to lend or to give to the Lord's cause, will you not remember the work in Washington?

By written messages and by fire the Lord has declared that He wants His people to move out of Battle Creek. May God help us to hear His voice. Does it mean nothing to us that our two great institutions in Battle Creek were swept away by fire? You say, But the new Sanitarium has many patients. Yes; but if there were many thousand patients there, this would be no argument in favor of our people's building homes in Battle Creek and settling there.

Temptations are increasing. Men are rejecting the light that God has sent in the testimonies of His Spirit, and they are choosing their own devising and their own plans. Will men continue to separate themselves from God? Must He reveal His displeasure in a still more marked manner than He has already done?

Lt 208, 1903

Brethren and Sisters

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 20, 1903

Dear brethren and sisters,—

It is not work that kills; it is worry. The only way to avoid worry is to take every trouble to Christ. Let us not look on the dark side. Let us cultivate cheerfulness of spirit. I have much to make me sad at heart, but I try not to speak discouragingly, because some one who hears my words may be sad at heart, and I must not do anything to increase their sadness.

Some are addressed in these words, "Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God. Hast thou not known, hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding." [Isaiah 40:27, 28.]

We are to keep our minds stayed upon the Lord. We must eat of the food that He has provided for the soul—His holy Word, which is filled with spiritual life.

The promises of this Word will be fulfilled to us if we will practice its teachings. The Lord has a heaven full of blessings prepared for us. Often we grieve the Holy Spirit by unbelief, by encouraging distrust. In Him is no darkness at all. Let us face the light. Let us talk faith and hope. God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are His ways our ways.

We have no time to speak discouraging words. The law of kindness is to be on our lips. We cannot afford to please Satan by speaking words of faultfinding and envy. When love for God burns on the altar of the soul, the words spoken will glorify God.

Lt 209, 1903

Kellogg, H. W.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

September 20, 1903

Henry W. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

We have just received the draft for one thousand dollars which you have sent us. I thank you very much for this money.

I would be much pleased if you could lend me another thousand dollars. I greatly desire to prepare for publication some important matter that ought to be brought before the people, and I also desire to purchase the plates of my books in foreign languages, now held by Review and Herald.

Some from whom I had borrowed money, and who I had hoped would renew the loan for another year, have been obliged to call for their money.

For some months I have not received a penny from the General Conference. But now they are settled, I shall soon receive something from them. I expect to receive some money from some of my books soon.

We are very glad that you could let us have the money which you sent, but I must obtain as much more from some source.

My next book is to be on temperance and the medical missionary work. It is my purpose to give the manuscript of this book to our sanitariums, to help them to raise the debts resting on them, as I gave Christ's Object Lessons to raise the debts on our schools. I think that this is the best I can do, and that this will be a most appropriate book for this purpose. I am preparing other books as fast as possible, which I wish to bring before the people.

I should like to write you many things in regard to the things taught in the book The Living Temple. The Lord is not glorified by such a mixture of Bible and nature, of the divine and the human. False statements are presented, dressed in the beautiful garments of truth.

Brother Kellogg, we are living in perilous times. We need sharp, clear eyesight; for the enemy is working with all stealthiness to lead the minds of men from the truth for this time.

We are commanded to give the trumpet a certain sound, but this book sounds a very uncertain note. Some, however, will grasp it eagerly, but will find only a shadow in place of the reality. Many such productions will be forthcoming in these last days. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. The enemy desires to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days.

With much respect, I remain

Your sister in Christ.

Lt 210, 1903

Teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 21, 1903

To the teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College,—

The closing scenes of this earth’s history are near at hand. The unfulfilled predictions of the book of Revelation are soon to be fulfilled. This prophecy is now to be studied with diligence by the people of God and should be clearly understood. It does not conceal the truth; it clearly forewarns, telling us what will be in the future.

Our work now is to husband the time, the influence, and the means that God has given us and to co-operate with the Lord at every step. We are to be true, courageous, and faithful. Unless we stand firmly and intelligently for the truth, there will be serious misconceptions, and the work that the Lord would have done will be left undone.

Let us not be in any way deceived. Let us realize the weakness of humanity and see where man fails in his self-sufficiency. We shall then be filled with a desire to be just what God desires us to be—pure, noble, sanctified. We shall hunger and thirst after the righteousness of Christ. To be like God will be the one desire of the soul.

This is the desire that filled Enoch’s heart. And we read that he walked with God. He studied the character of God to a purpose. He did not mark out his own course, or set up his own will, as if he thought himself fully qualified to manage matters. He strove to conform himself to the divine likeness.

The Lord calls upon our young people to enter our schools and quickly fit themselves for service. In various places, outside of the cities, schools are to be established, where your youth can receive an education that will prepare them to go forth to do evangelical work and medical missionary work.

The Lord must be given an opportunity to show men their duty and to work upon their minds. No one is to bind himself to serve for a term of years under the direction of one group of men or in one specified branch of the Master's work; for the Lord Himself will call men, as of old He called the humble fishermen, and will Himself give them instruction regarding their field of labor and the methods they should follow. He will call men from the plow and from other occupations to give the last note of warning to perishing souls. There are many ways in which to work for the Master, and the great Teacher will open the understanding of these workers, enabling them to see wondrous things in His Word.

I have repeatedly been instructed that no one should be advised to pledge himself to spend two, three, four, five, or six years under any one man's supervision. Let students stand where they can follow the will of God. Their service belongs to Him. Their capabilities and talents are to be refined, purified, ennobled. In this lower school—the school of earth—they are to be prepared for translation into the school of heaven, where their education will be continued under the personal supervision of Christ, the great Teacher, who will lead them beside the living waters and open to them the mysteries of the kingdom of God.

The Training of Medical Missionaries

Medical missionary work is yet in its infancy. The meaning of genuine medical missionary work is known by but few. Why?—Because the Saviour's plan of work has not been followed. God's money has been misapplied. In many places practical evangelistic medical missionary work is not being done; but many of the workers who should go forth as did the disciples are being collected together and held in a few places, as they have been in the past, notwithstanding the Lord's warning that this should not be.

Many of the men and women who should be out in the field, working as medical missionary evangelists, helping those engaged in the gospel ministry, are collected in Battle Creek, acting over the same program that has been acted over in the past, confining the forces, binding them up in one place. God has spoken against this by sending His judgments upon the institutions in Battle Creek; but notwithstanding this, every movement on the part of those striving to heed the warnings by laboring to change the order of things has been made very hard because of the misconception of some regarding the way in which the medical missionary work should be carried forward.

God has not given us the work of erecting immense sanitariums, to be used as health resorts for all who may come. Neither is it His purpose that medical missionary workers shall spend a long term of years in college before they enter the field. To build up a school in Battle Creek, as

some of our people there desire, would tend to counterwork the influence that God has declared should be exerted on His people in these last days of this earth's history.

The interests that the Lord has declared should not remain in Battle Creek are not now to be brought back and re-established there. Much of the force that would be needed to carry forward there, amidst many disadvantages, the work of these interests, should be used in doing gospel medical missionary work in the large cities still unworked.

"Break up the large centers," has been the word of the Lord. "Carry the light to many places." Those who are desirous of receiving a training for effective medical missionary work should understand that large sanitariums will be conducted so much like institutions of the world, that students laboring in such sanitariums cannot obtain a symmetrical training for Christian medical missionary work.

The proclamation of the truth in all parts of the world calls for small sanitariums in many places, not in the heart of cities, but in places where city influences will be as little felt as possible.

I am obliged to say that the making of so large a plant in Battle Creek, and the calling together of those who should be engaged in medical missionary work in many places is doing just what God has specified should not be done.

The fact that many patients are coming to the new Sanitarium at Battle Creek is not to be read as a sign that the planning for so large a work there was for the best. To this large institution will come many men and women who are not really sick. Workers will be required to wait on them; our nurses will become the servants of worldly men and women who are not inclined to piety or religion. But this is not the work that God has given to His medical missionaries. Our charge has been given us by the greatest Medical Missionary that this world has ever seen. Standing but a step from His Father's throne, Christ said to His disciples:

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." "Go ye into all the world," He said, "and preach the gospel to every creature," "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15.]

Let our ministers who have gained an experience in preaching the Word learn how to give simple treatments, and then labor intelligently as medical missionary evangelists.

Workers—gospel medical missionaries—are needed now. We cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of fields now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications and talking of the truth to those they meet. Let them pray for the sick, ministering to their necessities, not with drugs, but with nature's remedies and teaching them how to regain health and avoid disease.

Let the workers remember always that they are dependent on God. Let them not trust in human wisdom, but in the wisdom of the One who declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. ... Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18, 20.] Let them go forth two and two, depending on God, not on man, for wisdom and success. Let them search the Scriptures and then present the truths of God's Word to others. Let them be guided by the principles that Christ has laid down.

Lt 211, 1903

Teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

September 22, 1903

Teach the Word

To the teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College,—

I have some things to say to our teachers in reference to the new book *The Living Temple*. Be careful how you sustain the sentiments of this book regarding the personality of God. As the Lord presents matters to me, these sentiments do not bear the endorsement of God. They are a snare that the enemy has prepared for these last days. I thought that this would surely be discerned and that it would not be necessary for me to say anything about it. But since the claim has been made that the teachings of this book can be sustained by statements from my writings, I am compelled to speak in denial of this claim. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which when taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of *Living Temple*, would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in *Living Temple* are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this opinion should prevail.

We need not the mysticism that is in this book. Those who entertain these sophistries will soon find themselves in a position where the enemy can talk with them and lead them away from God. It is represented to me that the writer of this book is on a false track. He has lost sight of the distinguishing truths for this time. He knows not whither his steps are tending. The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error.

In regard to the faith to be cherished and preserved in these last days, very little light is given in *Living Temple*, and this light is so uncertain that it would not help God's people at this stage of their work.

In the visions of the night this matter was clearly presented to me before a large number. One of authority was speaking, and He said, "If the suppositions and statements found in this book

were essential, if these statements were pure provender, thoroughly winnowed from the chaff, there would be some decided mention of them in the revelation given by Christ to John to give to the churches. To John the Lord Jesus opened the subjects that He saw would be needed by His people in the last days. The instruction that He gave is found in the book of Revelation. Those who would be co-workers with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in the book of Revelation. With pen and voice they will strive to make plain the wonderful things that Christ came from heaven to reveal.”

The first chapter of the book of Revelation was then read with great solemnity.

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John, who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that He saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written therein; for the time is at hand.” [Verses 1-3.]

Our Instructor presented the solemn messages that have been given in their order in Revelation and that are to occupy the first place in the minds of God’s people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention.

All through the book *The Living Temple*, passages of Scripture are used, but in many instances these passages are used in such a way that the right interpretation is not given to them. The message for this time is not, “The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we.” [Jeremiah 7:4.] Whom does the Lord receive as vessels unto honor?—Those who co-operate with Christ; those who believe the truth, who live the truth, who proclaim the truth in all its bearings.

There are those whose minds will be taken up with smooth words and fair speeches—put into language that they cannot understand or interpret. Precious time is rapidly passing, and many will be robbed of the time that should be given to the proclamation of the messages that God has sent to a fallen world. Satan is pleased to see the diversion of minds that should be engaged in the study of the truths that have to do with eternal realities.

The testimony of Christ, a testimony of the most solemn character, is to be borne to the world. All through the book of Revelation there are the most precious, elevating promises, and there are also warnings of most fearfully solemn import. Will not those who profess to have a knowledge of the truth read the testimony given to John by Christ. Here is no guesswork, no scientific deception. Here are the truths that concern our present and future welfare. What is the chaff to the wheat?

Our Instructor passed on to the third chapter of Revelation and read the following:

“Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things saith He that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not

found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” [Verses 1-3.]

These words were spoken with such strength and force that those present seemed to be afraid and hid their faces in their hands, as if they were arraigned before the Judge of all the earth. Some seemed about to faint.

Then the subject changed. The Speaker read:

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed with white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth: I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God; and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Verses 4-13.]

In these words there is no soothsaying.

The Speaker held up Living Temple, saying, “In this book there are statements that the writer himself does not comprehend. Many things are stated in a vague, undefined way. Statements are made in such a way that nothing is sure. And this is not the only production of the kind that will be urged upon the people. Fanciful views will be presented by many minds. What we need to know at this time is, What is the truth that will enable us to win the salvation of our souls?”

The sophistries regarding God and nature that are flooding the world with skepticism are the inspiration of the fallen foe, who is himself a Bible student, who knows the truth that it is essential for the people to receive, and whose study it is to divert minds from these great truths relating to what is soon coming upon the world. Let our teachers beware lest they echo the soothsaying of the enemy of God and man.

Pointing to some present, our Instructor said, "You are making a mistake. The Word, the Word revealed by God—this is to be the foundation of your faith. Study the commandments of God and the testimony that Jesus has borne to the truth. He is the faithful and true Witness."

Then was repeated the message to the Laodicean church. The whole of the third chapter of Revelation, from first to last, was read:

"Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." [Verses 14-22.]

The Lord is soon coming. The watchmen on the walls of Zion are called upon to awake to their God-given responsibility. Many of them are in the stupor of insensibility. God calls for watchmen who in the power of the Spirit will give to the world a warning message; who will proclaim the time of night. He calls for watchmen who will arouse men and women from their lethargy, lest they sleep the sleep of death.

Lt 212, 1903

Teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

September 23, 1903

To the teachers in Emmanuel Missionary College,—

To receive and practice the teachings of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life is to gain eternal life. Christ gives this life to those who believe on Him, who reveal the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. His followers are to train themselves to practice the strictest integrity in all things; they are to be truthful in thought, word, and deed. They are to work with an eye single to the glory of God. Thus only can they be true representatives of Christ.

He who accepts Christ accepts His yoke. He is linked up with Christ, and in all his work he is to co-operate with Christ. He is to speak no word, perform no act, that would misrepresent the high and holy principles by which the kingdom of Christ is governed.

“Learn of Me,” said the great Medical Missionary; “for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:29, 30.] Daily in the school of Christ we are to learn lessons of self-denial and cross-bearing.

We are not to link up in counsel with worldly men. Our lives are not to be corrupted by the customs and practices of men who have sold themselves to the world. Never are we to consult with worldly lawyers as to how we may gain advantage over some one else. Never are we to play an underhand game to obtain means from the Lord’s treasury for any use whatever. All that is worth gaining may be gained in strictly honorable lines.

“All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them,” said Christ. [Matthew 7:12.] Making this our rule in the daily life, we shall be able to face men in the judgment, knowing that we have not misrepresented the high and holy principles of the law by which we shall be judged.

Receiving the truth, and performing the duties enjoined in the gospel—thus we give evidence to the world that we have been genuinely converted, and that we have been adopted into the family of God. By revealing a character like the character of Christ, we show that God has called and chosen us.

Christ can work only through those who will unite with Him. By obeying the truth and exercising faith, every child of God may receive the help of His mighty power. But many who are called do not respond to the truth. They choose to follow their own way and be guided by their own spirit. They are unclean vessels appointed unto wrath. Christ cannot obtain entrance to the hearts of those who work with the enemy of God.

There is a great difference between the spirit of the world and the Spirit of Christ. He who seeks at all risk to carry out his own plans and purposes is in co-partnership with Satan, entirely out of harmony with the plans and purposes of God. Only through the knowledge of God and of Christ can men come into harmony with the divine will.

Growth in Grace

The divine plan for the development of Christian character is set forth by the apostle Peter as follows:

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According as His divine power hath given us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine

nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside all this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge." [2 Peter 1:2-5.]

Our teachers should strive to give the purest education in morality and religion. Our students should constantly be reaching out for Christian attainments. God has called us to "glory and virtue," and these will be manifest in the lives of all who are truly connected with Jesus Christ. [Verse 3.] Their words will be truthful. They will practice the principles of temperance in all things. By a belief and practice of the truth, they will keep their appetites and passions under control. Those who indulge their sinful desires are unworthy of the name of Christians.

Mark the divine plan for adding grace to grace: "And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience [godliness; and to godliness] brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

"For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." [Verses 6-8.]

The life of the Christian is a constant effort to grow in grace and efficiency. He seeks to increase his talents, that he may do better service for the Master. He keeps close to the side of Christ, knowing that only by watchfulness and prayer and help from above can he be kept from sin.

In order to work out the plans of God, men must co-operate with divine power. As they draw near to God, and obtain the instruction given by Christ, they will daily learn how to avoid the snares of the enemy.

The Christian graces are to be brought into the daily life. Giving all diligence, work on the plan of addition. Act your part in the fear of God. Reverence Him. Keep your souls in His love. Make no provision for uniting, even for a moment, with Satan to forward his schemes. Do not allow him to divert your mind from God's work to him. He knows your weakness; He knows just what inducements to present to lead you to follow his guidance. Refuse to serve him. Keep the Lord ever before you.

Those who, while professing to be on Christ's side, yield themselves to the doing of unchristlike work greatly dishonor God. He will surely let His wrath fall on those who thus rob Him of the glory due to Him. He is displeased when men allow Satan to lead them to scheme and plot against the Lord's servants, making exceedingly difficult the work of those who are striving to exalt truth and righteousness.

He who is chosen as a leader in the work of God is to reveal a holy temper and a Christlike love. He is to make God his dependence. Unless he does this he will be in danger of setting in operation movements that will hinder the work of God and of giving the impression that God is serving with the sinners in Zion. This has been done over and over again. Many souls will be lost because the guardians of the flock have co-operated with the prince of the power of the air to hedge up the way for the advancement of the work according to the directions left by Christ.

“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, (if you follow this plan of addition,) ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” [Verses 9, 10.] Here is our eternal life insurance policy.

“Wherefore,” Peter continues, “I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle to stir you up by putting you in remembrance. ... For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven, we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first that no prophecy of the Scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

“But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring unto themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the truth shall be evil spoken of, and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you.” [2 Peter 1:12, 13, 16-21; 2:1-3.]

A Warning of Danger

Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. Wake up, brethren, wake up. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide awake on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given in the spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through His Word. He has spoken to us through the testimonies to the church and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse shall we offer?

The new theories in regard to God and Christ, as brought out in The Living Temple, are not in harmony with the teaching of Christ. The Lord Jesus came to this world to represent the Father. He did not represent God as an essence pervading nature, but as a personal Being. Christians should bear in mind that God has a personality as verily as has Christ.

Christ came to our world to restore in man the moral image of God. He came to bring fallen human beings power to obey God's commandments, that in them might be restored the divine character, that their lives might be adorned with the holiness of God. Of those who are thus

transformed in character it is said, "Now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly, wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city." [Hebrews 11:16.]

Christians are to represent Christ. They are to reveal His Spirit and character. Those who are imbued with His Spirit will have an intense love for every one for whom He died and will work earnestly to bring into the heavenly garner a harvest of souls. Filled with His Spirit, they will be animated with the same desire to save sinners that animated Christ in His lifework as a missionary sent of God.

The enemy of Christ is intensely active. He seeks to take possession of human minds, that he may bring in division, discord, and a party spirit. He seeks to create division among the people of God, that they may be weakened, and that their influence for good on the world may be lessened. He presents scientific propositions that are contrary to Christ's teaching and contrary to the faith and the doctrines that have been outlined before us ever since the first proclamation of this message—doctrines that are sustained by the Scriptures. Our message is to be definitely proclaimed. We are to exalt the truths that were given to John on the Isle of Patmos, showing that the end is near.

The pope claims authority over the practice of many who do not recognize Christ as our only Authority. He places himself in the position of God, and the weak and uninformed are kept from the knowledge that would reveal to them their privilege as children of God. We are to have no kings, no rulers, no popes among us. It is time for us diligently to heed the messages that have brought us out from the world.

Lt 213, 1903

Friends at Berrien Springs

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

My dear friends at Berrien Springs,—

If you were nearer to us, we should call upon you and speak to you face to face. But this cannot be. We pray for you all, and we sympathize with you all. In your many trials and difficulties, remember that you have a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother—One who understands your situation better than it is possible for you to understand it. The precious Saviour is touched with the feelings of our infirmities, and He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able.

Let us seek the answer to our prayers where alone it can be found—from Him who has said, "Ask, and ye shall receive." [John 16:24.] After the Saviour had ascended to heaven, the gift of the Spirit was sent in answer to the prayers of the disciples. It came like a rushing, mighty wind and filled the whole house where they were assembled. It came with copiousness and power,

as if for ages it had been restrained, pent up, waiting an opportunity to pour forth its gracious influence and power.

When the Spirit descended on the disciples, there were dwelling in Jerusalem “devout men, out of every nation under heaven;” and the disciples were given power to speak to these men in their own tongues. [Acts 2:5, 6.] Thus was borne the testimony that God’s field is the world. The gospel is not confined to a certain limited territory, to some particular country or province. Of the Spirit, Christ said, “He shall convince the world of sin.” [John 16:8.]

What instrumentalities were to be employed for the doing of this work? Those to whom the power of the Spirit had been promised, and upon whom, on the day of Pentecost, it rested. By their influence, under the sanctification of the Spirit, the gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth. Human lips, touched with holy fire, were to proclaim a saving truth, calling out from the world a people who were to be as kings and priests unto God. The truth that sanctifies the receiver was to be proclaimed, with God’s power behind the human instrument, convincing the world of sin, converting sinners, and bringing to them the righteousness of Christ.

What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit?—Thousands were converted in day. The sword of the Spirit, newly edged with power and bathed in the lightnings of heaven, cut its way through unbelief, overcoming satanic agencies and magnifying the Lord as possessing supreme power.

Everywhere the gospel was proclaimed. Those who proclaimed it had no grievous complaints to make. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. As they proclaimed the gospel as the power of God unto salvation, hearts yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit. New territory was daily added to the church. In every place converts confessed Christ. Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the truth became her champions.

The teachers of the truth lifted up the Man of Calvary, repeating His lessons. The Spirit of the great Medical Missionary animated the whole company of believers and spoke through them. The peace of Christ shone forth from their faces. They realized that they were the property of the Redeemer, and they consecrated their lives to Him for service. Their very features bore evidence to the voluntary surrender that they had made.

Many of those who received the message of salvation were set apart by the Lord for positions of sacred trust. God prepared them for the work that He had for them. And will not those who today are truly converted be given a work to do for the Master? God will endow men and women today with power, as He endowed those who heard the message on the day of Pentecost. The impartation of the Spirit is for all who will take God at His word. At this very hour His grace and His Spirit are for those who need them.

Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the outpouring of the Spirit came. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. One subject of emulation swallowed up all others—who should most closely follow Christ's example of self-denial and self-sacrifice? Who should do the most for the enlargement of His kingdom? And after the Spirit had been poured out, the testimony was the same. Mark the Word of God: "The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul." [Acts 4:32.] The Spirit of Him who died that we might live animated the entire congregation of believers. Every spiritual pulse beat in harmony.

The disciples prepared themselves for their work. They met together, and put away all differences. They believed Christ's promise that the blessing would be given, and they prayed in faith. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely. They were weighted with the burden for the salvation of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of the power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day.

So may it be now. Instead of man's speculations, let the Word of God be preached. Let Christians put away their dissensions and give themselves to God for the saving of the lost. Let them ask in faith for the blessing, and it will come. The outpouring of the Spirit in apostolic days was the former rain, and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant.

The work of the Spirit had been clearly defined by Christ. "He shall not speak of Himself," He said. "He shall glorify Me." [John 16:13, 14.] As Christ came to glorify the Father by the revelation of His infinite love, so the Spirit came to glorify Christ.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] The measure of God's love is the measure of His power. He sent His Son to represent Himself. Christ's life was an expression of the character of God.

Who can estimate the guilt of those who refuse to receive Christ, who are not willing to look and live, who give the strength of body, mind, and soul to earthly things, turning away from Him who is the Light and Life of men. Those who do this crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame.

Lt 214, 1903

Magan, P. T.; Sutherland, E. A.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

Dear Brethren Magan and Sutherland,—

I am sure that the Lord will work to bring you upon higher ground, where you will not be so severely harassed or perplexed.

I wish to write you a few words in regard to the employment of Dr. E. J. Waggoner as a teacher in the Berrien Springs school. I have had much confidence in Brother Waggoner, but I know that just now he is in special danger. He is in danger, as many others are, of accepting incorrect views of God, as set forth in the new book Living Temple. Take him into the school at Berrien Springs. My counsel regarding his work is that you help him to place his feet on solid ground, even the Rock of Ages. I believe that he will recover his former clearness and power.

However favorably our physicians and others may view the theories regarding God that are presented in Living Temple, I must tell you that these theories are faulty, incorrect, false. All through the book passages of Scripture are used, but many of these Scriptures are used in such a way that they are misinterpreted. These Scriptures, read in their connection and understood in their simplicity, do not sustain the theories that the writer is endeavoring to maintain.

Those who present such theories are lost in the woods. They know not the danger of the theories that they are handling. I know how dangerous these theories are. Before I was seventeen years old, I had to bear my testimony against them before large companies, and all through my experience for the last fifty years, I have had to meet and oppose these delusive theories.

Soon after Dr. Kellogg first connected with the Sanitarium, I was shown that he was in danger of entertaining false views of God. I labored with him, telling him that his case had been presented to me, and that I had been shown just what the holding of such ideas would lead to.

Dr. Kellogg has not always been led by the Lord. Good seed has been sown in his heart, but he has not always responded to the Lord's call. While we were in Australia, I saw that the doctor would link up with ministers not in the truth. I heard conversations between him and these ministers, in which he told of the large things that he was planning to do in the cities.

I was instructed that there was danger of Dr. Kellogg's becoming unsettled in regard to the truth, that he was not standing firm upon the true foundation. He has labored so hard to make the medical missionary work the whole body that he has lost sight of the spirit of the message. I was instructed that he was allowing his mind to depart from the faith and was giving heed to seducing spirits, and that, unless he righted himself, all associated with him would be in danger of being led away by the theories that greatly dishonored God. I was instructed that unless a change came, Dr. Kellogg would discard the testimonies of God's Spirit, in order to establish theories of his own, and would bring upon himself the condemnation of the Lord.

I have ever done all that I could to save Dr. Kellogg's soul, but of late I have not written to him as frequently as in former years. I am greatly disappointed that so many of our medical missionary workers seem to be spiritually blind. I cannot regard them as safe teachers. They are

sowing tares among the wheat. Those who venture to speak of God as He is spoken of in the Living Temple are on very dangerous ground.

I say, and have ever said, that I will not engage in controversy with any one in regard to the nature and personality of God. Let those who try to describe God know that on such a subject silence is eloquence. Let the Scriptures be read in simple faith, and let each one form his conceptions of God from His inspired Word.

No human mind can comprehend God. No man hath seen Him at any time. We are as ignorant of God as little children. But as little children we may love and obey Him. Had this been understood, such sentiments as are in this book would never have been expressed.

There are men bearing large responsibilities who do not know God. They do not understand the reasons of our faith. They have lost their way. Should I keep these things to myself any longer, I should be afraid that I would be brought under condemnation for suffering our people to be deceived. The enemy has sown his seed in the mind of our leading physician, and he is sowing the same seed in other minds. I should not be clear before God did I keep silent any longer regarding these things. The leaders in the medical missionary work ought to understand in regard to them.

At this time, just before the close of this earth's history, we need in the cause of God spiritual-minded men, men who are earnest in principle and who have a clear understanding of what is truth. Immortality is obtained only by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. "Verily, verily I say unto you," Christ declared, "he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. ... I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. ... Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood dwelleth in Me, and I in him. ... It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [John 6:47, 51, 54-56, 63.]

We all need to cling to the Lord Jesus Christ. In regard to the Father, we shall soon understand in regard to His personality. I am bidden to speak these words to our medical workers and to our church members. Be not deceived; God is not mocked. Let those who have need of being converted seek diligently for the truth, else the words spoken by Christ will be applicable to them: "Ye shall seek Me, and shall not find Me; and where I am, thither ye cannot come." [John 7:34.]

Lt 215, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

This morning I was unable to sleep past two o'clock. I rose and had written seventeen pages before breakfast. Of late I have written much.

Willie has just brought me your letter written from Nashville, October 1. I was glad to read this letter and to know that the situation is relieved and that you are no longer under such heavy financial pressure. I have had to borrow some more money, about seven hundred and fifty dollars. I fear that unless some money comes in from my books, I shall have to borrow money from the bank, and on this I shall have to pay a high rate of interest.

Of late we have all been very busy. Some of the time during this week, all the members of my family have been engaged in helping with the wine-making or in picking grapes. We have been anxious to finish this work before the rains came, and thus far, we have been favored with beautiful weather.

We feared that the rain would come before our grape crop was picked and that much of the fruit would perish on the vines. Last Sabbath afternoon the clouds looked as if rain would soon fall, and toward evening it began to sprinkle. As soon as the Sabbath was over, all our family went down to the vineyard and picked grapes until ten o'clock. The moon was full, and so it was not very dark. They picked over a ton of sweetwater grapes. However, the rain did not come.

We have sold some of our grapes to the Sanitarium and to a fruit store in St. Helena. I will not sell grapes to the wineries, and in order to save our crop, we bought the machinery necessary to make unfermented wine and have crushed and bottled nearly all our grapes.

This year the grape crop was very good. The grapes were of an excellent quality. I wish that you could have been here to enjoy them with us. I should very much enjoy a visit with you.

We have had a good crop of tomatoes, and Mrs. Nelson has canned over two hundred quarts. To me it seems like a miracle that there should be so large a crop; for not a drop of rain has fallen since before the seeds were planted.

Nearly every day for about two months we have had sweet corn on our table. It is the nicest sweet corn we have ever had. Sister Nelson has dried about half a bushel.

We accept these good things as a miracle of God's mercy. We praise our heavenly Father for His goodness and love. He "moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

The other day Clarence Crisler, Dores Robinson, and Sara went to a place just beyond St. Helena and gathered a box of figs. We get these figs in exchange for grapes.

Brother Magan has been with us for a day or two. He left this morning, and Willie and I went to the station with him, that we might talk over some of the perplexing questions that have arisen. The ride rested me.

Lt 216, 1903

Leaders in our Medical Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 4, 1903

To the leaders in our medical work

Dear Brethren,—

I have a message for you. I am instructed to say that all the arrangements connected with the management of the medical missionary work are not to originate in Battle Creek. It is the deceptive power of the enemy of all righteousness that leads to the repeated attempts to bring all our medical institutions under the control of one organization. Certainly such efforts are not inspired by the Lord. The medical missionary work is God’s work, and in every conference and church we are to take a decided stand against allowing it to be controlled by men.

After I received word in regard to the excellent meeting of confession and unity that has been held in Battle Creek, I was writing in my diary, and was about to record the thankfulness I felt because a change had come, when my hand was arrested, and there came to me the words: “Write it not. No change for the better has taken place. The doctor is ensnared in a net of specious deception. He is presenting as of great worth things that are turning souls from the truth into bye and forbidden paths; things that lead human agents to act in harmony with their own inclinations, and to work out their unsanctified purposes; things that result in destroying the dignity and power of God’s people, obscuring the light that would otherwise come to them from God through His appointed agencies.”

The leaders in our medical work at Battle Creek have endeavored to bind our medical institutions fast, in accordance with their plans, notwithstanding the many warnings given them that this should not be done. Who has authorized them to lay all these plans and to try in many ways to bring about their purposes? Our sanitariums do not belong to them; and yet they desire to tie up these institutions in some way so that all our medical work will be under their control.

In the past I have written much upon this subject; and now I must repeat the admonitions given, because it seems difficult for my brethren to understand their perilous position.

“The Lord forbids that every sanitarium and bathhouse established should be brought under one control—bound up with the medical institution at Battle Creek. The managers of the Battle

Creek Sanitarium have their hands full now. They should devote their strength to the work of making this Sanitarium what it should be.

“The light given me of God is that Dr. Kellogg is assuming too much responsibility in these matters. He is not to think that he can be conscience for every one of our medical workers; for men are to look to the Lord God of heaven alone for wisdom and guidance.

“In establishing and developing medical institutions, our brethren must not be asked to work in accordance with the plans of a ruling, kingly power. A change must be brought about. Dr. Kellogg must see and understand this and bind about his desires to fasten every medical institution to the central organization at Battle Creek. The Lord forbids.

“For years I have been instructed that there is danger, constant danger, that our brethren will look to their fellow men for permission to do this or that, instead of looking to God. Thus they become weaklings and permit themselves to be bound about with man-made restrictions disapproved by God. The Lord can impress minds and consciences to do His work under bonds to God and in a spirit of fraternity that will be in accordance with His law. ...

“God knows the future. He is the One to whom we are to look for guidance. Let us trust Him to direct us in the development of the various branches of His work. Let none attempt to labor in accordance with unsanctified impulses. ...

“The division of the General Conference into District Union Conferences was God’s arrangement. In the work of the Lord for these last days there should be no Jerusalem centers, no kingly power. And the work in the different countries is not to be tied up by contracts to the work centering in Battle Creek; for this is not God’s plan. Brethren are to counsel together; for we are just as much under the control of God in one part of the vineyard as in another. Brethren are to be one in heart and soul, even as Christ and the Father are one. Teach this, practice this, that we may be one with Christ in God, all working to build up one another.

“The kingly power formerly revealed in the General Conference at Battle Creek is not to be perpetuated. The publishing institution is not to be a kingdom of itself. It is essential that the principles that govern in General Conference affairs should be maintained in the management of the publishing work and the sanitarium work. No one is to think that the branch of the work with which he is connected is of vastly more importance than other branches.

“There must be educational work in every sanitarium that shall be established. It is not the duty of Dr. Kellogg to carry so many responsibilities. God has control of the work, and no human agency is to feel that everything done in the sanitariums established must first be submitted to Dr. Kellogg. This course God forbids. The same God who instructed Dr. Kellogg will instruct the men and women who are called to do service for the Master in various parts of His vineyard.

“Human laws and arrangements are being framed that are not acceptable to God. They will not prove a savor of life unto life. I am under the necessity of lifting the danger signal. The managers of every one of our institutions need to become more and still more intelligent

regarding their individual work, not by depending upon another institution, but, while preserving the identity of their work, by looking to God as their Instructor and by revealing their faith in Him through whole-hearted service. Then they will develop talents and capabilities.”

Every man needs now to take his position on the old-time foundation of obedience to God. Let no one allow the propositions of any group of men to lead him, through a spirit of compromise, to accept wrong plans and principles. I have been instructed that history will be repeated and that the specious working of Satan will be revealed by human agents. We must work discreetly and determinedly to adjust matters. The recent effort to induce God’s people to accept binding propositions is the last that should be passed by without a decided protest. Let us not take another step toward the acceptance of such propositions, lest we be ensnared.

Brethren, let us firmly take our position now. In justice to our churches, we must now decide this matter; for we have a great work to do. We must now determine that every medical institution shall stand in its own individual right. Let every cord now be broken. Let our medical institutions refuse to be tied up with the Medical Association in Michigan.

I shall now be prepared to say to our brethren, Cut loose, cut loose. After taking your position firmly, wisely, cautiously, make not one concession on any point concerning which God has plainly spoken. Be as calm as a summer evening, but as fixed as the everlasting hills. By conceding, you would be selling our whole cause into the hands of the enemy. The cause of God is not to be traded away. We must now take hold of these matters decidedly. I have many things to say that I have not wanted to say in the past, but now my mind is clear to speak and act.

I am sorry to be compelled to take the position that I am forced to take in behalf of God’s people. In taking this position, I am placed under the necessity of bearing the heavy burden of showing the evil of the plans that I know are not born of heaven. This is the burden that many times in the past the Lord has laid upon me, in order that His work might be advanced along right lines. How much care and anxiety, how much mental anguish and wearing physical labor might be saved me in my old age! But still I am under the necessity of going into the battle and of discharging in the presence of important assemblies the duty that the Lord has laid upon me—the duty of correcting the wrong course of men who profess to be Christians, but who are doing a work that will have to be undone at a great loss, both financially and in the shaking of the confidence of the people.

If I act conscientiously, I must meet the crisis; for I believe that the precepts which the Lord has given concerning His work in the past and at the present time point out the right way. And His plans, His thoughts, are as much higher than man’s plans, man’s thoughts, as the heavens are higher than the earth. God’s voice is to be heard; His wisdom is to guide us. We must not be broken up by any human wisdom or devising. God has outlined His plan in His Word and in the testimonies He has sent to His people.

O how sad it is that men allow themselves to be so wrought upon by the enemy that they dare venture to exalt their finite judgment in opposition to God's plans and purposes. Man's authority bears the signature of man. We are not to permit the rank and file of our people to come under the generalship of the weak, confused sentiments of man. God's authority is to stand supreme. And I must call upon His people to recognize His authority, which bears the evidence of its divine origin. Every believer is called upon to unite inseparably with God's authority.

The foundation on which the truth has always been based is sure, and upon this foundation all are to stand who are doing the Lord's work. God's Word reveals His design; and that work only which is carried on in accordance with the principles of the Word will stand fast forever, approved both by the heavenly host and the adopted family living on the earth during the remnant of time remaining before the close of this earth's history. Finite man, yielding to Satan's devising, can easily lose sight of the Lord's purpose concerning him; for by yielding to temptation, man loses his powers of discernment. Every Christian is to strive to be a laborer together with God.

Christ calls for service altogether different from that which is given Him. Men in positions of responsibility should, through the power of the Holy Spirit, reveal the Redeemer much more clearly to the world than they have revealed Him. The infinite God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for us, in order that, receiving Him by faith and practicing His virtues, we should not perish, but have everlasting life. My brethren, how do you suppose He regards the great lack of spiritual enthusiasm manifested over the record of the great sacrificial offering made for our individual salvation?

All human ambition, all boasting, is to be laid in the dust. Self, sinful self, is to be abased, not exalted. By holiness to God in the daily life here below, we are to manifest the Christ life. The corrupt nature is to become pure and undefiled, subdued, not exalted. We are to be humble, faithful men and women. Never are we to sit upon the judgment seat. God demands that His representatives shall be pure vessels, revealing the beauty of sanctified character. The channel is always to remain unobstructed, that the Holy Spirit may have free course; otherwise, spiritual leaders will gloss over the work that must be done in the natural heart in order to perfect Christian character; and they will present their own imperfections in such a way that they make of none effect God's truth, which is as steadfast as the eternal throne. And while God calls upon all His watchmen to lift the danger signal, at the same time He presents before them the life of the Saviour as an example of what they must be and do in order to be saved.

Concerning His disciples, Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." [John 17:17.] A pleasant, self-satisfied feeling is not an evidence of sanctification. A faithful record is kept of all the acts of the children of men. Nothing can be concealed from the eye of the high and holy One, who inhabiteth eternity. Some make Christ ashamed by their course of devising, planning, and scheming. God does not approve of their conduct; for the Lord Jesus is

not honored by their spirit or their works. They forget the words of the apostles, "Ye are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." [1 Corinthians 4:9.]

In consequence of the unfaithful lives of men who adorn not the doctrine of Christ our Saviour, Bible truth is blasphemed. My soul is grieved night after night, and day after day, as I view the present situation.

Lt 217, 1903

Tenney, Brother and Sister [G. C.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 13, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Tenney,—

It would be a great pleasure to me to see you and talk with you. I wish that it were possible for you both to pay us a visit. We should be very glad to see you. But I suppose that this cannot be. How is your health? I have been afraid that you would not be able to endure the climate of Battle Creek or the taxation that would be brought upon you by your work there.

At the present time, my health is very good. I do much writing. The Lord preserves my brain power; and for this I am indeed grateful. I am carrying a heavy burden—the burden that I have carried for many years—but my hand is still firm and steady, and I am able to write many pages a day. I greatly desire to do all that I can to advance the Lord's work. Time is fast passing; the end is near.

In a recent copy of the daily paper, I see that New Jersey has been visited by terrible floods. When I was in the East recently, New Jersey was suggested to me as a favorable place for the establishment of some branch of our work. I told the brethren who spoke to me of this not to think of building up any interest in that vicinity, because it would be visited by flood and fire. I see that these things are coming sooner than I had expected. I feel very sorry for those who have been made homeless by the recent floods.

What may we not look for in the future? The Lord will soon come out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the world for their iniquity. Then the earth will disclose her blood and will no more cover her slain. We have a great work to do. Perilous times are before us. I sincerely desire, in these last days, to do my work with faithfulness in every respect. We must stand with the whole armor on, having done all, to stand.

It causes me great sorrow to see that many do not realize the dangerous character of the sentiments contained in Living Temple regarding God. I know how dangerous these sentiments are. Before I was seventeen years old, I had to bear my testimony against them before large companies. In New Hampshire, two prominent men, who professed to believe in the Lord's soon coming, were active in disseminating ideas regarding God similar to those presented in

Living Temple. I went to this place and asked some there what these things meant. They said, "If the Lord has directed you to this place, it is that you may give us light regarding this matter."

That evening a meeting was held, in which these two men acted a part. That night light was given me that they were making the truth of no effect by their fanciful ideas, some of which had led to free lovism. I was shown that these men, while claiming to have most precious light, were seducing souls by presenting spiritualistic ideas of God.

At the next meeting that was held, I opened before them the work they were doing. The Lord gave me strength to lay plainly before them the danger of their course. Among other views, they held the doctrine that those who were once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were leavening their own minds and the minds of others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evil had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. But ungodly teaching is followed by sinful acts. The result of this doctrine was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts which, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and practice. This doctrine was the seducing bait of the father of lies and resulted in the impenitence of self-satisfied impurity.

Before we left the place, the efforts put forth brought from one of the number the conviction that the testimony of rebuke was what was needed. The company that had been formed was broken up.

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presented the doctrine of an impersonal God, diffused through nature, and the doctrine of holy flesh.

At one place Satan, in the form of a man, came to one of our brethren and told him a tissue of lies. The wife of this brother was not a believer, and she said and did much that was very trying to him. But he had never retaliated. He was regarded as a thorough Christian. When we held our prayer meetings, he was often under the influence of the Spirit. When the Lord gave me instruction in vision, he would say, I see the light of the Holy Spirit shining upon Ellen—as I was always called at that time—like the purest silver. As he said this, his face would light up with the brightness of the presence of the Lord. Nothing could disturb his peace.

One night he walked three miles to attend a prayer meeting, where he was greatly blessed. He was returning home and was within a quarter of a mile of his home when a tall man, muffled in a long cloak which was drawn up round his face, met him and, speaking to him by name, said that he had just left his wife, with whom he had had a pleasant interview.

The brother was astonished, for there was no house near his own, and before him was a long stretch of road on which there was no house. Thinking that he would look more closely at the man, he turned, but there was no one to be seen.

On reaching home, he said to his wife, "You have had a visitor tonight." "No," she said, "I have had no visitor." "A quarter of a mile from here," he said, "I met a man who said that he had just left you, and had had a pleasant interview with you." His wife was terrified. "No one besides myself has been in the house this evening or during the day," she said.

He had no reason to doubt his wife's word, and he said, "It must have been the devil whom I met. This is his device to disturb my peace by filling my mind with jealousy."

Telling me afterward about this, the brother said that from that time his wife could not be persuaded to remain alone in the house. From that time she gave up her wicked feelings and began to pray.

After the passing of the time, we had fanaticism of every kind to meet. Testimonies of reproof were given me to bear to some holding theories similar to those against which at this time I am called to bear warning. I am not surprised that I should have to meet these theories again. I have been shown that the experience of the past would be repeated, that most seducing influences would be exerted, that minds would be hypnotized. Satan will bring in his deceiving schemes. Impurity of long standing will be mingled with the presentation of the truth. Corruptions of every type, similar to those existing among the antediluvians, will be brought in to take minds captive. Placing nature as God; the unrestrained license of human will; the counsel of the ungodly—these Satan uses as his agencies to bring about certain ends. He will employ the power of mind on mind to carry out his designs. The most sorrowful thought of all is that under his influence men will put on a form of godliness, without having any real godliness.

The preaching of the gospel will be greatly hindered by those who will not respect God's ministers unless these ministers will bend to the requirements of certain leaders. The concessions that will be called for will be of a character that God would in no case vindicate. But if they are not made, there will be rebellion, as there was in heaven.

The fountain of mercy is opened to all who have not passed the boundary of God's love and mercy. There is a world to be labored for. God will work through all who will submit to His control. He will work through young men and women who will give themselves to Him. The blood of Christ is to be presented as the fountain opened in Judah and Jerusalem for the cleansing away of sin and uncleanness.

Study Paul's words to the Colossians:

"I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I am absent from you in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him, rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.” [Colossians 2:1-10.]

Before Christ left His disciples, He gave them plain, distinct lessons in regard to the future. He urged them to remember that He would not leave them in blindness and ignorance. He would make them acquainted with His purposes and plans. He gave them evidence, in a special manner, of His love for them; for He desired that in all their work and their councils, they should bring this love to mind. He knew the trials and temptations that they were to meet, and in the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth chapters of John, He gives them instruction that would strengthen them for the difficulties before them. Brother Tenney, study these chapters. They will help you in your work.

Lt 218, 1903

Wessels, Andrew

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 19, 1903

Dear Brother Andrew Wessels,—

While writing my former letter, I was interrupted and did not write all that I wished to.

Some years ago, I asked you for money, not as a gift, but as a loan. I do not know just what your circumstances are now, or whether you can spare any money, but I wish to ask you again if you will deposit with me, as with a bank, some of the means which the Lord has entrusted to you. I am willing to pay interest on whatever money you think you can spare.

I have been instructed in regard to the dangers with which you are surrounded. You have not appreciated the talent of means. You have expended money for self-gratification.

Recently in the night seasons a scene passed before me in which I saw you, Henry and his wife, and other members of the Wessels family. With great tenderness, the words were spoken to you, “Young man, to you, Christ’s purchased possession, the Lord has entrusted means, not as a snare and a temptation, but to be used in His service. If wisely invested, your money will be a great help in carrying forward the work of God in needy fields. The Lord has been proving you to see whether you will act as a faithful steward or whether you will use His entrusted talents for self-gratification.” Then the question was asked, “How much of your money have you set aside as the Lord’s portion, to be used in His service?”

Do not put your money into a bag with holes. Do not yield to the temptation to spend it for self-gratification. Invest it in the cause of God. You will gain no real satisfaction by using for self-pleasing the means that have been entrusted to you.

You need not give recklessly, but by investing wisely, you may do much to help forward the work of God. The cause of God is in need of every dollar that you can spare. There are many places where money is greatly needed to help—places which the Lord desires to see provided with facilities for the proclamation of the truth for this time.

The Lord has plainly specified that in Nashville, memorials for Him should be erected. A sanitarium is needed in that place, and a school should be established there.

Just now our work is being established in Washington, the capital of the United States. Our printing office has been moved to that place, and a sanitarium must soon be erected there. This is to be, not a mammoth institution, but a plain, substantial building. Means is required for these enterprises. And in many places where the truth is gaining a foothold, and churches are being raised up, money is needed.

The Lord's money is not entrusted to you that you may have a good time with wild, reckless companions. The time is coming when God will call for the talents entrusted to you and for the increase that you may now gain by trading wisely upon them. Will you not seek for the commendation given in the parable to the servant who, when called to give account of his stewardship, was able to say to his Master, "Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds"? [Luke 19:18.] Will you not, my brother see what you can do for your Master in returning to Him His own?

Let me suggest a plan that, if followed, will be a blessing to you and to all who will act a part in it. Write out a pledge to be signed by those who will promise to abstain from some harmful or selfish indulgence, and give to the Lord the money thus saved.

First sign this pledge yourself, then take it to your companions. Frankly tell them your determination to love and serve the Lord. Say to them, "My friends, we are stewards of the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us, that we may have a home in His kingdom." Read to them the words, "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.] Tell them of the gospel medical missionary work to be established in Washington, and ask them to unite with you in denying self to help this worthy enterprise. Tell them that you are determined not to squander another penny of the Lord's money.

I do not ask you to do this for my sake, but for Christ's sake. I am instructed by One who gave His life for you that this work of self-denial and self-sacrifice will be a great blessing both to you and to those who will join with you. This plan has been presented to me by the Lord. Christ invites you to invite others to place their name to the total abstinence pledge. I am bidden to

tell you that you may be a missionary agent for God in collecting for Him money that would otherwise be wasted in selfish indulgences, which weaken physical, mental, and moral power.

Though God is in heaven, and you upon earth, yet He notices your every act. Have you not, my dear young friend, wasted much of the Lord's goods and encouraged others to waste their money? Suppose you try to reckon up the amount of money you have spent in such a way as to benefit no one, spent carelessly and for self-gratification.

It is time for you to use your influence aright. Will you not disappoint the enemy and glorify God. Will you not refrain from selfish indulgences, setting aside for the Lord the sum that you are tempted to use in self-gratification? Try this for one year. By denying yourself of harmful luxuries, you will improve your physical condition and glorify God. And the influence of your example and your words will lead others to deny self. If it is seen that you are decidedly in earnest, some will give up their expensive, health-destroying indulgences and co-operate with you. God will incline their hearts to return to Him that which in the past they have used in extravagance and foolish indulgences.

Bear in mind that by investing your money in the work of God, you are simply returning to your Saviour that which is His own. And you are laying up treasure in heaven beside the throne of God. Christ has given His life for you that you might have the privilege of becoming a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [John 1:12.] Christ became poor in this world's goods, that you might inherit eternal riches. Put your money out to usury for the Master. Will you not return to the Lord that which is His own? Give yourself without reserve to the Lord Jesus, and as you seek to do His will, your life will be governed by new motives.

Let us be rich in faith. Talk to your brothers about the work I have mentioned, and see if they will not help you. Lead out yourself, and God will co-operate with you. You may ask help from any one you please, whether a church member or not. You may present your pledge to wealthy men, telling that a statement of how this money is used will be printed. How much more satisfaction is gained by spending money in the Lord's work than in self-indulgence! Will not some who have squandered time and money, simply for the purpose of having a good time, now see what they can do to help forward the work of God in Washington and in Nashville, where as yet no buildings have been erected as memorials for God?

I am in earnest about this matter. I shall be so thankful if you will act as the Lord's appointed agent. If you will stand on the Lord's side, faithful and true in precept and example, you may do a noble work.

If you desire, you may make me your agent in this country. I will be thankful to receive a monthly report of how you are getting on and such sums as you may collect for the work in Washington. I will keep an account of all money thus received.

I have not mentioned this matter to any one else. I would like to see you lead out in organizing a Benevolent Society such as I have outlined. I am going to trust this enterprise with you, Andrew, and ask you to do this noble work for the Master, and to do it heartily as unto the Lord.

I have done all I could to help the cause of God with my means. I am paying interest on twenty thousand dollars, all of which I have invested in the work of God. And I shall continue to do all in my power to help to forward His work.

I wish you could break up the associations you have formed in South Africa, give yourself unreservedly to the work of God, and come with your brother John to this country. We should be glad to have you take hold of some part of the work in Washington, D.C.

Lt 219, 1903

Butler, G. I.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 13, 1903

Dear Brother Butler,—

I have received two or three letters from you recently, but have not been able to answer them; for I have been very busy preparing matter to be sent to the brethren in council at Washington. I will now try to write you a few lines. Your letters were all most interesting. I wish that I could see you and talk with you, but this cannot be. I say to you, Be of good courage in the Lord. He knows the perplexities that we must meet in our labors, and He will give us strength according to our need.

I ask you again not to overwork. We must keep a little strength in reserve to meet the emergencies that will arise. Do not, because you have a deposit in the bank, keep drawing on it until you have overdrawn. You and I both need to heed this caution.

I rejoice to know that you realize that our strength is wholly in the Lord. Let us daily offer the most earnest prayer to Him. Yesterday morning I was up at two; and this morning, a little after two, I dressed and then knelt in prayer to ask God for special help. I long to see the salvation of God.

I am glad to hear that there is a prospect of Brother Amadon's coming from Battle Creek to help in the publishing house at Nashville. This will be a good move.

I am very sorry that Hiland does not come to your help. I realize your loneliness, because I have seen it, and I sympathize with you. If Hiland were with you, you could lay part of your work on him, and then you would not have to carry so heavy a burden. You need him, and he should allow nothing to prevent him from going to you and standing by your side. Do not worry that

this has not yet been brought about. The word of the Lord to Hiland was that he was to go to you and help you in your work. This has been signified as his duty, and I am sure that ere long God will bring it about; for He lives and reigns. The wheel of God's providence may turn slowly, but it will turn. I may not live to see this, but I know that it will turn.

I am glad that your coming meeting is not to be at Graysville. Nashville is the place for it. Nothing has been revealed that would make the holding of such a meeting at Nashville, wisely conducted, out of harmony with the will of God. We have telegraphed Edson the following message: "Institutes in large cities, accompanied by public effort greatly needed. Go ahead in Nashville." So feel at rest in regard to this matter. Do not worry, but believe and hope in God. Trust His living Word.

I wish to speak of another point. In regard to Brother Rogers' connecting with the Huntsville school, I thought at first that this might be best, but light has come to me that he can accomplish a much greater work in Vicksburg. In a short time, as the work opens up in the large cities, he will be needed as a man who can be depended on. At present he is needed in Vicksburg. Let God use the men of capability just where their influence will tell for the most good. Brother Nicola has been placed in charge of the Huntsville school. Give him another trial, and keep looking for a man to take hold there who is sound and solid in every respect and who will stand firm for principle.

At this time we need, not men who will catch up new, fanciful ideas, but men who will catch the notes that sound from the heavenly courts and who, without consulting any man, will obey God's orders. We have been warned that the enemy will bring in his deceptive working. In so subtle a way will he work that he will appear to be an angel of light. I am bidden to lift up my voice and say to all our people, Beware, beware. Those who, having had warnings and entreaties and counsels, still follow their own will are not laborers together with God.

There are proud, Pharisaical men who think that it would be a great humiliation to confess that they had sinned. Thus Satan thought. Pride, self-sufficiency, a life of untruth—these things are barring their way to heaven. Could they see themselves as they are looked upon in the heavenly courts, their garments of self-righteousness would fall from them, leaving them ashamed, naked, condemned. For years they have had hardly a glimmer of light from the throne of God, and they have forgotten what it means to have a clear sense of justice and righteousness. They have given place to underhand working to take advantage of others, and they know not what it means to be filled with spiritual life. When the time of test comes, they will find that their refuge of lies will not shield them from the searching eyes of Him who sees every discrepancy, every falsehood.

It has been long since such an one has taken a candid view of himself in the divine mirror. So long has he thought that the end justifies the means that he has scarcely a conviction of sufficient force to work a reformation. If he should in parable have presented to him the difference between the genuine and the false, the eternal contrast between truth and

falsehood, if he would see the need of integrity in the everyday life, his heart would be filled with humiliation and sorrow, as he thought of the influence of his departures from righteousness and of the many who had learned from him how to act under similar circumstances. Would he not strive to break the yoke of habit? Would he not cease to do evil, no longer remaining feeble in moral power, lacking the grace of Christ, feeling no right to claim pardon and to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness?

He has sometimes "swept and garnished" his house and put on the garments of joy and gladness. But he did not surrender himself fully for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and after a time old habits re-asserted their power. He failed and went back to his evil practices, and his condition became worse than it was before he made the attempt to reform.

Christ says, "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return unto my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in, and dwell there." [Matthew 12:43-45.]

There are those over whom the control of Satan seems for a time to be broken; through the grace of God they are set free from the evil spirit that has held dominion over the soul. But they do not surrender themselves to God daily, that Christ might dwell in the heart; and when the evil spirit returns, with "seven other spirits more wicked than himself," he is wholly dominated by the power of evil. [Verse 45.]

When the soul surrenders itself to Christ, a new power takes possession of the new heart. A change is wrought which man can never accomplish for himself. It is a supernatural working, bringing a supernatural element into human nature. The soul that is yielded to Christ becomes His own fortress, which He holds in a revolted world, and He intends that no authority shall be known in it but His own. A soul thus kept in possession by the heavenly agencies is impregnable to the assaults of Satan. But unless we do yield ourselves to the control of Christ, we shall be dominated by the wicked one.

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." [2 Peter 1:2-8.]

As we work upon the plan of addition, adding these graces to our character, God works for us upon the plan of multiplication.

Then comes the warning to those who fail to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God which worketh in them. "He that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." [Verse 9.] He has not purified his soul daily by praying and watching unto prayer, and he makes a new record of sin. He drifts with the current of worldliness.

"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall. For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." [Verses 10, 11.] This is the eternal life insurance policy granted to those who in this life obey the dictates of the Holy Spirit. Is it not well worth striving for?

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance." [Verses 12, 13.]

I thank God for these words of encouragement. Why should we not all stop grumbling and putting stones in front of the wheels of the car of progress?

"We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with Him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." [Verses 16-19.]

I send you these words that you may be encouraged to press forward when great difficulties arise. Preserve your health. We must be prepared to meet every conceivable form of the working of Satan.

I am called upon to lift the danger signal, and I call upon you, Elder Butler, to bear a plain testimony before the people. But do not speak lengthily; for this wearies you, and those who hear can not remember what is said so well as if the talks were shorter. Let your discourses be short and right to the point. May the Lord help you and me to speak the word of truth plainly and clearly.

Lt 220, 1903

Paulson, David

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 14, 1903

Dr. David Paulson

My dear brother,—

It would be very gratifying to me to see you and have an opportunity of conversing with you. Before I went to the Oakland General Conference, I realized that you were in peril. I was troubled over your great confidence in Dr. Kellogg; for I knew that if you continued to put such confidence in him, or in any other man that lives, you would be in danger of deception. But, upon reflection, I said to myself, "Dr. Paulson is an earnest Christian. He will not permit himself to be deceived."

Since that time, however, I have not been at ease regarding your safety. With sorrow I have witnessed Dr. Kellogg's influence over you.

In a vision last night I saw you writing. One looked over your shoulder and said: "You, my friend, are in danger. As God's messenger, I come to you to say, The less you have to do with the matter concerning which you are writing, the clearer will be your judgment. The Scriptures teach you all you can learn regarding God, except that which you may learn through an experimental knowledge of Jesus Christ, your Teacher.

"The Lord saith, while your leaders promise you liberty, they themselves are the servants of sin, and have been for a long time. Place no man's yoke on your neck. You are this day working counter to God. From the teachings of God or of Jesus His Son you have not received the sentiments that you now entertain. The garden of your heart is being sown with tares; your faith is being weakened. You have turned from the path of truth; but the steps that you have already taken can now be retraced, if you will realize that you have been turning aside into a false path."

You were much surprised at these words and inquired concerning the one who was speaking to you. The angel replied:

"You are conversing with a messenger from heaven. I am instructed to warn you that you are stepping off the platform of eternal truth. The ideas that some are presenting in regard to God are seductive and untrue. Those who teach these sentiments will be held accountable for greatly dishonoring God. You should understand clearly that satanic agencies are clothing false theories in an attractive garb, even as Satan in the garden of Eden concealed his identity from our first parents by speaking through the serpent. You are instilling into human minds that which to you seems to be a very beautiful truth, but which in reality is error. The hypnotic influence of Satan is upon you and upon all others who turn from the plain Word of God to pleasing fables.

"Dr. Kellogg, sustained as he is by his associates, walks proudly and boastfully and feels confirmed in his own will and way, which for years the Lord has been warning him to avoid. His

associate physicians may strengthen the faith of men and women in his supposed wonderful enlightenment; but the light emanating from him is not the light shining from the holy of holies; it is a false light that allures to spiritual death.”

The heavenly messenger continued: “I have come to warn you. You seem to be dazed. Before you can do a work acceptable to the Lord, you must first break this spell that is upon you. God would have you link up with your brethren. He would not have you defend Dr. Kellogg in the falsehoods that he is now presenting, and thus help to fasten him securely in Satan’s snare; for God will send His judgments upon all who walk in the light of satanic theories, the evil results of which are far-reaching. You now see only the beginning; but the influences exerted will continue to widen and deepen until the Lord shall by His judgments arrest the men who are deceived and deluded, and who, by false representations and deceptive statements, are rapidly bringing in misunderstandings, strife, and dissension.

“Study your Bible, heed the testimonies that God has sent to you, and be wise. Help your brethren to free themselves from the snare into which they have fallen. Instead of sustaining Dr. Kellogg in the deceptive errors he is advocating, and thus helping Satan to destroy the man, try to save his soul.

“Break the spell that is upon you. Come into the light. If you continue to walk in the path in which you are now walking, you will spoil your Christian experience, sever your connection with God, and lose eternal life. Can you afford to do this?”

Brother Paulson, I awoke at one o’clock, and have arisen to write out these words of instruction from the heavenly messenger. I plead with you, for Christ’s sake, to break the spell. Many of our people are now terribly deluded. And many of our medical workers are helping Satan in his work. God calls upon His people to be in unity with Him. He loves those who strive to do His will, and He acknowledges them as His co-laborers.

My dear brother, you are making a great mistake. Redeem yourself as soon as possible. You are not now glorifying God. Specious theories have been introduced in a very subtle manner. Shall the cause of God be imperilled? Will you unite with Dr. Kellogg to make it appear that the testimonies, which God has given through His Holy Spirit, sustain these theories, which are being advanced only as a “feeler”? Unless a change of heart takes place, the errors already published will be followed by other misleading theories.

I am so sorry, my brother, that you have not heeded the caution that I gave you in Oakland. I was instructed to talk with you and tell you some things that you should know. But while you admitted certain things, you did not see where you yourself were in danger. I have had great confidence in you; but I hear that you are trying to make it appear that the sentiments expressed in Living Temple in regard to God can be sustained by my writings; therefore I am obliged to make a statement in denial of this, that our people shall not be deceived.

The Lord has been very merciful to you, my brother, but you are in great danger. Your eyes are blinded; you are accepting as truth the specious sophistry of the enemy.

Let me tell you of a scene that I witnessed while in Oakland. Angels clothed with beautiful garments, like angels of light, were escorting Dr. Kellogg from place to place and inspiring him to speak words of pompous boasting that were offensive to God.

All who sustain a brother in his boastful positions are held accountable by God for confirming him in a perilous delusion. You should have discernment to see the delusion which, before the General Conference of 1901, began to take possession of the Doctor's mind, and which ever since has been gradually gaining ground. At that time I hoped that he was coming out clear and straight on the side of obedience to the commandments of the Lord. He was given great encouragement. I labored earnestly to remove from the minds of our people the wrong impressions that they had received.

Before I went to the Conference, the Lord declared to me: "In going to Battle Creek, and bearing your testimony in clear, decided lines, all who hear the instruction given by you, the Lord's messenger, will be left without excuse. I will put My words in your lips." I went, and the Lord gave me a message to bear before the thousands assembled.

Afterward, I received letters from the Doctor, in which he stated that there was nothing now between him and our ministers and churches and that he himself was a changed man. But notwithstanding all the light that the Lord gave him through the spirit of prophecy, he still continued in a wrong course. The evil of urging upon our people agreements that bound all our medical institutions to one central organization had often been presented to him, and yet he still urged the adoption of these agreements. When his propositions were not accepted, he would work in one way, and then in another way, and then in still another way to accomplish his purpose. Feelings were aroused because his brethren in the ministry could not sanction all his plans. He cherished and expressed the thought that the ministers were wronging him, when in fact he was wronging himself and his brethren by failing to act as a Christian and a gentleman should act.

At the time of the last General Conference, the Lord instructed me to have no interviews with Dr. Kellogg. I was warned that he would say things that were not true, in order to uphold his positions, and that he would misreport to his associates the words I might speak. I felt it my duty to declare to him, in the presence of the leading brethren, including his medical associates, many things that the Lord had presented to me. I felt a deep interest in him, and I believed that he would take a right position and save himself by breaking his heart before God.

Three times I went down to the meeting place to open before the brethren some things regarding him and the deceptions under which he was laboring, as they had been presented to me in figures; but oh, how my heart ached for him! I did not desire to disparage him in any way before the people, if it could be avoided, while there was still opportunity for him to repent. And so I forbore.

I have feared to say to Dr. Kellogg the plain things given me for him, lest he should be led to take a course that would forever decide his case. Had I when in Oakland borne the message that I thought I should have to bear, it might have resulted in Dr. Kellogg's taking his position fully with the powers of darkness. This he has been about to do again and again, but has not fully done it.

The Lord still have thoughts of mercy toward John Kellogg, but the fallen angels are close by his side, communicating with him.

For many years I have tried to hold fast to Dr. Kellogg. But for some time he has been revealing what spirit has been controlling him. The Lord will take this matter in His own hands. I must bear the testimonies of warning that He gives me to bear and then leave with Him the results. I must now present the matter in all its bearings; for the people of God must not be despoiled.

Soon after the Oakland Conference, in the night season the Lord portrayed before me a scene in which Satan, clothed in a most attractive disguise, was earnestly pressing close to the side of Dr. Kellogg. I saw and heard much. Night after night I was bowed down in agony of soul, as I saw this personage talking with our brother. I was instructed that notwithstanding the warnings, counsels, and reproofs given, he has followed his own way, when as a people we have been receiving instruction to advance in an opposite direction. In the place of co-operating with the angels of heaven, he has co-operated with evil angels.

The theories that Dr. Kellogg is now advocating are similar to the theories that Satan presented to the holy pair in Eden. I told Elder A. T. Jones that which the Lord has presented to me in regard to the source from which the Doctor was receiving his education in these seductive theories. I told him that our brother was under the influence of satanic agencies and that for so long a time had he been working away from the principles of truth and righteousness that he had been entangled and had in himself no power to escape from the snare of the enemy.

I wrote out many plain messages, but decided to withhold some of them for a time. Not all these have been delivered yet. After bearing testimonies of warning to Dr. Kellogg, I would weep as if my heart would break. Night after night, upon awaking, I would pray for him. I hoped and prayed that he would come out into the clear light. Thus the burden of his soul rested upon me after I returned from the Oakland General Conference.

If a change does not take place during the council meeting now being held in Washington, it may be that I shall have to go to Battle Creek and bear a decided testimony for God and for the truth in behalf of God's people. Things have been allowed to drift so far and so fast that I dare not hesitate now. If the Lord bids me go, be assured that I shall be in Battle Creek this winter; and the things that I could have said at the Conference in Oakland, but that I hoped I would never need to say, God will strengthen me to say. I will speak, whatever may be the consequences. I cannot stand by silent and see God dishonored and His people divided and spoiled by Satan's workings. Were I to do so, I should be unfaithful to my trust. I will continue to stand for truth, for exalted principles.

If right principles had been followed, the relation existing between the physicians and their brethren would be exactly what the Lord designed it to be; but for years an effort has been put forth to make the medical missionary work the body. God designs that the medical missionary work shall be bound up with the gospel ministry.

God has chosen a people out of the world and has instructed them to remain forever separate from the world. While living in the world they are not to be of the world. Dr. Kellogg has bound up himself with worldlings by inviting them into his councils; and he has been dishonoring the sacredness of the truth by bringing worldly lawyers into connection with the work of God's people. The Lord has signified that it is His purpose to keep His people free from the contaminating influences of the world; but the leaders of the medical work at Battle Creek have been working in a way altogether different from the way marked out by the Lord. The first and the second chapters of First Peter are full of instruction in regard to the manner in which we should labor.

I would not now speak so plainly, were it not for the intense desire I feel that our medical workers shall be molded and fashioned after the similitude of Christ, in order that all their work and their relation to God's cause may be in harmony with His purpose. God calls upon every physician and every other medical missionary worker to take his stand on the platform of truth, where he shall not be influenced by any man's false theories and wrong devising. The pure, living principles of the gospel are to be respected. God has a people in His church who are laboring just as disinterestedly to save sinners as the medical missionary workers have been laboring. He calls upon His medical missionary workers to labor unitedly with His church and not to allow any physician to control their efforts by his authority. The Lord now calls upon His people to unify. Let all our medical missionaries unite with our ministers in soul-saving work.

Nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of perfect, complete unity between the medical missionary workers and the gospel ministry. God has not empowered Dr. Kellogg with spiritual grace to be a lord over all our physicians and other medical missionaries. It is time that the teachings of the great Medical Missionary should be brought into the life-practice of our medical missionary workers. It is time that God's voice should be heard; for His words, spoken in truth, are spirit and life. He never makes a mistake.

If Dr. Kellogg would unite with his ministering brethren and give them his confidence, believing that they will work as Christ works through them, then he himself could see that others should be granted the privilege of standing in their God-given lot and place, and that he should respect all whom God has called as gospel missionaries to work in His cause. Working as Christ worked, our brethren would not be divided at all. But so long as our brother determines to carry things in his own way, irrespective of the Lord's workers, as if he were the only man whom heaven could acknowledge as a leader, God is displeased. If he were to occupy his proper place, he would be respected; but never is he to be regarded as he has regarded himself—as chief of all the medical missionary workers; as one who has the privilege of consulting only those who

exalt him and of ignoring, as not worthy of acting a part in the great medical missionary work, all the gospel ministers who disapprove of some of his ideas.

God has appointed His workers to stand true to Him at their respective posts of duty. They are not to work in accordance with the plans of worldly-wise men, nor are they to take such men into their councils. Those who are true to their trust will not make lawyers the main support of the securities of our institution.

I intended to say these things while I was at the Oakland General Conference. I felt an intense desire that Dr. Kellogg should be led to take a sound position in favor of the truth and of the last warning message of mercy that is to be given to the world.

The gospel is to be proclaimed as Christ has specified. Just before His ascension, Jesus spake unto His disciples, saying, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, while you are doing this, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

Let Christ's words be repeated. He is to be regarded as the greatest medical missionary worker that ever trod this earth. Bring into the medical missionary work none of the sentiments and devisings of men.

Let not any man try to carry his ambitious projects without presenting them before his brethren and asking for counsel in regard to how the work shall be carried forward.

In Oakland, there was spread before me a long, lawyer-framed document, filled with technicalities, which document was a copy of the conditions under which the Sanitarium issued bonds. The provisions of this bond-issue were such that money gathered in from all parts of the country is tied up in the medical institution at Battle Creek for a long period of time. Our people should never have been expected to tie up so great an amount of money as was needed to rebuild the large Sanitarium there. It was not right to endeavor to gather in means to make sure of a great work in one place, irrespective of other parts of the field. The Lord presented before me many places where small sanitariums were to be established. One is greatly needed near Nashville, at some point convenient to the large educational institutions in the suburbs of this Southern city. In many other places where medical missionary work has not yet been established, there is urgent need of small medical institutions.

After the last General Conference, there was presented before me the necessity of our establishing a sanitarium at Washington City. The interests of the mammoth institution at Battle Creek will require Dr. Kellogg's attention and labor there, and our brethren at Washington have been instructed to establish in their city a sanitarium, which shall not stand as a rival of any similar institution, but which shall be another agency for holding aloft the standard of health reform. Our people are not to be dependent upon the counsels of their fellow workers in Battle Creek regarding the management of the institution in Washington. And

the Lord desires, too, that our sanitariums already in running order shall not depend so much upon the medical association at Battle Creek.

God has counseled us that if the sanitarium work shall be carried forward in the right way, it will be the means of doing great good. In no case are our medical institutions to be so conducted that they will be a means of leading our workers in worldly paths.

We have also been instructed that some would grasp selfishly for means with which to do a work that was not endorsed by the Lord; and that when, in times of special need, God's servants would call for means with which to carry forward aggressive work in new fields, they would be met with the response, "Our money is tied up for several years in the bonds we purchased from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and we cannot help in this crisis."

With respect to many matters, Dr. Kellogg's management is not after God's order. He will set in operation every device possible to gather in means for his line of work, without reference to the great necessities in every other part of the Lord's vineyard. I have been instructed that I should have to bear my testimony on this point and not permit our people to be drawn into the matters that they cannot correctly understand.

God was dishonored by the plans devised for issuing bonds as a means of obtaining money with which to complete the Battle Creek Sanitarium building; for the talent of means in the hands of our people is thus tied up where it cannot be used for the proclamation of the third angel's message in fields still unentered. There is a world to be warned; and God's people must be cautioned against becoming so impoverished financially by tying up their means in great institutions, that they will have little or nothing left with which to provide facilities in needy fields and with which to carry forward the Lord's work in all parts of the earth.

The work of the Creator as seen in nature reveals His power. But nature is not above God, nor is God in nature as some represent Him to be. God made the world, but the world is not God; it is but the work of His hands. Nature reveals the work of a positive, personal God, showing that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Let us take the Word of God as the man of our counsel. As we diligently study the Scriptures, we shall be able to serve the Lord more intelligently and more earnestly than ever before, and we shall be truer representatives of Him; for we shall be imbued with His Spirit.

The warning message given to the church in Sardis comes to us today:

"I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." [Revelation 3:1-3.]

My brother, read the third chapter of Second Peter. Truth, Bible truth, is alone worth living for. God and His glory are not to be diminished by any pleasing sophistry of human wisdom. The state of the world, with its abominations and crimes, in fulfilment of the prophecies concerning the wickedness that would prevail during the last days, is enough to lead true Christians to live lives of humility and prayer.

Lt 221, 1903

Leaders in our Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

To the leaders in our work

Dear Brethren,—

Last night I could not sleep past eleven o'clock. I was instructed in figures and symbols; and then in plain, simple language, the interpretation was given. I could not close the door of my mind. I fell asleep for about thirty minutes and seemed to be standing before a company of men and women. I was moved by the Spirit of God to speak to them in regard to their dangers. I was told, “My Spirit shall make impressions upon minds. My power shall be with you. You are often to repeat your experience in connection with the work of God.”

God manifested His love for the world by sending His only begotten Son to save sinners. Christ took our nature, that through His grace we might be partakers of the divine nature. His divinity was bound up with humanity that humanity might stand on vantage ground with God.

“Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

“Hereby we know that we dwell in Him, because He hath given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in the world.

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love Him, because He first loved us. If a man say, I love

God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment we have from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.” [1 John 4:10-21.]

False prophets, through whom the spirit of antichrist works, will seek to seduce believers from the truth by spiritualistic suppositions and fables clothed in the garments of truth. They will present ideas that will captivate the minds of those who are not established in the present truth. We need to watch unto prayer, walking and working in constant dependence upon God. He in whose heart Christ is formed, he to whom Christ is the hope of glory, enlightening, sanctifying, strengthening, will be preserved from the false representations that will be made of God.

The false sentiments that prevail today are of the world; they belong to the world; they are worldly in spirit and character. The apostle declared, “We are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us.” [Verse 6.] The teaching of the apostles is not to be set aside. Men are not to feel at liberty to speak disrespectfully of these teachings because they do not agree with all that they set forth. Those who teach the truth for this time must understand the Scriptures, that they may give the right interpretation of the Scriptures, exalting the principles of the truth and in life and character revealing the spirit of the truth. God works with such ones as they speak of the life and miracles of His Son.

He whose heart is filled with the love that proceeds from God does not allow self-exaltation or dishonesty to find place in his life. He who is “born again,” of the Spirit, reveals Christ in the daily life. He is upright in all his dealings. He does no sly, cunning, underhand work. The good fruit that appears in his life testifies to the condition of his heart.

Christ’s true followers are made complete in Him, because He gives them of His Spirit. The blessed hope of seeing Christ as He is and being like Him, working in mind and heart like a quickening power, cleanses away impurity and depravity. “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him”—the hope of seeing Christ as He is—“purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [1 John 3:2, 3.]

How wide the contrast between the ones thus described and those who, though professing the faith, have not the love of God in their hearts. The latter class have not been made Christian gentlemen by the purifying influence of the truth. They are transgressors of the law of God, and their work is opposed to the work of Christ.

If the leaders in God’s cause would keep the whole law, how different would be the atmosphere surrounding them. Their words would not wound and bruise the soul and embitter the life. Fellowship with God cannot be separated from a fragrant, Christlike life.

Those only who walk humbly with God are approved by Him. Let us build ourselves up, through Christ, in the most holy faith. The truth of God alone is invincible. Those who profess to believe

the Scriptures need now to know where they are standing. I call upon those who have been leaders in the work of God to find out whether they are submitting to the great Leader. It is dangerous for a man to attempt to lead unless he is following the Great Medical Missionary. If your spirit, your words, your methods of labor are not Christlike, if your business transactions are not irreproachable, do not go on without repentance and reformation, looking upon yourself as a safe leader. What you need is Christ Himself. He will take away your sinful tendencies and will put in their place His own attributes of character. He died to save every human being. He will receive all who come to Him confessing and forsaking their sins and will give to them transformation of character. He offers to all the eternal life insurance policy. The everlasting covenant is sealed with the blood of His crucifixion. Through His sacrifice on Calvary He makes peace for us. In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. He is the divine storehouse of all light. He alone can prepare us to enter the gates of the holy city.

Lt 222, 1903

Leaders in Our Work

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 15, 1903

To the leaders in our work

Dear Brethren,—

I ask you to move carefully and prayerfully. Let your words at all times be seasoned with grace. Let Christ be revealed in spirit, in words, in deportment.

In establishing sanitarium work in Washington, do not link up with Dr. Kellogg. Let the plans laid for the carrying forward of this line of work be such as will bear the endorsement of heaven. In no case is this line of work to be made secondary. It is to be prominent in bringing the truth to the minds of the people. With great wisdom, establish a sanitarium in Washington. Establish the work upon a solid foundation. Let the building be neat and tasty, but not expensive. We cannot afford to erect an expensive building. The Lord desires this building to be a representation of what He designs all His sanitariums to be.

The Lord will work with His people if they will work humbly with Him. But do not depend upon Dr. Kellogg. He is not making straight paths for his feet, and the lame will be turned out of the way. The Lord calls upon His gospel medical missionary workers to rally under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. In the aggressive warfare there can be no release. The church militant is not the church triumphant.

Work in straight lines. Do nothing to encourage a root of bitterness springing up. And if this root of bitterness does appear, we are not to let it trouble us and defile the spirit of true Christianity.

The truth that works by love and purifies the soul is to be cherished. We are to shun as we would the leprosy all spiritualistic ideas of God. There are mysteries that God has not revealed to human minds. Human beings would not know how to handle the Lord's treasures of wisdom without tarnishing His glory. We are to understand, as diligent students, that which God has revealed. Paul speaks of the mystery "which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God;" and of the purpose of its revelation, saying: "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known by the church the manifold wisdom of God according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord; in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." [Ephesians 3:9-21.]

The most spiritual-minded Christians are those who have the most advanced knowledge of the Word. This life is the time in which we are to prepare for eternity. We shall reap what we sow. False teachers will increase in numbers. Satan will lead men and women captive through deceptive reasoning, to destroy their confidence in God. Never were those who have heard the truth more in danger than at the present time. We must pray and watch unto prayer, making the Word of God the man of our counsel. As we draw near to God, He will draw near to us.

Lt 223, 1903

Daniells, A. G.; Prescott, W. W.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 14, 1903

Elders Daniells and Prescott

My dear Brethren,—

I have written out some important instruction in regard to the necessity of revealing the love of God in our association with one another. All our words and works should be an expression of the love with which Christ desires to fill our hearts.

I cannot be excused from bearing the testimonies that I am bidden to bear. But in using these words of warning, counsel, and reproof, let us strive so to conduct ourselves that the ministry of the gospel of Christ shall not be blamed.

I have been trying to give my brethren the light that God has been pleased to give me, in regard to our duty to establish a sanitarium at Washington, D.C. Our people must have a sanitarium there—not a grand, expensive building, but a building that will rightly represent the truth for this time. It is that the cause of truth may be advanced through our ministry to the sick that our sanitariums are established; not to provide accommodations for tourists. Through our medical institutions the truth that Christ gave to John when on the Isle of Patmos is to be proclaimed.

Let the sanitarium at Washington be built as the Lord has instructed us to build all our sanitariums. Let it be plain, yet substantial, convenient, and attractive. Let everything be clean and orderly. As we shall endeavor to do this work, let us seek wisdom from God at every step, that the laborers may be under the direction of the One who gave skill and understanding in the building of the ark and the sanctuary. We are not to erect a building that will lead to expressions of astonishment and admiration, unless it be for its consistency with the truth for this time, truth that we as Seventh-day Adventists profess to believe.

Opportunity for obtaining treatment should be provided for the poor and suffering of humanity, as well as for the higher classes.

Let the sanitarium work in Washington give a correct representation of gospel medical missionary work under the supervision of the great Head Missionary. This is God's will concerning the work in Washington. He desires that an example of medical work on right lines be worked out in a place far enough from Battle Creek to avoid strife. He desires that we should set an example of earnest work in a place where all shall be at peace and in unity.

Let those having this line of work in charge bear this instruction in mind. Every step taken on this new ground is to be a step of faith and prayer, a step taken because of our confidence in every phase of present truth.

The same spirit that now dwells in the hearts of some at Battle Creek will inspire men and women to surmise that whatever steps may be taken by you to establish the medical missionary work in this new center are for the purpose of rivaling or supplanting the work at Battle Creek. But we should remember that the men at Battle Creek already have more than they can do well. The brethren there should not try to place their impress upon the work at Washington. They should leave this work to our brethren in the East. Let another impress be stamped upon the work in Washington. Dr. Kellogg's management is not to extend to this place, to spoil the work that should be done in accordance with the Lord's instruction.

I write this, because there is danger of this very thing's being planned and undertaken. God forbids it. The men at Battle Creek need not try to begin a work in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. There are many other cities in the land, in which they can begin a new work, if they

feel that they must take upon themselves still more responsibilities. Let not the Lord's plans for the sanitarium work in Washington be marred; for I am instructed to say that He will not sanction any interference with His plans.

If the hearts of our brethren assembled at the council meeting are filled with the Holy Spirit, and their feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, all occasion for strife will disappear. The Lord desires that you shall have opportunity to establish a sanitarium in peace. In no case should any man attempt to call the attention of those living in this part of the Lord's vineyard to himself. Washington City has been chosen by the Lord as a place where the publishing interests and the medical missionary interests shall be left undisturbed. And we are forbidden to hesitate any longer to advance in the right way.

O that those laboring to exalt themselves would be converted! They are in the spiritual condition portrayed in the message to the Laodicean church—neither cold nor hot. They boast of their riches and feel that they are increased with goods and have need of nothing. They know not that they are “wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” [Revelation 3:17.]

God is beholding the works of every man. To those who are clothed with the filthy garments of self-righteousness, He is saying:

“I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Verses 18-22.]

Character is personal. We each have a work to do for time and for eternity. God abhors indifference in regard to the formation of character. As we know, all sin, whether of high or low degree, is transgression of the law. The less pure religion a man has, the more bold and self-confident he becomes. May God help us to seek for genuine religion! O how responsible is the work of our leaders! How terrible will it be for those who are charmed with the delusive sentiments that are so freely expressed in these last days! The Lord is soon to come, and every believer should now ask himself, “Am I ready? Am I wearing the robe made white by the blood of the Lamb?”

Brethren, the Lord is good. Let us rejoice in His power. He can save His people and work through a few as well as through many.

Lt 224, 1903

Prescott, W. W.; Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 11, 1903

Elders Prescott and Daniells

Dear Brethren,

I wish to suggest to you the advisability of reprinting in the Review the two chapters in Patriarchs and Prophets entitled, “The Twelve Spies” and “The Rebellion of Korah.” I think that it would be well to publish these chapters, just as they are, as soon as they can be published, in the order named. Such instruction as this is appropriate at this time.

My constant prayer is that the Lord shall help us, so that the whole flock will not be fed with errors that will cause them to go astray.

Matter has been sent to you in regard to the teachings in the book Living Temple. Many have received the theories advocated in this work as something very spiritual. Like Adam and Eve, who took the apple from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and ate it, our own sheep and lambs are swallowing the deceptive morsels of error offered them in the pages of this book.

I am instructed to warn our brethren and sisters not to discuss the nature of our God. Many of the curious who attempted to open the ark of the testament, to see what was inside, were punished for their presumption. We are not to say that the Lord God of heaven is in a leaf, or in a tree; for He is not there. He sitteth upon His throne in the heavens.

Lt 225, 1903

Prescott, W. W.; Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 14, 1903

Elders Prescott and Daniells

My dear Brethren,—

I wish to say a few words to you in regard to the proposed special effort to sell a large number of copies of my new book Education. I do not know much about the arrangements that are proposed. One thing I do know: I desire to get out of debt, if it be possible for me to do so, without diverting means that would otherwise be used in some branch of the cause. If the circulation of this book could be wisely managed in such a way that the income from it would relieve me of the burden of debt, I should regard the effort made by our people to accomplish this as a great favor.

With reference to Christ's Object Lessons, I wish to tell you that I have not appropriated to myself one penny of the income derived from the sale of this book. The office in Oakland has furnished me with a few copies without cost; and these I have given away to the poor and to others who were glad to receive and read them. But I have not used many Object Lessons even in this way.

I desire to place my book affairs in the hands of W. C. White, J. E. White, and one other person to represent the General Conference, who shall work together and share the responsibility of making appropriations from the means that the sale of my books shall bring in. I hope, also, to be able to do something soon to help the sanitariums.

Taking into consideration my age and labors, I am enjoying excellent health. For this I praise the Lord; because I wish to complete several more books.

The proposed plan to sell the book Education, so as to lift my debts, did not originate with me. But I thank the Lord for the consideration manifested in this proposal. When these plans were devised, I was very busily engaged in writing out important instruction; and I am still busy.

When I have time, I must write to you about the publishing work at College View. I approve of an effort to have our German and Scandinavian publishing work located there. I hope you will devise plans for the encouragement of this work.

The whole burden of this work must not be left with our foreign brethren. Nor should our brethren throughout the field leave too heavy a load on the Conferences near College View. The members of these Conferences should lead out and do their best, and all should come to their assistance.

Again: I hope that Brethren Magan and Sutherland can be relieved of the strain under which they have been laboring. I trust that you will study what I have written concerning their work. I very much desire that Emmanuel Missionary College shall become what it should be. I hope that the teachers and students there will be provided with comfortable quarters in which to pass the winter. I wish I had more means; for I should be so glad to help our brethren at Berrien Springs in this their time of need. But I have barely enough with which to live and to pay my workers. The Lord knows all about this matter, and He will help us. I am not distrustful, but am full of faith and hope and courage. I present these matters before you and leave them with you. I pray that you may be guided by the Lord.

Lt 226, 1903

Wessels, Andrew

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

Mr. Andrew Wessels, My dear friend and brother,—

The letter that you wrote me gives me a great deal of hope and courage in the Lord. You ask what you ought to do. My answer is, Break away from your worldly associates. You can confess Christ just where you are. The Lord Jesus will be honored by your words as you tell your friends that you want to be a child of God. The Lord has given you abilities by which you can glorify Him. Confess your determination to be a Christian. Stand firm for the right.

Do you use tobacco or intoxicating liquor? Cast them from you; for they becloud your faculties. To give up the use of these things will mean a hard battle, but God will help you to fight this battle. Ask Him for grace to overcome, and then believe that He will give it to you, because He loves you. Do not allow worldly companions to draw you away from your allegiance to Christ. Rather let your mind be drawn from these companions to Christ. Tell them that you are seeking for heavenly treasure. You are not your own; you have been bought with a price, even the life of the Son of God, and you are to glorify God in your body and in your spirit, for they are His.

The Lord has not cut you down in your youth. He has spared your life and is drawing you to Himself. Thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice for sparing your life. Give yourself unreservedly to Him. Let not your surrender be half-hearted. This would make you neither cold nor hot; and a lukewarm Christian is offensive to God. Put your whole strength unto the work of turning away from the temptations that have made you forgetful of God and unappreciative of His goodness and His grace.

Jesus has given His life for you. Decide that while in the past you have robbed Him of the service rightly His, and have used in the enemy's work the powers that Christ has purchased, you will now give to God all that you have and are. Bring to Him your life, which is of far greater value than you have realized.

You have slighted the Saviour for society that has not improved your mind or elevated or refined your character. Your association with worldlings has not given you peace, but has left you restless and unsatisfied. Christ wants you to come to Him. He says to you, "Follow Me, and you shall not walk and work without seeing any improvement in life and character." The Saviour wants you to be converted; He wants you to be a vessel unto honor, that He may work through you. He desires you to come to Him now, without further delay. He will forgive your sins if you will ask Him; for He says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." [John 6:37.]

Christ is the touchstone of all hearts. He is the revealer of the Father and of the Father's love. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] "No man knoweth the Father save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." [Matthew 11:27.]

Christ is also the revealer of the hearts of men. He is the exposor of sin. By Him the characters of all are to be tested. To Him all judgment has been committed, "because He is the Son of man." [John 5:27.]

Then what is the work that you are to do? You are to receive the precious Saviour as your very best friend, and honor Him by doing His will. "As many as received Him"—choosing Him above all other friends—"to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name." [John 1:12.] Receive Him as your light and life. He so loved you that He died that you might live forever. Believe in Him. Regard him as your best and truest friend. Come to Him, saying, "Lord, I give myself to Thee just as I am. I have wasted many years of the life that Thou didst redeem by the sacrifice of Thine own life. Wilt Thou forgive me?"

Christ has made it possible for you to be received as a member of the royal family, a child of the heavenly King. The Saviour will receive you as you come to Him and will give you power to overcome. He declares, "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." [John 17:3.] Will you not appreciate this great gift of life, eternal life in the kingdom of God? Read in the Scriptures of the advantages offered to those who live for Christ, and you will see that those who live for self will at last lose all. Do not allow the world to engross your thoughts. Take your position on the side of Christ. Be willing to share the trials and disappointments and self-denials that came to Him in the life that He lived for us on this earth.

Christ asks you, my dear brother, to choose to serve Him, to come out from the world, and be separate. As you fully consecrate yourself to Him, your heart will be filled with a joy that is deep and satisfying. "Ask, and ye shall receive." [John 16:24.] Believe the invitation, and ask of the precious Saviour the things you know that you need and have not yet received. Surrender yourself unreservedly to Him who gave His life for you. As you do this, you will receive power to become a son of God. You will then be the Lord's helping hand, reaching out to help others to step up on to the platform of eternal truth.

Lt 227, 1903

Daniells, A. G.; Prescott, W. W.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 9, 1903

Dear Brethren Daniells and Prescott,—

Yesterday evening I wrote a letter to Elder Franke. I have been reading over the letters of caution, reproof, and warning that I have sent him from time to time.

It has been clearly laid out before me that Elder Franke is not fitted to take charge of churches. He is not a thorough health reformer. His habits of living are not right. At times he sits up nearly all night preparing the maps and charts that he uses in his meetings. These are of great advantage to him in impressing the truth on the minds of his hearers, but the strain under which he places himself in night work and study is an injury to him.

Elder Haskell and Elder Franke could have been a wonderful power for good in New York City. But they failed to unite and draw together.

Elder Franke is impulsive, and he often treats church members as if they were school children. Then when his authority is questioned, he loses control of himself, and a tornado of angry words falls from his lips. Afterward he is sorry for this explosion of feeling. But such experiences shake the confidence of his brethren in him as a man who is led and controlled by the Holy Spirit. His influence is to arouse dissension and alienation. His treatment of Elder Haskell was most unchristlike.

A man who does as he has done cannot be regarded as a safe teacher, a wise shepherd.

Light was given me that Elder Franke was especially fitted to labor for unbelievers in our large cities. He could labor with success in speaking to them and bringing the truths of the Scripture before them. The truth does not languish on his lips. I was shown that he could stir the ungodly, as but few could do, but that in doing this, the church members are so wrought up that he can do them but little good.

After laboring heroically to win souls to the truth, he will for a short time work earnestly for those who are interested. He will be patient with them and will help them, if they will do as he wishes them to do. But it is at this stage of the work that he needs the help that Elder Haskell and his wife are specially fitted to give. They could labor wisely to instruct those who are interested, carrying [them] forward until they were established in the faith. But Elder Franke has not been willing to unite with Elder Haskell in this way. He wanted to have the entire charge of those who through his efforts have become interested in the truth. But he cannot carry them forward wisely, consistently, instructing them step by step. I was shown that Elder Haskell and his wife were specially fitted for this part of the work and that great good would be accomplished if they and Elder Franke could unite in labor. Elder Haskell has had a wide experience in establishing souls in the truth, and in union with his wife he is most successful in this work.

A wonderful work has been done in the city of New York and its suburbs. For this God's name is to be given all the glory. A Paul may plant and an Apollos water, but it is God who gives the increase. It is the Holy Spirit, working with men who will be influenced, that impresses minds with the need of repentance and conversion.

Elder Franke, through his stirring discourses, has been enabled to reach the worldly class and to strike terror to the hearts of those dead in trespasses and sins. But when those convicted by his preaching have been brought thus far, they need other help. They need to be taught to study the Word of God. They need to be led, step by step, to take their stand firmly on the true foundation. Different workers are needed in the ministry, just as different workers are needed in the erection of a building. The law of development must guide; the work must be carried forward from point to point.

The old, experienced teachers, who have been in the work from the beginning, are especially fitted to carry the work forward from point to point. But they cannot do this alone. They must have helpers. The Lord would have His workers unite their efforts, as the workmen do in the building of a house. Elder Franke has his line of work, but there are other parts that he must leave to others.

The Lord is to be the great Teacher. His Holy Spirit, if allowed to control, will bring in harmony among the different workers, and the building will be symmetrical in all its parts. And all the glory is to be given to the Lord Jesus, who has had supervision of the whole work. It is foolish for those who are but God's instrumentalities to take glory to themselves. It is only by the wisdom that God imparts that they are enabled to do successful work.

Lt 228, 1903

Jones, W. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 18, 1903

Dr. W. H. Jones

My dear brother,—

My heart is drawn out toward you. The Lord has not left you. He is a God of tender compassion and wonderful lovingkindness, and He does not desire you to walk in darkness. You need not cast yourself away; for the Lord says, "His life need not be a failure. I will make him Mine. I will show him that I prize his soul. I will strive with him and lift him up. He must not perish. I have a special work for him to do. If he will unite with Me, believe in Me, and work for Me, his weakest points of character, notwithstanding his past failures, will become his strongest points."

Do not keep your mind fixed on the defective example of professing Christians. You will of course see in their lives things that are not right. But if you keep looking at their faults, you will become like them. Instead of looking at the lives of your fellow men, look to Jesus. There you will see no imperfection, but perfection, righteousness, goodness, mercy, and truth. Take the Saviour as your example in all things. It is in looking to men instead of beholding Christ that you have made your great mistake.

You are not excusable for living an unchristlike life. Christ came to this world, subject to His Father's will, for one great purpose—to show men and women what God desires them to be and what, through His grace, they may be. He came to develop for man a character after the similitude of heaven.

But I did not begin to write this letter to condemn you, but to encourage you to look away from sinful examples to the perfect example; to point you to the path of peace and holiness. The Lord's merciful love is still for you. But He would have you follow a better way than you have

followed in the past. This you are to do, not by keeping your eyes fixed on the defective lives of professing Christians, but by beholding Christ, the Sent of God, who in this world, and in human nature, lived a pure, noble, perfect life, setting an example that all may safely follow.

The Lord is reaching out His hand to save you. I long to see you responding to His invitation, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me, and he shall make peace with Me." [Isaiah 27:5.] You and your brother are the purchase of the blood of the Son of God, and I cannot endure the thought that you should not appreciate the love that he has expressed for you—a love infinitely greater than the love that your father and mother have for you. How eagerly the Saviour will take the trembling hand in His own, holding it with a warm, firm grasp, until the feet are placed on vantage ground.

Will you not set your brother an example that will help him? Neither of you needs to be unbelieving. Trust in Him who understands your weakness. Keep close to the side of Christ; for the enemy stands ready to take captive every one who is off his guard.

Do not allow the enemy to control you as you have in the past. You are acquainted with the truth. You have had precious opportunities to form a symmetrical character. There have been many things to tempt you to swerve from your allegiance to the truth, but the Saviour has been willing to lead you at every step.

It is young men whom the Lord claims as His helping hand. Samuel was a mere child when the Lord used him to do a good and gracious work. What an honor it would have been to him had his sons served the Lord as he served Him. They had the temptation of bad example, and they fell under the temptation. But they need not have done this. Because some serve on the enemy's side, all need not forsake the Lord.

Gather to your soul the light of the Word of God. Remember that day by day you are building character for time and for eternity. The teaching of the Bible in regard to character-building is very explicit. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." [Colossians 3:17.] Place yourself under His control and then ask for His protecting power. He gave His life for you. Do not cause Him sorrow. Be guarded in all that you say and do. Christ wants you to be to other young men His representative, His delegated gospel medical missionary.

Remember that in your life religion is not to be merely one influence among others. It is to be an influence dominating all others. Be strictly temperate. Resist every temptation. Make no concessions to the wily foe. Listen not to the suggestions that he puts into the mouths of men and women. You have a victory to win. You have nobility of character to gain, but this you cannot gain while you are depressed and discouraged by failure. Break the bands with which Satan has bound you. There is no need for you to be his slave. "Ye are My friends," Christ said, "if ye do whatsoever I command you." [John 15:14.]

Jesus loves you, and He has given me a message for you. His great heart of infinite tenderness yearns over you. He sends you the message that you may recover yourself from the snare of the enemy. You may regain your self-respect. You may stand where you regard yourself, not as a failure, but as a conqueror, in and through the uplifting influence of the Spirit of God. Take hold of the hand of Christ, and do not let it go.

You may be a great blessing to others if you will give yourself unreservedly to the Lord's service. Power from on high will be given you if you will take your position on the Lord's side. Through Christ you can escape the corruption that is in the world through lust and be a noble example of what Christ can do for those who co-operate with Him.

Do not choose the society of those who are the servants of sin, and thus place yourself in temptation. Nobility of character is not gained by placing oneself in objectionable society. Do not put on one side the grand requirements of the Word of God. Your only hope is in placing yourself in right relation to God. You have supposed that you could so harden your heart that you would be regardless of truth and righteousness. But this you have not been able to do. You have longed to clasp the hand of One who could be a stay, a strength, a support.

God's purpose for us is that we shall ever move upward. Even in the smaller duties of common life, we are to make continual growth in grace, supplied with high and holy motives, powerful because they proceed from One who gave His life to furnish us with the incentive to be wholly successful in the formation of Christian character.

Christ has made an atonement for you. You are not to go through life with a half-formed character. You are to be strong in the strength of God, grounded in the hope of the gospel. You are acquainted with God's requirements, and I beg of you not to remain a weakling. You possess qualifications that if rightly used would make you a blessing in the world. Arise in your God-given dignity, living the truth in its purity. Christ is ready to pardon you, to take away your sins, and make you free. He is ready to purify your heart and give you the sanctification of His Spirit. As you commit yourself to His service, He will be at your right hand to help you. Day by day you will be strengthened and ennobled. Looking to the Saviour for help, you will be a conqueror, yes, more than a conqueror over the temptations that beset you. You will become more and more like Christ. The angels of heaven will rejoice to see you standing on the Lord's side, in righteousness and true holiness.

I am very hopeful that you will become all that the Lord desires you to be—a gospel medical missionary. You are to be not only an increasingly skilful physician, but one of the Lord's appointed missionaries, in all your work placing His service first. Let nothing mar your peace. Give your heart's best and holiest affections to Him who gave His life that you might be among the redeemed family in the heavenly courts. Striving for the crown of life will not make you dissatisfied or less useful. The great Teacher desires to acknowledge you as His helping hand. He calls for your co-operation. Will you not now give Him all that you have and are? Will you not consecrate your talents to His service?

This life is your sowing time. Will you not pledge yourself to God that your seed-sowing shall be that which will produce, not tares, but a harvest of wheat? God will work with you; He will increase your usefulness. He has entrusted to you talents that in His strength you may use to produce a precious harvest.

Lt 229, 1903

White, J. E.; White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 27, 1903

Dear Sons, Edson and Willie,—

In the night season matters have been presented to me regarding the books Patriarchs and Prophets and Great Controversy. It has been my prayer that we might receive light and counsel from the Lord and be led and guided by Him as to how far we should go in making changes for a new and improved edition of these books.

We seemed to be in a council meeting, where the matter of resetting these two books was being considered. The question arose as to how this would be regarded by those who have purchased the book in its present form and by the publishing houses that have many books on hand. After considering the question, prayer was offered.

Our Counselor was with us and spoke in reference to the right way of conducting our book work. He said that at this stage of the work great care must be taken to avoid friction. A new edition produced by resetting the whole book and bringing it out in a more attractive style would mean loss to Review and Herald and Pacific Press, because when the new edition is introduced, the books that are already prepared will be difficult of disposal. We must be careful not to place a stumbling block before those who have a stock of these books on hand.

Our institutions must be carefully guarded against unnecessary losses and also against temptation and trials coming to the workers connected with them. Each worker is to help his brethren; each institution to help the other institutions.

The Word of God can always be relied upon. “My covenant will I not break,” He says, “nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips.” [Psalm 89:34.] “A soft answer turneth away wrath.” [Proverbs 15:1.]

When several parties have on hand [a] large stock of certain books, nothing should be done in bringing out new editions by one office, without consulting with those who already have quantities of the old edition on hand. In every action care must be exercised not to take a course that will bring loss upon our institutions. We must deal in all things with equity and with sanctified judgment.

Another reason why I cannot enter into a plan that means large expense to me is that I am short of means. I have to borrow money to invest in necessary new books. Therefore while the old plates are able to be used with a few changes, which can be made at little cost, and which would improve the book somewhat, I am convinced that we should not go further than this. Sometime in the future the way may be opened for other changes that have been suggested.

But now I am distressed for means with which to live and to pay my workers. I am seeking to follow the light given me not to become deeper involved in debt, but to do all I can to free myself from debt. And while we have not the capital to invest, I do not see how we can reset these books. It must not be done.

Even though these books do not sell as readily as they would if thoroughly revised, yet the resetting of them will place upon me a heavier burden than I am able to bear. I do not want another experience such as I had with *Desire of Ages*. I might have consented to a considerable outlay of means, had not the Lord instructed me that there would be dissatisfaction created, because a new edition would render the old editions unsaleable. I want my every movement to be true to God and to maintain the principles of His law. I must love Him supremely and my neighbor as myself.

Let there be an interest awakened in the sale of these books. Their sale is essential; for they contain timely instruction from the Lord. They should be appreciated as books that bring to the people light that is especially needed just now. Therefore these books should be widely distributed. Those who make a careful study of the instruction contained in them, and will receive it as from the Lord, will be kept from receiving many of the errors that are being introduced. Those who accept the truths contained in these books will not be led into false paths.

Many will depart from the faith and give heed to seducing spirits. *Patriarchs and Prophets* and *Great Controversy* are books that are especially adapted to those who have newly come to the faith, that they may be established in the truth. The dangers are pointed out that should be avoided by the churches. Those who become thoroughly acquainted with the lessons in these books will see the dangers before them and will be able to discern the plain, straight path marked out for them. They will be kept from strange paths. They will make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way.

In *Desire of Ages*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Great Controversy*, and in *Daniel and the Revelation*, there is precious instruction. These books must be regarded as of special importance, and every effort should be made to get them before the people.

We are warned to avoid the mistakes that the Israelites made in obstinately refusing to receive the warnings that came to them from God. So persistently did they pursue a course of backsliding that all but two of the adults who left Egypt died in the wilderness. Their children who entered the land of Canaan were warned to refrain from following the course that their

fathers had taken. They were told that it was because of the obstinacy of their fathers, their unbelief, and their idolatry that the wrath of God had been poured out for their destruction.

“Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known My ways. So I swear in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest.) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.” [Hebrews 3:7-12.]

The children of Israel might have known the ways of God; for the truth had been kept before them. Again and again it had been repeated, but they did not follow its teachings. They divorced themselves from God and followed after the wisdom of men who were not under the direction of God.

“So I swear in My wrath, they shall not enter into My rest. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; while it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was He grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.” [Verses 11-19.]

These words are plain and simple. The fourth chapter of Hebrews also sets forth our danger of failing as did the Israelites, of entering into our rest, because of unbelief.

Before the Review and Herald building was destroyed, I thought of taking these books in my hands and of having them reset. But conditions have changed. The Review and Herald has moved to Washington. I want to see things so adjusted that the book work will be taken hold of intelligently, conducted with fairness and equity to all concerned. “Equity” means a great deal. I want to see the Review and Herald standing on the true foundation, where all who have an interest in it are doing all in their power to establish unity with other branches of the work. If they do not care to have the plates, than we will have it printed elsewhere, but we must have no issues in any matter if we can avoid it.

Time is nearing its close. I want every transaction to show the marks of unselfishness.

Lt 230, 1903

Waggoner, E. J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 2, 1903

Dr. Ellet J. Waggoner

Dear Brother,—

I beseech you by the mercy of God to be on your guard. To you and to other ministers and teachers, the Lord says, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." [2 Corinthians 13:5.] The world is full of speculation and false theories regarding the nature and character of God. The enemy of our souls is earnestly at work to introduce among the Lord's people pleasing speculation and incorrect views regarding the personality of God.

The fables that are being accepted and taught by some of our medical writers are not to be accepted as the truth of God. It will soon be discerned that they originate with the great apostate, who works as an angel of light, influencing minds by a deception so subtle that he would deceive, if possible, the very elect.

I am authorized to say to you that some of the sentiments regarding the personality of God, as found in the book *Living Temple*, are opposed to the truths revealed in the Word of God. Yet many physicians and teachers are inclined to accept these fanciful ideas of God. To these I say, Awake to a sense of your danger.

It has been presented to me that Satan is working in ways that man does not expect. At times he puts on the robes of an angel of light, and many receive him as such a being. If we will link ourselves closely with Christ, Satan will have no power to overcome us. As we draw near to God, He draws near to us and lifts up for us a standard against the enemy.

I have been shown that some, even of those who are teachers of the Word of God, are in great danger of being overcome. I saw some linking their arms in the arm of Satan, while he talked most earnestly with them, telling them of the many things that needed to be changed in the church. Afterward his words were repeated by those to whom he had talked. They were delighted with what seemed to them to be clearer perception and better methods of working.

I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give to the people of God the warning, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." [Galatians 6:7.]

Had God desired to be represented as dwelling personally in the things of nature—in the flower, the tree, the spear of grass—would not Christ have spoken of this to His disciples? To take the works of God and represent them to be God is a fearful misrepresentation. This misrepresentation of God I was called upon to oppose at the beginning of my work, when the Lord sent me forth to proclaim the message that He should give me to speak.

My labors on this line began when I was seventeen years old, and since then I have been over the ground again and again. Case after case has been presented to me, and the power of God has rested on me as I have stood before large assemblies and called out the names of those

who were entertaining false views, telling them where such views would lead them if they did not change.

I have seen the results of these fanciful views of God in apostasy, spiritualism, freelovism. The free-love tendencies of these teachings were so concealed that it was difficult to present them in their real character. Until the Lord presented it to me, I knew not what to call it, but I was instructed to call it unholy spiritual love.

I am warned that we are not to talk of God as He is spoken of in Living Temple. The sentiments there expressed are a dishonor to His greatness and His majesty. God forbid that our ministers should entertain these ideas. For myself, I take my stand firmly against them. And I entreat you to accept the message that I bear to you. I ask you to arouse to your danger. Who by searching can find out God? The theory that He is an essence, pervading everything, is one of Satan's most subtle devices. I warn you to beware of being led to accept theories leading to any such view. I tell you, my brother, that the most spiritual-minded Christians are liable to be deceived by these beautiful, seducing, flattering theories. But in the place of honoring God, these theories, in the minds of those who receive them, bring Him down to a low level, where He is nothingness.

We have a compassionate God, but He will not be trifled with. He will not be dishonored, and make no sign. May the danger into which some of our teachers have fallen lead them to guard their feet carefully, that they shall not wander again upon Satan's ground. Let them walk humbly with God.

It is those who have had the most light that Satan seeks the most assiduously to ensnare. He knows that if he can deceive them, they can, under his control, clothe sin with the garments of righteousness and lead many astray. God grant that our teachers may see and understand this, their great danger, and that they may recover themselves from the snare of Satan and put forth redoubled efforts to save others who are exposed.

My brother, do not try to reason in regard to the errors that the enemy presents. If you will receive the testimony of the Lord, reading His Word with a teachable heart and refusing to put Scripture on the side of error to maintain falsehood, you will believe that I speak the truth as a messenger of God. But if you allow the author of error to get between you and the Word, your mind will bear his impress.

If you will believe the message that I bear you, you will see your danger. You can then put on the gospel shoes and walk in the pathway of truth, following the true Shepherd who knows His sheep by name and calls them to follow Him.

There is a strain of spiritualism coming in among our people, and it will undermine the faith of those who give place to it, leading them to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. I have seen the archdeceiver tempting several of our ministers, teachers, and medical workers, presenting to them in a most subtle and charming manner fanciful theories to wean their

affection from those whom they should love and cherish. He shows them charming pictures of women whom they have found congenial, suggesting that in the future life they will be united to the one who is so congenial and whom they will ever love throughout the ages of eternity.

My message to our teachers is, If you hold such views, you need to be taught the first principles of the truth. You need to stand where you know that you are not departing from the faith and giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. When you break the spell that is upon you and become teachable, you will escape from Satan's snare. Through humility and reconversion you will again be adopted into the family of God.

To all who are thus tempted, I would say, I want to see you standing free before God. I want to see you sound in the faith, holding the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. Leave every false issue alone. We cannot do our seed sowing too carefully; for we are sowing for eternity.

Lt 231, 1903

Waggoner, E. J.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 5, 1903

Dr. E. J. Waggoner

Dear Brother,—

I have much to say to you. You have been represented to me as being in great peril. Satan is on your track, and at times he has whispered to you pleasing fables and has shown you charming pictures of one whom he represents as a more suitable companion for you than the wife of your youth, the mother of your children.

Satan is working stealthily, untiringly, to effect your downfall through his specious temptations. He is determined to become your teacher, and you need now to place yourself where you can get strength to resist him. He hopes to lead you into the mazes of spiritualism. He hopes to wean your affections from your wife and to fix them upon another woman. He desires that you shall allow your mind to dwell upon this woman, until through unholy affection she becomes your god.

The enemy of souls has gained much when he can lead the imagination of one of Jehovah's chosen watchmen to dwell upon the possibilities of association in the world to come with some woman whom he loves and of there raising up a family. We need no such pleasing pictures. All such views originate in the mind of the tempter.

We have the plain assurance of Christ that, in the world to come, the redeemed “neither marry, nor are given in marriage; neither can they die any more; for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.” [Luke 20:35, 36.]

It is presented to me that spiritual fables are taking many captive. Their minds are sensual, and, unless a change comes, this will prove their ruin. To all who are indulging these unholy fancies, I would say, Stop, for Christ’s sake, stop right where you are. You are on forbidden ground. Repent, I entreat of you, and be converted.

To married men I am instructed to say, It is to your wives, the mothers of your children, that your respect and affection are due. Your attentions are to be given to them, and your thoughts are to dwell upon plans for their happiness.

Please read the first chapter of First Corinthians. Paul directs his words “unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in everything ye are enriched by Him in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing”—the words of truth—“and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” [Verses 2-10.]

My brother Ellet, remember that the woman who receives the least manifestation of affection from a man who is the husband of another woman shows herself to be in need of repentance and conversion. And the man who allows his wife to occupy the second place in his affections is dishonoring himself and his God. This thing is one of the signs of the last days. But surely you do not desire to fulfil this sign. This is the part that the wicked are to act. Christ will take charge of the affections of those who love and honor God, causing them to center upon proper objects.

My brother, your wife has her faults, but so have you. She is your wife still. She is the mother of your children, and you are to respect, cherish, and love her. Guard yourself carefully, that impurity may not abide in mind or heart.

A strain of spiritualism is coming in among our people, and it will undermine the faith of those who give place to it, leading them to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Let all who have been listening to seducing fables stop right where they are. The Lord has guarded and kept them, and He will be a father to them if they will act as obedient children.

We are just God’s little children. All pomposity, all masterly effort to gain the supremacy, is unbecoming to us. “The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God

stronger than men. ... God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are; that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." [Verses 25, 27-31.]

These plain words are spoken that there may be no misunderstanding.

Paul continues, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither now are ye able. For ye are carnal; for whereas there is among you envying and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth there upon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." [1 Corinthians 3:1-17.]

Brother Waggoner, your case was presented to me some time ago; but I have delayed writing, thinking that I might see you and talk with you. You are being imprisoned with a dangerous sentimentalism, and this has nearly spoiled you and the one also who has permitted you to make her your favorite. You need not ask God to bless you in pursuing this course. In this matter, your mind has been worked by the enemy, who stands ready to control those who give place to spiritualistic affection.

You have a wife, and you are bound to her by the law of God. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. ... It hath

been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: but I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery." [Matthew 5:27, 28, 31, 32.]

May the Lord help you, is my prayer. Now is the time to fight the good fight of faith; now is the time to wrestle against the promptings of the natural heart. Now is your time to be as true as steel to your marriage vows, refusing, in thought, word, or deed, to spoil your record as a man who fears God and obeys His commandments. You have been imbibing spiritualistic ideas. But if you will now turn wholly to God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will be imparted to you, and truth will triumph in your life.

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October 6, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

I have a message for you. I have been given words to speak to you that I cannot withhold. A portion of the matter that is printed in the book Living Temple is incorrect and misleading and ought not to be placed before the people. The Lord did not guide you in making the statements contained in this book regarding the personality of God. The Lord has given us His Word, and this is to be the man of our counsel.

If ever there was a time when the writings of every author needed to be criticized, it is now. God's Word is to be our study book. In this Word we do not find such representations of God as are presented in the Living Temple. Had Christ thought it essential for such theories to be given to human beings, He would have included them in His teachings.

To me it seems passing strange that some who have been long in the work of God cannot discern the character of the teaching in Living Temple in regard to God. All through the book are passages of Scripture. These Scriptures are brought in in such a way that error is made to appear as truth. Erroneous theories are presented in so pleasing a way that unless care is taken, many will be misled.

To take the works of God, and represent them as being God, is a fearful misrepresentation of Him. This representation I was called upon to meet at the beginning of my work when in my youth the Lord commissioned me to go forth and proclaim what He should command me to proclaim. And as the Lord shall direct me, I must now do what I can to counterwork all such teaching and the theories which lead to such views. Those who hold these theories do not

know God; neither do they know Jesus Christ, whom He sent into the world to save sinners. They do not know whither their feet are tending.

One and another come to me, asking me to explain the positions taken in Living Temple. I say, "They are unexplainable." But the sentiments expressed plainly reveal that you have not a true knowledge of God. What we most need is an experimental knowledge of God, as He is revealed in His Word. Such knowledge would enable us to see our imperfection of character and our ignorance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we would be afraid even to touch the subjects that are handled blindly in Living Temple.

Human talent and human conjecture have tried by searching to find out God. Many have trodden this pathway. The highest intellect may tax itself until it is wearied out, in conjectures regarding God; but the effort will be fruitless, and the fact will remain that man by searching cannot find out God. This problem has not been given us to solve. All that man needs to know and can know of God has been revealed in the life and character of His Son, the great Teacher. As we learn more and more of what man is, of what we ourselves are, in God's sight, we shall fear and tremble before Him.

To those who would represent every man as born a king; to those who would make no distinction between the converted and the unconverted; to those who are losing their appreciation of their need of Christ as their Saviour, I would say, Think of yourselves as you have been during the period of your existence! Would it be pleasant or agreeable for you to contemplate feature after feature of your lifework in the sight of Him who knows every thought of man, and before whose eyes all man's doings are as an open book?

A Lesson From the Past

After the flood men began to build a tower of such stupendous height as should render it the wonder of the world. One object before them in the erection of this tower was to secure their own safety in case of another deluge. By carrying the structure to a much greater height than that reached by the waters of the flood, they thought to place themselves beyond all possibility of danger. And as they would be able to ascend to the region of the clouds, they hoped to ascertain the cause of the flood. The whole undertaking was designed to exalt still further the pride of its projectors and to turn the minds of future generations away from God and lead them into idolatry.

Suddenly the work that had been advancing so prosperously was checked. Angels were sent to bring to naught the purpose of the builders. The tower had reached a lofty height, and it was impossible for the workmen at the top to communicate directly with those at the base; therefore men were stationed at different points, each to receive and report to the one next below him the orders for needed material or other directions concerning the work. As messages were thus passing from one to another, the language was confounded so that material was called for which was not needed, and the directions delivered were often the reverse of those that had been given. Confusion and dismay followed. All work came to a

standstill. There could be no further harmony or co-operation. The builders were wholly unable to account for the strange misunderstandings among them, and in their rage and disappointment they reproached one another. Their confederacy ended in strife and bloodshed. Lightnings from heaven as an evidence of God's displeasure broke off the upper portion of the tower and cast it to the ground. Men were made to feel that there is a God who ruleth in the heavens and that He was able to confuse and to multiply confusion in order to teach men that they were only men.

Let every man, however talented and ingenious he may be, remember that he has a Ruler in the heavens, a God who will not be trifled with by the sophistries of Satan's devising, which lead men's minds away from the perils and duties of the hour. The Lord, He is God. He who puts his reasoning to the stretch in an effort to exalt himself and to trace out God will find that he might far better have stood as a humble penitent before God, confessing himself to be only a finite, sinful man.

Guesswork has proved itself to be guesswork. Imagination may go to its farthest stretch and talk of God's being in leaf and tree and flower, but those who talk thus need to know that by searching they can not find out God. There have been professed great men, professed interpreters of God. Rival sects have clamored for the supremacy; but in their wisdom they have become fools, and the result of their arguments is but to belittle God.

My brother, such reasoning regarding the nature of God we have nothing to do with. God has not put upon man the duty of explaining Him. Seek for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul, else you will never know what the kingdom of God is like, or what is to be known of God, the Creator of heaven and earth.

You have but a human mind, and you have not yet shown yourself capable of revealing in life and character the life and character of Jesus Christ. When man understands that his life is to be a definition of the life of Christ—a definition in accordance with Christ's holy character—he will receive the words of God and will clothe himself daily with humility, saying, Unclean, unclean. When the worldly wise man comes to know what is truth, as revealed in Christ, he will look upon himself in a very different light from the light in which he has formerly regarded himself. The question for us to study is, What is truth—the truth for this time, which is to be cherished, lived, honored, obeyed? The devotees of science have been defeated and disheartened in their effort to find out God. What they need to inquire is, What is truth? But how many of those who profess to minister at the altar of God have asked this question with humility of heart and true soul hunger? How many of those who search the heavens have inquired, as they have beheld the wondrous works of God's creation, What is truth? "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" [Psalm 8:4.]

I shall not try to define God; for this I cannot do. It is not my work to define what He is and what His prerogatives are. I am to say only the words given me of God, "Be still, and know that I am God." [Psalm 46:10.]

“A Teacher Sent From God”

At the time of Christ’s first advent, darkness had covered the earth and gross darkness the people. Truth looked down from heaven and nowhere could discern the reflection of her image. Spiritual darkness had settled down over the religious world, and this darkness was almost universal and complete.

The scribes and Pharisees professed to explain the Scriptures, but they explained them in accordance with their own ideas and traditions. Their customs and maxims became more and more exacting. In its spiritual sense, the sacred Word became to the people as a sealed book, closed to their comprehension.

All things proclaimed in the heavenly courts the urgent necessity on the earth of a Teacher sent from God—a teacher in whom divinity and humanity would be united. It was essential that Christ should appear in human form and stand at the head of the human race, His divinity and humanity working unitedly to uplift fallen human beings. Thus only could God be revealed to the world. All the books written cannot serve the purpose of a holy life.

The Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, volunteered to lay aside His royal robe and kingly crown and come to this earth to show human beings what they may be and what they should be. He came to shine amidst the darkness, to dispel the darkness by the brightness of His presence.

When in the fulness of time the eternal Son of the infinite God came forth from the bosom of His Father to this world, He came in the garb of humanity, clothing His divinity with humanity. The Father and the Son in consultation decided that Christ must come to the world as a babe and live the life that human beings must live from childhood to manhood, bearing the trials that they must bear and at the same time living a sinless life, that men might see in Him an example of what they can become, and that he might know by experience how to help them in their struggles with sin. He was tried as man is tried, tempted as man is tempted. The life that He lived in this world men can live through His power and under His instruction.

From the beginning God had spoken through Christ, laying the foundation of the gospel in the Jewish economy of types and shadows. Before the coming of Christ this economy was unfinished. The ceremonies of the unfinished economy pointed to the reality. God would not leave the plan incomplete. He would work out to its end the plan for the redemption of the race. By sending His Son into the world, He would carry out to its fulfilment the plan ordained in heaven before the world was made.

The apostle Peter declared, “Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.” “Yea,” Peter continues, “and all the prophets from Samuel, and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.” [Acts 3:22-24.]

Patriarchs and prophets predicted the coming of a distinguished Teacher whose words were to be clothed with invincible power and authority. He was to preach the gospel to the poor and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord. He was to set judgment in the earth; the isles were to wait for His law; the Gentiles were to come to His light and kings to the brightness of His rising.

He was “the Messenger of the covenant,” and “the Sun of righteousness.” [Malachi 3:1; 4:2.]

The Jewish teachers, claiming to give instruction in the things of God, turned minds to things that eclipsed the revelation of God. They gave the things of earth the first consideration and the greatest thought. God beheld in these teachers an ignorance that is death to true godliness. Under the education that they gave, virtue and purity grew feeble, and self-sufficiency and pride ruled the life.

Those who loved God and who realized the danger that lay in the struggle for wealth and power, longed for heaven’s enlightenment. They longed for a message direct from the heavenly courts. The heavenly inspiration was begotten, and men began to feel after God, if haply they might find Him.

And “when the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, ... to redeem them which were under the law, that they might receive the adoption of sons.” [Galatians 4:4, 5.]

Wonder, O heavens, and be astonished, O earth. A heavenly Teacher had come. Who was He? No less a being than the Son of God Himself. He appeared as God and at the same time as the elder brother of the human race. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Christ must come as a human being. Had He come in the glory that He had with the Father, men could not have lived in His presence.

He was born a babe in Nazareth and grew as other children grow. The powers of mind and body developed gradually, in harmony with the laws of nature. Of Him we read, “The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.” [Luke 2:40.]

When at the age of twelve He mingled with the doctors of the law in the temple at Jerusalem, hearing them, and asking them questions, they were astonished at His questions and answers, for His words opened up subjects of the deepest importance. His knowledge of sacred science was a surprise to these learned men; for He had never been instructed in the schools of the rabbis. They wondered where He had gained His knowledge. They did not comprehend that He had access to a knowledge that they knew not of.

Christ did not pass over the ground of scholastic education, yet He was far in advance of any student under the teaching of the priests and rulers. God did not design that His Son should listen to the needless suppositions included in what was called education. The teachers in the schools of that time—the priests and rulers, though supposed to be perfect in knowledge—were in need of being taught the first principles of true education. They needed to know the meaning of the command, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy strength and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.” [Luke 10:27.]

Christ's dignity as a divine Teacher was of an order higher than the dignity of priests and rulers. It was distinct from all worldly pomp; for it was divine. He dispensed with all worldly display and showed that He regarded the gradations of human society, fixed by opulence and rank, as of no value. He had laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown and had stepped down from His high command to bring human beings power to become one with God, and earthly rank was not of the least value with Him. He could have brought with Him ten thousand angels if this would have helped Him in His work of redeeming the race.

Christ passed by the homes of the wealthy, the courts of royalty, the renowned seats of learning, to make His home in obscure and despised Nazareth. His life, from its beginning to its close, was a life of lowliness and humility. Poverty was made sacred by His life of poverty. He would not put on a dignity of attitude that would debar men and women, however lowly, from coming into His presence and listening to His teaching.

In choosing His disciples, Christ passed by the dignitaries of the Jewish nation and chose lowly, unlearned fishermen. He chose men who had not been spoiled by praise or flattery, men who were not filled with self-sufficiency.

The life of Christ teaches many lessons that men do not care to learn. How much more good would be done in our world if there were less outside pretension, [less] outward display, and more of the inward adorning that is in the sight of God of great price. Christlikeness of character is of the greatest value to the world.

Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, came to this earth and opened the sealed roll long closed to the Jewish nations because they would not obey the Word of the Lord. But the people turned their eyes from the sight of truth revealed in Christ because His life did not harmonize with their practice. They were spiritually blind. They could not look truth and righteousness squarely in the face without becoming ashamed.

Christ converted all nature into an index to illustrate His greatness, His goodness, His love. Water, air, light, life—these Christ used to illustrate His work and His character. Pointing to the sun, which had just risen above the Mount of Olives, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." [John 8:12.] The sun in the heavens represents the Sun of righteousness. As the sunbeams penetrate to the remotest corners of the earth, so does the light of the Sun of righteousness shine upon every soul.

Christ would heighten our conception of His exalted character. His preexistence and His prospective glory—these subjects were often brought before His disciples. He thought it not robbery to be equal with God. When He gave the law, He did not summon the nations to exalt Him with worldly pomp and grandeur. He commanded attention by the trumpets and thunders of Sinai.

I am bidden to bring this subject before our people, because some of our physicians and teachers feel at liberty to talk of God and of Christ in ways that men are not authorized to

speak. What God desires us to know of Him is revealed in His Word and His works. The beautiful things of nature reveal His character. They are His gift to the race, to show His power and to show that He is a God of love. But no one is authorized to say that God Himself in person is in flower or leaf or tree. These things are God's handiwork, revealing His love for man.

The Foundation of Our Faith

In regard to the book Living Temple, I have been instructed by the heavenly messenger that some of the reasoning in this book is untrue, and that this reasoning would lead astray the minds of those who are not thoroughly established on the foundation principles of present truth. It introduces that which is naught but speculation in regard to the personality of God and where His presence is. No one on this earth has a right to speculate on this question. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us, and to our children forever." [Deuteronomy 29:29.]

I am authorized by the Lord to say, The sentiments contained in Living Temple in regard to the personality of God are opposed to the truth that God has given us. The truth for this time is now to be brought before the people. Our brethren and sisters in every church and in every place are to guard carefully against allowing their minds to be engrossed with matters that draw them away from eternal things. The enemy will use some of the statements made in Living Temple to tempt some as he tempted Adam and Eve in Eden. I warn our brethren not to enter into controversy over the presence and personality of God. The statements made in Living Temple in regard to this point are incorrect. The Scripture used to substantiate the doctrine there set forth is Scripture misapplied.

I was cautioned not to enter into controversy regarding the question that will come up over these things, because controversy might lead men to resort to subterfuges, and their minds would be led away from the truth of the Word of God to assumption and guesswork. The more that fanciful theories are discussed, the less men will know of God and of the truth that sanctifies the soul.

We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the last fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to tear down the foundation principles of our faith. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists to take the place of the truth which point by point has been testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimony of His Spirit. From the great system of truth as it has been presented by God's messengers, not a pin is to be removed.

I am called upon by God to stand in defense of the truth that has been given us as we have followed the leading of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. Let every pioneer in the work adhere firmly to this truth. The peculiarities of our faith are to be held fast with the grip of faith.

The fables that at the present time are being framed by some medical missionary workers are not to be regarded as truth. Their true origin will ere long be revealed. It will be seen that they were formed under the subtle power of the great apostate, who works as an angel of light, controlling minds by deceptions so concealed that he seeks by them to deceive if possible the very elect.

What influence but that of the deceiver could lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundations of our faith—the foundations which were laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the Word and by revelation. Upon these foundations we have been building for the last fifty years. Shall a new foundation be built up by men to whom God has not granted the special experience He has granted to the men whom He ordained to establish the foundations of our faith? The men who are striving to build up this false foundation may suppose that they have found a new way, and that they can lay a stronger foundation than that which has been laid. But this is a great deception. Other foundation can no man lay than that which has been laid.

I am instructed to say to our people that in the past many have undertaken the building of a new faith, the establishment of new principles. But how long did their building stand? It soon fell to pieces; for it was not founded upon the Rock.

Did not the first disciples have to meet the sayings of men? Did they not have to listen to false theories and then stand firm, having done all, to stand, saying, "Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid"? [1 Corinthians 3:11.] One class after another arose with false doctrines, because men were so little acquainted with God.

My brethren and sisters, study the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth chapters of John. The words of these chapters explain themselves. "This is life eternal," Christ declared, "that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." [John 17:3.] In these words the personality of God and of His Son is clearly spoken of. The personality of the one does not do away with the necessity for the personality of the other.

God is never to be understood by any human being. His ways and His works are past finding out. In regard to the revelations that He has made of Himself in His Word, we may talk. But when it comes to talking or writing of God's person and presence, let us say, "Thou art God, and Thy ways are past finding out." [Psalm 90:2; Romans 11:33.]

It is sacrilegious to put into the minds of young or old the seeds of speculation regarding this subject. Such seeds, planted and left to grow, will spring up and bring forth a harvest of infidel sentiments. I give this warning to all. We want no such sophistry as that presented in Living Temple. There are excellent things in the book. But there are also tares among the wheat. The book contains many correct ideas, but it contains also statements that will do harm. Those who accept the chaff for the wheat will find themselves losing their sense of God's greatness and bringing Him into cheap commonness. This is the work of the great deceiver. Our brethren are not to be called from their work to study the question of where God is and what He is. We are

not to dare to engage in this discussion, lest we be destroyed. When the ark of God was being taken from the land of the Philistines to the camp of Israel, curiosity led the men of Bethshemesh to look into it. God was displeased, and many were smitten with death.

Let us talk of Christ, His preexistence, His humble ministry, His mighty power, His prospective personal glory in the heavenly courts. The Son of God restores to life whom He will. "All that the Father hath is Mine," He says. [John 16:15.] "I and My Father are one." [John 10:30.] He has greatness, present and prospective, that baffles human conception. He encircles the race with His long human arm, while with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite.

There is a knowledge of God and of Christ which all who are saved must have. "This is life eternal," Christ says, "that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." [John 17:3.] And He says again, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24.] To all who receive Him as their Redeemer, He gives power to become the sons of God. Every one who truly believes in Him will be inspired by faith and raised by the arm of Omnipotence.

Those who do not receive in faith God's plan for redeeming the race do despite to the Spirit of grace, and at the last great day their sentence will be, "Depart from Me." [Matthew 7:23.] They have hated righteousness and fostered iniquity, and they must be banished forever from the presence of God, exiled from happiness to death—eternal death.

Those who in this life love God and cherish the thought of Him will employ their faculties and their talents as faithful stewards, making the very best use of them, but not claiming any reward as their due. As they deny self and follow Jesus, lifting the cross, they will find that the cross is light, and that it is a pledge, as they bear it, that they will one day be given a crown of everlasting life. What will be the glory and the gain and the enjoyment of that eternal life that is to be given to those only for whom it has been prepared? The great joy of the overcomer will be that he is in the presence of Christ. "Where I am, there shall also My servant be," He declared. [John 12:26.] And He prayed, "Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory." [John 17:24.] Christ is speaking of the glory of His Father's presence and His Father's house. The glory that is to be revealed to all who are saved is the glory which Christ had with His Father before the world was—the unapproachable splendor of their converse together. The angels were not admitted to the interviews between the Father and the Son when the plan of salvation was laid. Those human beings who seek to intrude into the secrets of the Most High, who inhabit eternity, show their ignorance of spiritual and eternal things. Far better might they, while mercy's voice is still heard, humble themselves in the dust and plead with God to teach them His ways.

A Timely Warning

There are those who have been seeking to carry out their own selfish designs, without regard to the influence that this would have upon the cause and work of God. It is time that such ones felt the inward work of grace upon their hearts, that the medical missionary work may not be

grossly misrepresented. Let not our medial missionary workers become so like the world in habit and practice that worldlings will turn away from them with scorn, saying, "I am just as good as they are." There are instances where the medical missionary work has been so conducted that the name "medical missionary" might better be dropped; for it has been badly misrepresented, and God has been dishonored.

We are living amidst the perils of the last days. Our people must now arouse to the work before them. We are to lift up the standard and proclaim the last message of warning to a perishing world. Those who have a knowledge of the truth for this time are now to hold firmly aloft the banner bearing the inscription, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [Revelation 14:12.]

I ask my ministering brethren to examine themselves, to see whether they are in the faith or not. If they accept the spiritualistic representations made in Living Temple, their feet will soon be treading in forbidden paths. These representations are the Alpha of doctrines that would lead far away from the truth as we have received it from the Word of God. The acceptance of these sentiments will result in a weak, wavering faith. If this is the teaching that is to be given in the medical missionary work, it will not be long before we have no foundation upon which to plant our feet. I am bidden to say that these erroneous sentiments are the sentiments of the wily foe and should not be presented to any of our youth who are seeking to gain an education in medical missionary lines. For the sake of these youth, I speak decidedly.

The expiring faith of the people of God must have a resurrection. The exaltation of human reason has begun its work among us and has gone altogether too far. Human reason is placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of His people. Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority. He calls upon us to study the words and works of Christ, the greatest missionary that this world has ever known.

When the mind of a teacher of truth becomes in any way divorced from plain, self-denying gospel truth, he is prepared to receive fanciful sentiments called truth. Arrayed in the garments of light, these sentiments are presented to others, and too often they find favor. I am instructed to say to the members of our churches, Keep away from spiritualistic ideas. We are not dealing in fables. God forbid that fables in the disguise of truth shall be presented to our people. God forbid that any among us shall build upon the sand.

The Lord has given us a clear, distinct message of truth for this time. Let us proclaim this message. Let us study the teaching of Christ, and present what He has commanded us to present. He who launches out in his own wisdom to preach strange things, which God has not given him, finds minds ready to be leavened with the new ideas that he has to present. Satan follows up the work that he does, and the efforts of the true servants of God are made much harder. The advancement of His cause is hindered, and His Spirit is grieved.

Lt 233, 1903

Palmer, E. R.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 26, 1903

Brother E. R. Palmer

My dear brother,—

I think you should have a change of climate. Will you not, my brother, come to the Sanitarium here for a while and take some treatment? I will see that this treatment shall cost you nothing.

If you come you can see how this climate agrees with you. I do not think you would find the winter weather unfavorable. If you do, you might try the climate in Los Angeles. In some places where the climate might of itself be good, the surroundings would not be pleasant, but we would like you to have pleasant surroundings as well as a favorable climate.

My forthcoming book on health and temperance I will give to help the sanitariums pay their indebtedness. But one condition on which I shall donate this book shall be that when our workers need a rest, they may be accommodated at our sanitariums free of charge.

If you can come, we will do our best to see that you are situated as favorably as possible. I write you this because I feel a deep interest in you and wish your life and health to be preserved. We would be much pleased to have you situated where you can be near to us so that we can counsel together and be a mutual help and strength. Please let us hear from you soon in regard to this proposition. Whenever you are ready to come, let us know, and we will see that you are met at the depot.

Lt 234, 1903

Wessels, Sister [A. E.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

Dear Sister Wessels,—

Though I have not written you for some time, yet I have not lost interest in you. Often I have prayed for you and your children. I should be much pleased if you could visit us, that we might talk and pray together. I know that the Lord's hand is over you, not in wrath, but in mercy and love. I am sorry to hear that you are so feeble. I believe that the Lord would give you sufficient strength to come to America with your children.

The Lord has been very good to me. I praise Him with heart and soul and voice. For one of my age, my physical strength and clearness of mind is remarkable. I am able to go up and down stairs as readily as any of my workers. But that for which I am most thankful is that my mind is clear and that I can exercise faith in the Lord Jesus as my Helper and my everlasting Friend. Although nearly seventy-six years of age, I am still able to write and speak concerning the precious truths of God's Word. Praise the Lord O my soul. Praise His holy name.

My dear sister, have faith in God. Talk faith; sing faith. Be of good cheer in the Lord Jesus. Think of His wonderful condescension in coming to this world, taking upon Himself human nature, and becoming a partaker of the trials and temptations wherewith man is beset. "He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin." [Hebrews 4:15.] Not one of the whole human family need be overcome of evil. In His strength they can overcome.

Behold our Saviour as, seated in a fishing boat on the sea of Galilee, He speaks to the multitude on the shore the words of eternal life. He who but a short time before, seated upon the throne of the universe, had received the willing homage of angels now, from a fisherman's boat, imparts the precious truths of His kingdom to humble peasants and fishermen.

Because of the crowds pressing upon Him, Jesus had entered Simon's boat and asked him to push out a little from the shore, where He could be seen and heard by all present. Speaking as One having authority, He proclaimed the truths that bring salvation to all who hear and believe.

The faces of His hearers showed the interest that they felt in His words. The bright beams of the Sun of righteousness were shining upon them with healing power. Their divine light was more precious than gold or silver or precious stones. In that company were some in whose hearts the seeds of truth, planted that day by the great Teacher, sprang up unto eternal life. Among the five thousand, who on the day of Pentecost joyfully accepted the light of the gospel, were some of the humble fishermen who listened to the Saviour as He taught on the Sea of Galilee. They became Christ's appointed agencies to minister in word and doctrine and to lay the foundation of His spiritual kingdom which shall never be destroyed. The day is coming when the kingdoms of this earth will become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ, whose kingdom shall know no end.

Ages before, the work of the Saviour was opened before the eyes of the prophet, and, referring to Christ's ministry in Galilee, he wrote: "The land of Zabulon, and the land of Naphthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up." [Matthew 4:15, 16.]

The discourse ended, Jesus turned and said, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." But Peter was disheartened. All night he had taken nothing. "Master," he said, "we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net." [Luke 5:4, 5.]

The command of Christ was a trial of the faith of the disciples. Night was the only favorable time for fishing with nets in the clear waters of the lake. After toiling all night without success, it seemed hopeless to cast the net by day. The disciples might have reasoned that Jesus did not understand the occupation of fishing. But Jesus had given the command; and though the disciples were surprised, love for their Master moved them to obey.

What was the result? As Simon and his brother attempted to draw in the net, so great was the multitude of fishes enclosed that it began to break. They were obliged to call James and John to their aid. When the catch was secured, both the boats were so heavily laden that they were in danger of sinking.

The disciples realized that a miracle worker stood among them. This miracle, above any other he had ever witnessed, was to Peter a manifestation of divine power. Love for his Master, shame for his own unbelief, gratitude for the condescension of Christ, above all the sense of his uncleanness in the presence of infinite purity, overwhelmed him. While his companions were securing the contents of the net, Peter fell at the Saviour's feet, exclaiming, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." [Verse 8.] But Peter did not desire Christ to depart. His heart was filled to overflowing with adoration, and he felt himself unworthy. The language of his heart was, "O Lord, I am unworthy. Thou art too good and too great to be in the company of a sinner like me."

If church members today would be thus impressed by the evidences of God's power, would they have so little to say in acknowledgement of Christ's great love in giving Himself for the salvation of His children? Would not their hearts overflow with thanksgiving and praise to the Father?

How did this miracle affect the characters of the disciples? It was the means of establishing in them faith in Christ. Their hearts were filled with love and gratitude. The success that came to them as they obeyed His command was to be an object lesson of the success they would have in catching men, if they followed Christ's directions. "From henceforth," He said to Simon, "thou shalt catch men." [Verse 10.] He wished to show them in their catching of fish through His strength what they could do through His strength in catching men.

How thankful we should be for the precious privileges that are placed within our reach. What infinite blessings are brought to us in the words that came from the lips of the great Teacher. These words should inspire us with hope, and faith, and love.

The truth will work upon the minds of all whose hearts are opened to the words of life. Received into the life, these words will bring cleansing of heart and transformation of character, calling men from darkness to light.

My sister, keep your mind stayed on God. Put your trust in Jesus, and live to His name's glory. Trust Him, my sister. He loves you, and you love Him. He would have you rest in His love.

Lindsay, Annie Wessels

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

Dear Sister Annie Wessels Lindsay,—

I have a message for you, my sister. Will you now seek the Lord? I know that He loves all those for whom He has given His precious life.

You have a work to do in your own family. Your children often worry and perplex you, but will you not seek to restrain the petulant words that you are tempted to speak? Will you not remember that we are all the Lord’s little children? He addresses us as “My little children.” Our unruly ways often bring sorrow to His heart, so full of tenderness and love. But the dear Saviour never becomes impatient.

Daily you should learn in the school of Christ, that you may faithfully train your children. Be kind and patient, not selfishly indifferent because you are unwilling to take the trouble to discipline yourself to speak only kind words. Children very quickly catch a hasty spirit. Tax your mind to control your words, that your little ones also may control their words.

My dear friend and sister, you have much to learn. Your feet have strayed into dangerous paths. The enemy of souls is watching for you, ready to take advantage of your weakness. Your associations are often such as impart no strength to you. You seem to be heedless regarding the danger in which you have placed yourself. If you could but realize how the heart of the Saviour is grieved by sin, you would not wound His heart of love as you do.

While we admit that ignorance of danger may be the cause of your unwatchfulness, yet it is no excuse for it. The sailor who has in his possession chart and compass, and yet neglects to heed them, is responsible for placing his own life and the lives of those on board his ship in peril. His ship may be lost because of his neglect. We have a guide book, the Word of God. Our great Teacher will give us counsel. We must be watchful for the dangers that surround us. Day by day we should seek to improve in the knowledge of ourselves. When we see our mistakes we should seek to overcome them.

How tenderly God deals with His little children! The Spirit of God will impress the hearts of those who are susceptible to its softening, subduing influences. To those who have wandered from Him, the Lord sends the message in His Word, “Return to thy first love.” [Revelation 2:4, 5.] Will you not now return to Him, and give Him your heart?

“This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” [1 John 5:4.] We must seek for a growing experience in the things of God. We must be cautious, lest through inexperience we make blunders.

Lt 236, 1903

Wessels, Andrew

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October, 1903

Dear Brother Andrew Wessels,—

I have a deep interest for your welfare. The Lord has something for you to do. He would have young converts, after they have given themselves to Him, take hold of His work, trusting in His promise, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." [John 6:37.] You are to be His witness. He calls upon every member of the human family to co-operate with Him. "Ye are laborers together with God," He says to His disciples. [1 Corinthians 3:9.]

The adversary is not asleep. He presents apparent difficulties to the minds of one who is striving to overcome. He knows well the weak points of the inexperienced Christian's defense. You must constantly be on your guard. In fighting for the crown of eternal life, you must be determined to win.

The first chapter of Second Peter contains precious instruction to those who are trying to live the Christian's life. It is of deep interest to all who have given themselves to God:

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you," the apostle writes, "through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." [Verses 2-4.] "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." [1 John 5:4.]

Andrew, my dear friend and brother, will you be one of God's little children, willing to be instructed daily? Will you often remember that He loves you so much that He gave His life for you? The love of God is as high as heaven and as broad as eternity. You have been purchased by a price that is beyond computation.

Jesus is coming soon. He left His family here in this world with the instruction, "Occupy till I come." [Luke 19:13.] To each one He has given talents to be traded upon. But He has not given to all the same talents.

He has a work for you to do, Andrew. Do you ask, What is it? Place yourself where you can use your powers of mind to the best advantage for Him. But that is not all. Your physical powers must be employed in His service. In order to gain strength, you must give your physical powers exercise. No youth can engage in constant study or sedentary employment and have harmonious action of the physical, mental, and moral powers. Every part of the living machinery must be used. Both mind and body must be given exercise.

Abstain strictly from all stimulating food or drink. You are God's property. You are not to abuse any organ of the body. You are to care wisely for your body, that there may be a perfect development of the whole man. Is it not an act of ingratitude on your part to do anything so to weaken your vital forces that you are unable properly to represent Him or to do the work He has for you to do?

Your time belongs to Him who has purchased you with an infinite price. He wants you so to use your powers as to glorify His name. If in the past you have failed to realize that you are not your own to do with as you please, but that you belong to God both by creation and by redemption, will you not now redeem the time? Seek to live a useful life—a life elevated and ennobled by the thought that you are God's property. Seek to improve, that you may be of the greatest possible use to your Owner.

Will you not try, Andrew, to put to use for the Master, brain, bone, and muscle? May the Lord impress your mind and the mind of your brothers during the little time left you in which to work to the glory of God. Surrender your life to God, and remain true to Him.

You are not to be an idler; you are to enter the Master's service. If you will take hold of the work to which the Lord calls you, you will have the help of the heavenly angels. The Lord loves you, and He will strengthen and bless you, as you watch and pray, seeking help from God, confiding in His wisdom. Prayer is your safeguard. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." [Matthew 26:41.]

Selfish indulgence brings only present gratification. But if you will give your heart to the Lord Jesus, He will make you one of His little children. And why should [you] not make it the great business of your life to honor the Omnipotent One, He who keeps life and breath in your body? Honor Him who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] Why should you remain away from Him who is preparing a heaven for you, if you will only prepare for that heaven? Why should you choose momentary pleasures, a few earthly indulgences, and neglect to secure eternal life in the kingdom of heaven? Christ declared, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." [John 14:6.]

I wish, Andrew, that you would talk of these things to your associates who think little regarding the Lord's claims upon them. Can you not be the Lord's missionary among your friends and acquaintances? Thus you can be learning how to do acceptable work for the Master in wider fields. I long to see every soul walking in the light; for God has a work for all to do.

How can human beings for whom He has done so much refuse to heed His call? He left this world that He might go and prepare a place for His people. "Let not your heart be troubled," He said just before He left His disciples, "neither let it be afraid. In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there ye may be also." [Verses 1-3.]

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

“And He that sat on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

“And He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and he shall be My son. But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

“And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.” [Revelation 21:1-12.]

Since Christ is preparing this rich and glorious kingdom as a home for the children of God, how can we be indifferent? How can we manifest such ingratitude to God as to slight His offers of mercy? How must the Lord regard those who will choose ungodly associates rather than the society of those who love and serve Him? Gratitude should be cultivated in the soul, and the praise of God should be upon the lips.

John continues his description of the holy city: “And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” [Verses 22-27.]

My brother, will you not cease to please your self, and with strong determination set your heart to seek the Lord? Delay not. Do not remain longer on the side of the great rebel, but give your whole soul to God. Repent because you have given so much of your time and talents to the enemy. Before the heavenly universe you may now take your stand, to choose the good and refuse the evil.

Why choose the disobedience that caused Adam and Eve to lose the right to their Eden home? By so doing, you forfeit your right to the Eden restored. Run no risks, but seek the Lord while He may be found.

Lt 237, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 1, 1903

Elder A. G. Daniells

Washington, D.C.

My dear Brother,—

I have just read your letter to Willie in which you speak of the proposition to sell Education, in a way similar to that in which Object Lessons was sold, in order to raise money for the settlement of my debts. When this plan was first presented to me, I was so completely worn out that I could not grasp the details or make suggestions as to the way in which the book should be handled. I did not realize that the proposition included all that was mentioned in your letter.

I do not wish anything done that will call attention to myself. All I desire is that a disinterested effort be made to sell my books. They are needed by the people, and their sale should bring me financial relief.

I do not wish any plan adopted that will bring in confusion. I do not wish anything done that will draw the attention of our people from the sale of Object Lessons. I regard the plan for the sale of Object Lessons as of God’s devising—a precious, sacred plan of His, to teach His people important lessons in regard to how to do missionary work.

I would not have Education handled as Object Lessons was handled. This would spoil the pattern. And more than this I do not want any effort made to raise money for me. I do not want one penny as a gift. I am opposed to receiving money as a gift for the settlement of my debt. I can carry this debt.

Ten thousand dollars of this debt was incurred before I went to Australia. I went to large expense in bringing out the illustrated editions of Great Controversy and Patriarchs and Prophets and in making four sets of plates of each. This was done with the expectation of large

sales. But these books were allowed to fall almost dead from the press, and for nearly three years little was done with them.

I pledged a thousand dollars to the Chicago mission, with no thought but that I could pay this from the royalties on my books. But in order to pay this pledge, I had to hire money from a brother in the west, and on this I paid seven percent interest.

So heartless a course was pursued toward me by some in the Review office that I was sorely wounded. At one time, when I sent to the office for money, they returned word that I had overdrawn. Henry Kellogg was in the office at the time, and he was so indignant that he came directly to my house, and with tears running down his face handed me a roll of bills. But I refused to take them. Afterward the money that I asked for was sent me from the office.

To release Edson from financial embarrassment, so that he could engage in evangelistic work, I incurred large debts at the Review and Herald office. I think the amount was about six thousand dollars. While I was in Australia, I went to large expense in bringing out *Desire of Ages*. And I used my money freely for the advancement of the work. As a result of these things, my debt has grown.

For the past few years my books have not been selling very rapidly in this country. And the cost of publishing my recent books has been large. But I am not at all worried. I hope to settle all my debts.

I have told you why I am so deeply in debt because I thought it right that you should know. Now I wish to say that I do not want you to make one move to raise money for me. I am in debt, it is true, but I will not consent to be helped by any fund. When my books are handled disinterestedly, I think that I shall be able to settle my debts.

In my will, I have left my books to my two boys, as a sacred treasure to be used for the advancement of the cause of God. I wish one other man to be connected with my sons as a counselor, to help to decide where the means accruing from the sale of the books shall be used.

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Washington, D.C.

My dear Brother,—

I wish to write a few words about the letters and manuscripts that were sent you during the council. Shortly before I sent the testimonies that you said arrived just in time, I had read an incident about a ship in a fog meeting an iceberg. For several nights I slept but little. I seemed to be bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. One night a scene was clearly presented before me. A vessel was upon the waters, in a heavy fog. Suddenly the lookout cried, "Iceberg just ahead!" There, towering high above the ship, was a gigantic iceberg. An authoritative voice cried out, "Meet it!" There was not a moment's hesitation. It was a time for instant action. The engineer put on full steam, and the man at the wheel steered the ship straight into the iceberg. With a crash she struck the ice. There was a fearful shock, and the iceberg broke into many pieces, falling with a noise like thunder upon the deck. The passengers were violently shaken by the force of the collision, but no lives were lost. The vessel was injured, but not beyond repair. She rebounded from the contact, trembling from stem to stern, like a living creature. Then she moved forward on her way.

Well I knew the meaning of this representation. I had my orders. I had heard the words, like a living voice from our Captain, "Meet it!" I knew what my duty was and that there was not a moment to lose. The time for decided action had come. I must without delay obey the command, "Meet it!"

This is why you received the testimonies when you did. That night I was up at one o'clock, writing as fast as my hand could pass over the paper.

We have all stood at our posts like faithful sentinels, working early and late to send to the council instruction that we thought would help you.

I have other testimonies to present that contain excellent instruction for ministers, medical missionary workers, and all church members. You shall have this matter as soon as it can be prepared.

We have made a collection of some of the letters that I have written to our physicians during the last fifteen years. These letters I read over the other day, and I think that they ought to be printed. They are right to the point and contain instruction that our younger physicians ought to have. As soon as possible, we shall send some of this matter to the Pacific Press for publication.

Last night I did not sleep after half past ten. The burden of the work rests heavily upon me. How strange it is that Dr. Kellogg's associates seem to be so completely blinded by the enemy. I see with amazement how dangerous it is to trust in man and make flesh our arm. Often I think of Moses and Aaron standing before Pharaoh, casting their rods to the ground, while the magicians did the same. In the Lord's power Moses and Aaron gained a victory over the enemy.

We must now take a decided stand for truth and righteousness. I am anxious to see what course Dr. Kellogg's close associates will follow. I feel so sorry for them. But their time of test

and proving has come. How strange it is that with all the warnings there are in the Word of God, men should allow themselves to be led by their fellow men.

I am glad that I am alive to meet the danger and if possible to avert it. The experience that I have had in the past is a help to me at this time.

Again and again I have been shown that the past experiences of God's people are not to be counted as dead facts. We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last year's almanac. The record is to be kept in mind; for history will repeat itself. The darkness of the mysteries of the night is to be illuminated with the light of heaven.

If we watch and pray and trust God's living Word, we shall gain victories. "Watch and pray," Christ said, "that ye enter not into temptation." [Matthew 26:41.] The day dawns. We must enter each battle with full faith that through Christ we shall be more than conquerors. As faithful watchmen we must diligently watch for the dangers threatening God's people. Other chapters will open before us, and in order to discern their meaning, we shall need keen perception. We are not to be depressed or discouraged, but filled with holy boldness. We are not to be disheartened by the prevalence of sin nor by the difficulties that arise on the right hand and on the left. We must put on the whole armor of God and stand firm for the right. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive if possible the very elect. Our watchword is to be, "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." [Isaiah 8:20.]

Lt 239, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 28, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

Battle Creek, Michigan

My dear Brother,—

I have received your letter, written on the way to Melrose. I am very thankful for this letter. I am hoping and praying that your eyes may be fully opened, that you may see your great danger and the meaning of your past and present experiences.

The burden resting upon me has been so heavy that for weeks I have been unable to sleep past one or two o'clock. Today I have been looking over some of the letters that I wrote you in years past. In one letter, written from Christiania, Norway, to the directors of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, I read, "I was shown that Dr. Kellogg has been in great danger of making shipwreck

of faith by exalting science above the God of science. He has not a clearly defined position in regard to his faith and should be guarded, or he will certainly wander in the mazes of skepticism.”

Faithful counsel has been given you. But for a long time the enemy has been sowing his tares—thoughts of skepticism in regard to the truth—in your mind. These matters I must present to you in clear lines as they have been presented to me. I shall not keep silent, as I have done in the past.

Repeatedly it has been shown me that in many cases you have worked upon minds to undermine confidence in the testimonies. The evil leaven that you have placed in these minds has destroyed their faith in the principles of the truth and in the testimonies. Since the reopening of the Sanitarium, you have placed this leaven in many minds, and it will do its work. One thing that can now be done to undo this work is for me to present to our people the testimonies as they have been given me, that others may not go on undermining the faith of their associates. They must not be left to retain the impressions that have been made on their minds as, after receiving a testimony of reproof from me, you have said, “Somebody has told her these things, but they are not so.”

Over and over again you have told others how I once sent you a testimony reproving you for erecting a large building in Chicago, before any such building had been erected there. In the visions of the night a view of a large building was presented to me. I thought that it had been erected and wrote you immediately in regard to the matter. I learned afterward that the building which I saw had not been put up.

When you received my letter, you were perplexed, and you said, “Some one has misinformed Sister White regarding our work.” But no mortal man had ever written to me or told me that this building had been put up. It was presented to me in vision. If this view had not been given me, and if I had not written to you about the matter, an effort would have been made to erect such a building in Chicago, a place in which the Lord has said that we are not to put up large buildings. At the time when the vision was given, influences were working for the erection of such a building. The message was received in time to prevent the development of the plans and the carrying out of the project.

You should have had discernment to see that the Lord worked in this matter. The very feature of the message that perplexed you should have been received as an evidence that my information came from a higher source than human lips. But instead, you have over and over again related your version of the matter, saying that some one must have told me a falsehood.

Many other scenes connected with your case have been presented to me. At one time you were represented to me as trying to push a long car up a steep ascent. But this car, instead of going up the hill, kept running down. This car represented the food business as a commercial enterprise, which has been carried forward in a way that God does not commend.

At another time you were represented to me as a general mounted on a horse and carrying a banner. One came and took out of your hand the banner bearing the words, “The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus,” and it was trampled in the dust. [Revelation 14:12.] I saw you surrounded by men who were linking you up with the world.

Again, I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world’s insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust as company after company from the Lord’s army joined the foe; and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standards of Emmanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried with a loud voice, “Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.” [See Revelation 12:17; 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18; Judges 5:23.]

The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. Now the soldiers of the cross gave way, “as when a standard bearer fainteth.” [Isaiah 10:18.] But their apparent retreat was but an effort to gain a more advantageous position. Shouts of joy were heard. A song of praise to God went up, and angel voices united in the song, as Christ’s soldiers planted His banner on the walls of fortresses till then held by Satan. The Captain of our salvation was ordering the battle and sending support to His soldiers. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness, as He led them on step by step, conquering and to conquer.

At last the victory was gained. The army following the banner with the inscription “The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus” was gloriously triumphant. [Revelation 14:12.] The soldiers of Christ were close beside the gates of the city of God, and with joy the city received her King. The kingdom of peace and joy and everlasting righteousness was established. God’s will was done on earth, as it is done in heaven.

Now the church is militant. Now we are confronted with a world in midnight darkness, almost wholly given over to idolatry. But the day is coming when the battle will have been fought, the victory won. The will of God is to be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Then the nations will own no other law than the law of heaven. All will be a happy, united family, clothed with the garments of praise and thanksgiving—the robe of Christ’s righteousness. All nature, in its surpassing loveliness, will offer to God a constant tribute of praise and adoration. The world will be bathed in the light of heaven. The years will move on in gladness. The light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold greater than it is now. Over the scene the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy, while God and Christ will unite in proclaiming, “There shall be no more sin, neither shall there be any more death.”

This is the scene that is presented to me. But the church must still fight against seen and unseen foes. Satanic agencies in human form are on the ground. Men have confederated to oppose the Lord of hosts. These confederacies will continue until Christ shall leave His place of intercession before the mercy seat and shall put on the garments of vengeance. Satanic agencies are in every city, busily organizing into parties those opposed to the law of God. Professed saints and avowed unbelievers take their stand with these parties. This is no time for the people of God to be weaklings. We cannot afford to be off our guard for one moment.

“Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the enemy. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [Ephesians 6:10-17.]

“This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. ...

“Let your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ; ... stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries; which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake.” [Philippians 1:9-11, 27-29.]

There are revealed in these last days visions of future glory, scenes pictured by the hand of God, and these should be dear to His church. What sustained the Son of God in His betrayal and trial? He saw of the travail of His soul and was satisfied. He caught a view of the expanse of eternity and saw the happiness of those who through His humiliation should receive pardon and everlasting life. He was wounded for their transgressions, bruised for their iniquities. The chastisement of their peace was upon Him, and with His stripes they were healed. His ear caught the shout of the redeemed. He heard the ransomed ones singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

We must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven. Stand on the threshold of eternity, and hear the gracious welcome given to those who in this life have co-operated with Christ, regarding it as a privilege and an honor to suffer for His sake. As they unite with the angels, they cast their crowns at the feet of the Redeemer, exclaiming, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory,

and blessing. ... Honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." [Revelation 5:12, 13.]

There the redeemed ones meet and greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulation and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain, "Worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and lives again, a triumphant Conqueror."

"I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." [Revelation 7:9, 10.]

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." [Verses 14-17.]

"And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." [Revelation 21:4.]

Will you catch the inspiration of the vision. Will you let your mind dwell upon the picture? Will you not be truly converted, and then go forth to labor in a spirit entirely different from the spirit in which you have labored in the past, displacing the enemy, breaking down every barrier to the advancement of the gospel, filling hearts with the light and peace and joy of the Lord? Shall not the miserable spirit of faultfinding and murmuring be buried, never to have a resurrection? Shall not the incense of praise and thanksgiving ascend from hearts purified and sanctified and glorified by the presence of Christ? Shall we not in faith lay hold of sinners, and bring them to the cross?

Who will this day consecrate themselves to the service of the Lord? Who will now pledge themselves not to affiliate with the world, but to come out from the world and be separate, refusing to pollute the soul with the worldly schemes and worldly practices that have been placing the church under the enemy's influence?

We are in this world to lift the cross of Calvary. As we lift this cross, we shall find that it lifts us. Let every Christian stand in his lot and place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world. We need the ardor of the Christian hero, who can endure the seeing of Him that is invisible. Our faith is to have a resurrection. The soldiers of the cross are to exert a positive influence for good. Christ says, "He that is not with Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [Matthew 12:30.] Indifference in the Christian life is a manifest denial of Christ.

Should we not see in the world today medical missionaries who in all features of their work are worthy of the name they bear, who aspire to the doing of deeds worthy of valiant soldiers of Christ? We are living near the close of the great conflict, when many souls are to be rescued from the slavery of sin. We are living in a time when to Christ's followers the promise specially belongs, "Lo, I am with you alway." [Matthew 28:20.] He who commanded light to shine out of darkness, He who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, bids us let our light shine brightly before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven. In such rich measure has light been given to God's people that Christ is justified in telling them that they are to be the light of the world.

To our physicians and ministers I send the message, Lay hold of the Lord's work as if you believed the truth for this time. Medical missionary workers and workers in the gospel ministry are to be bound together by indissoluble ties. Their work is to be done with freshness and power. Throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. Shall we not, in our work in the future, and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance, humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of spiritual power are now to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it.

Let us now consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." [Isaiah 40:3.] Divine and human instrumentalities are to unite for the accomplishment of one great object. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." [Revelation 22:17.]

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." [Daniel 12:3.]

Lt 240, 1903

Medical Students and Nurses

November 5, 1903 [typed]

A Warning Against False Theories

To Medical Students and Nurses,—

There is a burden upon my mind in regard to the temptations and perils that surround medical students, and those in training for medical missionary work at our sanitariums, and especially in regard to those who are studying at Battle Creek.

There are teachers who do not daily bring the Word of God into their lifework. They have not a saving knowledge of God or of Christ. It is those who do not live the truth who are most inclined to invent sophistries, to occupy the time and absorb the attention that ought to be given to the study of God's Word.

Christ, the great Medical Missionary, came to this world at infinite sacrifice, to teach men and women the lessons that would enable them to know God aright. He lived in this world a perfect life, setting an example that all may safely follow. Let our medical students and other young people study the lessons that Christ has given. It is essential that they should have a clear understanding of these lessons. It would be a fearful mistake for them to neglect the study of God's Word for a study of theories that are misleading, diverting minds from the words of Christ to fallacies of human production.

When our physicians and ministers are diligent students of the Scriptures, when they live in accordance with the teaching of the Word of God, making this Word their textbook, God will be able to bestow on them rich blessings.

The teaching regarding God that is presented in Living Temple is not such as our students need. Those who seek to define God are on forbidden ground. We are to enter into no controversy regarding God—what He is and what He is not. He, the Omniscient One, is above discussion. Those who express such sentiments regarding Him show that they are departing from the faith.

Christ has revealed God. Let those who desire to know God study the work and teaching of Christ. To those who receive Him and believe on Him, He gives power to become the sons of God. He says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

O that ministers and physicians would come to Christ, and learn of Him! O that they would guard carefully their thoughts, words, and deeds, that their lives might reveal them to be sons of God! We are living in perilous times, when men will exalt themselves and their capabilities. The work of those who do this is recorded in the books of heaven as foolishness. It bears not the fragrance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us diligently study the words that Christ spoke to His disciples in the upper chamber a little while before His crucifixion. He was nearing His hour of trial, but His thoughts were not of His own suffering and death. He sought for words of consolation to speak to His disciples who were soon to be so severely tempted and tried. "Little children, yet a little while am I with you," He said. "Ye shall seek Me; and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another." [John 13:33-35.] This is the great lesson that all need to learn.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” Christ continued; “ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go, ye know, and the way ye know.

“Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also; and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him.

“Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father.” [John 14:1-9.]

I call upon our ministers, physicians, and all church members to study the lessons that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension. These lessons contain instruction that the people of God need. When our physicians understand this instruction, they will realize that the Holy Spirit will never lead them to speak or write that which is at variance with the teachings of the Word of God. Take the Bible as your study book. It contains the Alpha and Omega of knowledge. All can understand the instruction that it contains.

Let no one teach things that the Redeemer, He who owns man, body, soul, and spirit, has not taught. We need not any fanciful teaching regarding the personality of God. What God desires us to know of Him is revealed in His Word and His works. The beautiful things of nature reveal His character and His power as Creator. They are His gift to the race, to show His power and to show that He is a God of love. But no one is authorized to say that God Himself in person is in flower or leaf or tree. These things are God’s handiwork, revealing His love for mankind.

But to take the works of God, and represent them as being God, is a fearful misrepresentation of Him. This representation I was called upon to meet at the beginning of my work, when in my youth the Lord commissioned me to go forth and proclaim what He should command me to proclaim. And as the Lord shall direct me, I must now do what I can to counteract all such teaching and the theories which lead to such views. Those who hold these theories do not know whither their feet are tending.

What we most need is an experimental knowledge of God as He is revealed in His Word. Such knowledge would enable us to see our imperfection of character and our ignorance of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we would be afraid even to touch the subjects that are handled blindly in Living Temple.

Human talent and human conjecture have tried by searching to find out God. Many have trodden this pathway. The highest intellect may tax itself until it is wearied out in conjectures regarding God; but the effort will be fruitless, and the fact will remain that man by searching

cannot find out God. This problem has not been given us to solve. All that man needs to know and can know of God has been revealed in the life and character of His Son, the great Teacher. As we learn more and more of what man is, of what we ourselves are, in God's sight, we shall fear and tremble before Him.

To those who would represent every man as born a king; to those who would make no distinction between the converted and the unconverted; to those who are losing their appreciation of their need of Christ as their Saviour, I would say, Think of yourselves as you have been during the period of your existence! Would it be pleasant or agreeable for you to contemplate feature after feature of your lifework in the sight of Him who knows every thought of man and before whose eyes all man's doings are as an open book?

I call upon all who are engaged in the service of God to place themselves fully on Christ's side. There are dangers on the right hand and on the left. Our greatest danger will come from men who have lifted up their souls unto vanity, who have not heeded the words of warning and reproof sent them by God. As such men choose their own will and way, the tempter, clothed in angel robes, is close beside them, ready to unite his influence with theirs. He opens to them delusions of a most attractive character, which they present to the people of God. Some of those who listen to them will be deceived and will work in dangerous lines.

The Lord calls. Will men and women hear His voice? He gives the warning. Will they heed it? Will they listen to the last message of mercy to a fallen world? Will they accept Christ's yoke, and learn from Him His meekness and lowliness?

Lt 241, 1903

Medical Missionaries

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 17, 1903

Words of Counsel

To our medical missionaries,—

God would have all who profess to be gospel medical missionaries learn diligently the lessons of the great Teacher. This they must do if they would find peace and rest. Learning of Christ, their hearts will be filled with the peace that He alone can give.

The one book that is essential for all to study is the Bible. Studied with reverence and godly fear, it is the greatest of all educators. In it there is no sophistry. Its pages are filled with truth. Would you gain a knowledge of God and Christ, whom He sent into the world to live and die for sinners? An earnest, diligent study of the Bible is necessary in order to gain this knowledge.

Many of the books piled up in the great libraries of earth confuse the mind more than they aid the understanding! Yet men spend large sums of money in the purchase of such books, and years in their study, when they have within their reach a book containing the words of Him who is the Alpha and Omega of wisdom. The time spent in a study of these books might better be spent in gaining a knowledge of Him whom to know aright is life eternal. Those only who gain this knowledge will at last hear the words, "Ye are complete in Him." [Colossians 2:10.]

Study the Bible more and the theories of the medical fraternity less, and you will have greater spiritual health. Your mind will be clearer and more vigorous. Much that is embraced in a medical course is positively unnecessary! Those who take a medical training spend a great deal of time in learning that which is merely rubbish. Many of the theories that they learn may be compared in value to the traditions and maxims taught by the scribes and Pharisees. Many of the intricacies with which they have to become familiar are an injury to their minds.

These things God has been opening before me for many years. In our medical schools and institutions we need men who have a deeper knowledge of the Scriptures, men who have learned the lessons taught in the Word of God and who can teach these lessons to others, clearly and simply, just as Christ taught His disciples the knowledge that He deemed most essential.

If, during the remainder of this year, our medical missionary workers would follow the great Physician's prescription for obtaining rest, a healing current of peace would flow through their souls. Here is the prescription:

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

When our medical missionary workers follow this prescription, gaining from the Saviour power to reveal His characteristics, their scientific work will have greater soundness. Because the Word of God has been neglected, strange things have been done in the medical missionary work of late. The Lord cannot accept the present showing.

Study the Word, which God in His wisdom and love and goodness has made so plain and simple. The sixth chapter of John tells us what is meant by a study of the Word. The principles revealed in the Scriptures are to be brought home to the soul. We are to eat the Word of God, that is, we are not to depart from its precepts. We are to bring its truths into our daily lives, grasping the mysteries of godliness.

Pray to God. Commune with Him. Prove the very mind of God, as those who are striving for eternal life and who must have a knowledge of His will. You can reveal the truth only as you know it in Christ. You are to receive and assimilate His words; they are to become part of yourselves. This is what is meant by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. You are to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God—that is, what God has

revealed. Not all has been revealed; we could not bear such a revelation. But God has revealed all that is necessary for our salvation. We are not to leave His word for the suppositions of men.

Obtain an experimental knowledge of God by wearing the yoke of Christ. He gives wisdom to the meek and lowly, enabling them to judge of what is truth, bringing to light the why and wherefore, pointing out the result of certain actions. The Holy Spirit teaches the student of the Scriptures to judge all things by the standard of righteousness and truth and justice. The divine revelation supplies him with the knowledge that he needs.

And the needed knowledge will be given to all who come to Christ, receiving and practicing His teachings, making His words a part of their lives. Those who place themselves under the instruction of the great Medical Missionary, to be workers together with Him, will have a knowledge that the world, with all its traditional lore, cannot supply.

Make the Bible the man of your counsel. Your acquaintance with it will grow rapidly if you keep your mind free from the rubbish of the world. The more the Bible is studied, the deeper will be your knowledge of God. The truths of His Word will be written in your soul, making an ineffaceable impression.

Not only will the student himself be benefited by a study of the Word of God. His study is life and salvation to all with whom he associates. He will feel a sacred responsibility to impart the knowledge that he receives. His life will reveal the help and strength that he receives from communion with the Word. The sanctification of the Spirit will be seen in thought, word, and deed. All that he says and does will proclaim that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. Of such ones the Lord Jesus can indeed say, Ye are laborers together with God.

Lt 242, 1903

Physicians and Ministers

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October, 1903

Decided Action to be Taken Now

To our physicians and ministers,—

During the night the Spirit of God has been presenting many things to my mind. The experience that was given us at the General Conference held in Battle Creek early in 1901 was of God. Had Dr. Kellogg at that time done thorough work, the terrible experience through which we are now passing would never have been.

God has permitted the presentation of the combination of good and evil in Living Temple to be made to reveal the danger threatening us. The working that has been so ingeniously carried on He has permitted in order that certain developments might be made and that it might be seen

what a man can do with human minds when he has obtained their confidence as a physician. God has permitted the present crisis to come to open the eyes of those who desire to know the truth. He would have His people understand to what lengths the sophistry and devising of the enemy would lead.

Men have given to our leading physician allegiance that is due to God alone; and he has been permitted to show what self-exaltation will lead men to do. Scientific, spiritualistic sentiments, representing the Creator as an essence pervading all nature, have been given to our people and have been received even by some who have had a long experience as teachers of the Word of God. The results of this insidious devising will break out again and again. There are many for whom special efforts will have to be put forth to free them from this specious deception.

I am now authorized to say that the time has come to take decided action. The development seen in the cause of God is similar to the development seen when Balaam caused Israel to sin just before they entered the promised land. How dangerous it is so to exalt any man that he becomes confused and confuses the minds of others in regard to the truths that for the last fifty years the Lord has been giving His people.

Few can see the meaning of the present apostasy. But the Lord has lifted the curtain and has shown me its meaning and the result that it will have if allowed to continue. We must now lift our voices in warning. Will our people acknowledge God as the supreme Ruler, or will they choose the misleading arguments and views that, when fully developed, make Him, in the minds of those who accept them, as nothingness?

These words were spoken to me in the night season. The sentiments in Living Temple regarding the personality of God have been received even by men who have had a long experience in the truth. When such men consent to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we are no longer to regard the subject as a matter to be treated with the greatest delicacy. That those whom we thought sound in the faith should have failed to discern the specious, deadly influence of this science of evil should alarm us as nothing else has alarmed us.

It is something that cannot be treated as a small matter, that men who have had so much light and such clear evidence as to the genuineness of the truth we hold should become unsettled and led to accept spiritualistic theories regarding the personality of God. These doctrines, followed to their logical conclusion, sweep away the whole Christian economy. They estimate as nothing the light that Christ came from heaven to give John to give to His people. They teach that the scenes just before us are not of sufficient importance to be given special attention. They make of no effect the truth of heavenly origin and rob the people of God of their past experience, giving them instead a false science.

During the past night, I have been shown more distinctly than ever before that these sentiments have been looked upon by some as the grand truths that are to be brought in and made prominent at the present time. I was shown a platform braced by solid timbers—the truths of the Word of God. Some one high in responsibility in the medical work was directing

this man and that man to loosen the timbers supporting this platform. Then I heard a voice saying, "Where are the watchmen that ought to be standing on the walls of Zion? Are they asleep? How can they be silent? This foundation was built by the Master Worker and will stand storm and tempest. Will they permit this man to present doctrines that deny the past experience of the people of God? The time has come to take decided action."

I was instructed to call upon our physicians and ministers to take a firm stand for the truth. We are not to allow atheistic, spiritualistic sentiments to be brought before our youth. God has led us in the past, giving us truth, eternal truth. By this truth we are to stand. Some of the leaders in the medical work have been deceived, and if they continue to hold fanciful, spiritualistic ideas, they will make many believe that the platform upon which we have been standing for the past fifty years has been torn away. These men need now to see with anointed eyes, with clear spiritual vision, that in spite of all man can do, "the foundation of God standeth sure," and "the Lord knoweth them that are His." [2 Timothy 2:19.]

The message to the Laodicean church comes to us at this time with special meaning. Read it, and ask God to show you its import. Thank God that He is still sending us messages of mercy. Those accepting the theories regarding God that are introduced in Living Temple are in great danger of being led finally to look upon the whole Bible as a fiction; for these theories make of no effect the plain Word of God.

The tempter is working to gather together at Battle Creek as large a number as possible, hoping that they will receive false ideas of God and His work, and thus make of no effect the impression that God would have made on the minds of those engaged in the medical missionary work and in the gospel ministry. God abhors the great swelling words of vanity that have been spoken by some connected with the Sanitarium. The judgments of God have been visited upon Battle Creek, and these judgments call for humiliation rather than for proud boasting and self-exaltation.

The heavenly messenger turned to those professing to be medical missionaries, and said, "How could you allow yourselves to be led blindfold? How could you so misrepresent the name you bear? You have your Bibles. Why have you not reasoned from cause to effect? You have accepted theories that have led you away from the truths that are to stamp their impress upon the characters of all Seventh-day Adventists. Your leader has been removing the foundation timbers one by one, and his reasoning would soon leave us with no certain foundation for our faith. He has not heeded the testimonies that God through His Spirit has given. The books of the Bible containing most important instruction are disregarded because they say so much about a personal God. He has not known whither his feet were tending. But in his recent writings, his tendencies toward pantheism have been revealed."

The enemy of souls has sought to bring in the supposition that a great reformation was to take place among Seventh-day Adventists, and that this reformation would consist in giving up the doctrines which stand as the pillars of our faith and engaging in a process of reorganization.

Were this reformation to take place, what would result? The principles of truth that God in His wisdom has given to the remnant church would be discarded. Our religion would be changed. The fundamental principles that have sustained the work for the last fifty years would be accounted as error. A new organization would be established. Books of a new order would be written. A system of intellectual philosophy would be introduced. The founders of this system would go into the cities and do a wonderful work. The Sabbath, of course, would be lightly regarded, as also the God who created it. Nothing would be allowed to stand in the way of the new movement. The leaders would teach that virtue is better than vice; but God being removed, they would place their dependence on human power, which, without God, is worthless. Their foundation would be built on the sand, and storm and tempest would sweep away the structure.

Who has authority to begin such a movement? We have our Bibles. We have our experience, attested to by the miraculous working of the Holy Spirit. We have a truth that admits of no compromise. Shall we not repudiate everything that is not in harmony with this truth?

A mind trained only in worldly science fails to discern the deep things of God, but the same mind, converted and sanctified, would see the divine power in the Word. Only the mind that is cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things.

The Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, are “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” [2 Timothy 3:16, 17.] Let us go to the Word of God for guidance. Let us seek for a “Thus saith the Lord.” We have had enough of human methods. Brethren, awake to your God-given responsibilities. Your judgment, unless perverted by a long practice of false principles, will discern the deep things of God, given by His Holy Spirit, and your hearts will be made susceptible to the teaching of the Word.

May God bring His people under the deep movings of His Spirit. The Spirit makes efficient the ordinary means of grace. God teaches that His kingdom is to be established in the earth “not by might, nor by power,” but by His Spirit. [Zechariah 4:6.] The Spirit is the efficiency of His people.

I am instructed to say that those who would tear down the foundation that God has laid are not to be accepted as the teachers and leaders of His people. We are to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Words of power have been sent by God and by Christ to this people, bringing them out from the world point by point, into the clear light of present truth. With lips touched with holy fire, God’s servants have proclaimed the message. The divine utterance has set its seal to the genuineness of the truth proclaimed.

The Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a revival of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of His people have long been torpid, but there will be a resurrection from apparent death.

In the future, God will call for the gifts and talents of men not now actively engaged in His service. Let these respond to His call, putting their trust in the great Medical Missionary. The power that is the life of the soul has not been seen as it must be. It has been smothered for want of spiritual ventilation—the blending of human effort and divine grace.

God is calling upon His people to work. He comes to them as they idle away the precious, golden moments, and says, “Go work today in My vineyard.” [Matthew 21:28.]

By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King’s highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send His Spirit as the all-conquering power.

Men may still learn the things that belong to their peace. Mercy’s voice may still be heard, calling, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] It is only when spiritual life is given that rest is found and lasting good secured. We must be able to say, in storm and tempest, “My anchor holds.” He who builds upon any other foundation than that which has been laid builds upon shifting sand. God calls for a reformation. But he who seeks to bring about a reformation without the aid of the Holy Spirit’s reviving power will find himself adrift. Those who turn from human foolishness and frailty, from man’s seductive arts, from Satan’s planning, to Christ, the shepherd and bishop of our souls, will stand secure upon the platform of eternal truth.

Lt 243, 1903

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 11, 1903

Dear Sister Hall,—

I have been so busily employed in writing day after day that I have failed to write to you. I have been expecting and hoping that you would soon return to California, to be a member of our family. Your presence is worth much to me. I hope that you will soon be free to come back to us.

Marian, Sara, Dores Robinson, Clarence Crisler, Helen Graham, and Maggie attended the General Conference. We rented a furnished house, and all except myself took their meals at the restaurant.

We decided not to take a horse and carriage to Oakland, thinking that it would be better to hire a conveyance there. We went out once for a ride of about two hours and paid two dollars. This I could not consent to do again.

In a furniture store Sara found an easy wheelchair with good springs. This she rented, and in it I was taken to and from the meetings. Sometimes I was wheeled by Sara and sometimes by Dores Robinson. The chair was an excellent one, and after the Conference we purchased it, paying fourteen dollars for it.

Since the Conference I have carried very heavy burdens, and this has worn upon me. I am still hoping and praying that the Lord will bring peace and unity into the church. If our church members cannot live in harmony here, how can they live in harmony in heaven?

I am writing much in regard to several matters. The suggestion has come from our canvassers that, after the Relief of the Schools Campaign is finished, Christ's Object Lessons be made a subscription book. They are sure that it would have a large sale all over the world.

When Willie told me of this suggestion, the thought at once came into my mind that the plan suggested might perhaps be best. If it were carried out, my royalty on the copies sold would help to settle my debts.

While these thoughts were passing through my mind, it was distinctly represented to me that Object Lessons was, in the plan of God, given to help our schools to roll away the terrible burden of debt. I saw clearly that the way in which the book had been handled was the Lord's plan and that it was accomplishing great good.

I turned to Willie, and said, "I made of that book an offering to the Lord, and I cannot take it off the altar of sacrifice. As long as I live that book is to be handled as none of my other books have been handled. And when I am no longer with you, you must see that this book is kept on the altar of sacrifice. I will not change a plan that has already brought to the cause of God, for the relief of our schools, two hundred thousand dollars."

Willie's lips quivered. Tears came into his eyes, and he said, "Yes, mother, the matter is settled now, never to be changed."

But I have written fully on this subject elsewhere, so I will not give you any more particulars, but will send you a copy of what I have written to our leading brethren.

Many schools, large and small, are to be established in country places, and the proceeds from the sale of Object Lessons will be needed in this work. The sale of this book is under the Lord's supervision. He will continue to make it a blessing.

I feel an intense desire that more shall be done to warn the world of the coming of the Son of man in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. I want to do all in my power to arouse our brethren to resist the temptation to erect many food factories and food stores for the manufacture and sale of health foods. There is danger that the minds of those engaged in the health food work will become absorbed in commercial interests. The attention of young and old will be given to these interests, and the proclamation of the gospel message will be neglected. At this time we need men who are filled with zeal for the circulation of our larger books. Our

young men should enter the field as canvassers, evangelists, and physicians. As they go forth, they will gain a knowledge of how to do medical missionary work and of how to present the message of truth. If the talents of men and women and youth are to be bound up in food factories, food stores, and hygienic restaurants, where are the workers for other branches of the cause to come from?

We are now to prepare for the marriage supper of the Lamb. We are to give the message everywhere, in the highways and the hedges, to high and low, rich and poor. House-to-house work is to be done. I am becoming afraid as I see how little soul-saving work is done by our restaurants. As I think of these things, I am instructed that unless the restaurant work is managed in such a way as to save souls, the young people engaged in it will be in danger of losing their interest in present truth. God would have us make decided plans to keep as far as possible from the snares that await those who enter largely into food speculations. We must pray and watch unto prayer, and we must find out the real results of the restaurant work.

The Lord calls for men and women to stand on the watch tower and sound the warning as they see many things coming in to absorb the mind and call the attention from eternal things. We are to be getting ready to move to the better country, to the mansions that Christ is preparing for those who love Him. We have a special message to give. We cannot be silent now. We must arouse from our lethargy and, realizing our danger, prepare for eternity.

Tuesday morning

This morning we received an excellent letter from Sister Haskell. I am sure that a good work is being done in New York, and I wish that the work there were a hundredfold stronger than it is.

Dr. Kellogg has written me an excellent letter. I wish that he could unload from the many burdens that he should not be carrying; for while he carries these burdens, he cannot do justice to himself or to the medical missionary work, in which he acts so important a part.

I know that God will give us light if we will be humble and contrite. But my soul is greatly troubled for many who are in partial blindness. There are those who refuse to see the meaning of the destruction of two of our largest institutions. God has borne long with these men. When He saw that they were determined to disregard His counsels, He spoke in judgment. He will not be dishonored, and make no sign.

We are warned that the Lord will come suddenly, surprising the world in their idolatrous wickedness. But I sincerely hope that our people will see the necessity of drawing near to God. We need at this time clear, decided testimonies, which are right to the point. The end of all things is at hand. I may see it myself. May God help me to do my work faithfully, that I may be ready to meet Him—watching, waiting, and praying. Only a little while longer, and we shall see the King in His beauty.

Lt 244, 1903

Sanitarium Managers/Parents

November 5, 1903 [typed]

Words of Warning

To Sanitarium managers and to parents,—

We are living in a time of special peril to the youth. Satan knows that the end of the world is soon to come, and he is determined to improve every opportunity for pressing young men and young women into his service. He will devise many specious temptations to lead them astray. We need now to consider the words of warning written by the apostle Paul and to preserve our youth from seeing and hearing many things that are sinful and from living in an atmosphere that is largely irreligious.

In the second epistle to the Corinthians we read: “Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers; for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters.” [2 Corinthians 6:14-18.]

Special light has been given me in regard to why we may accomplish much more for the Master by the establishment of many small sanitariums than by the building up of a few large institutions.

In these large medical institutions there will be gathered together many who are not very sick, but who, like tourists, are seeking rest and pleasure. These will have to be waited on by our nurses and helpers. Young men and young women, who from their earliest years have been shielded from evil associations, are thus brought into contact with all classes of worldlings and are influenced to a greater or lesser extent by what they see and hear. They become like those with whom they associate, losing the simplicity and modesty that Christian fathers and mothers have guarded and cherished by careful instruction and earnest prayers.

Among the many unbelievers who patronize our large sanitariums, a few may come to a knowledge of the truth; but there is great danger that much more will be lost than gained, because our youth, in their association with men and women who fear not God, will meet with seductive influences that are almost irresistible. Satanic agencies will make every effort possible to destroy the purity of mind and soul, and many of these youth will never free themselves from the snare of the enemy.

We are living amidst the perils of the last days. Something decisive must be said to warn our people against the danger of permitting their children, who need parental care and instruction,

to leave the influence of home life, where they have been kept from the evil of the world, to go to places where they will be employed to act as servants to pleasure-loving and irreligious worldlings.

In many homes the father and mother have allowed their children to rule. Such children are in far greater danger than are those who have learned to obey. Not having received the necessary disciplinary training, they suppose that they may do as they please. Their parents have not done diligent, faithful work in the home and have failed of imparting to them a knowledge of obedience, which would have strengthened them to resist temptation. When these undisciplined children enter an immense institution, where there are many influences that tend to destroy spirituality, they are in grave peril; and often their stay in the institution is an injury rather than a blessing.

I would say to parents, Make every reasonable effort to keep your children near you. Do not separate them from you, sending them hundreds of miles away, to places where there may be sown in their minds the seeds of unbelief and error. Send them to the schools and sanitariums nearest you. I shall not be free until I warn parents against sending their children to the Battle Creek Sanitarium or any other place where the helpers must mingle with a great company of unbelievers and where the forces of the enemy are strongly entrenched.

We do not say that there are not many worthy people among those who are guests at the Battle Creek Sanitarium; for there are. But while we know that there are a number whose hearts are true and who are benefitted spiritually by their visit to the institution, we know, too, that there are many others whose influence over inexperienced helpers will lead them into temptation. Let a decided effort be made by the managers to employ older persons for helpers in our large sanitariums.

In the visions of the night, I was in a large assembly where this matter was up for consideration. One of authority said with great solemnity, "Dare you venture to make the experiment? The salvation of the souls of your children is of more value than the education they receive in this place where they are constantly exposed to the influence of unbelievers. Many who come to this institution are unconverted. They are filled with pride and have no connection with God. Many of the young men and young women who wait on these worldlings have had but little Christian experience and easily become entangled in the snares that are laid for their feet."

"What can be done to remedy this evil?" some one present asked. The Speaker answered: "Since you have placed yourselves in this position of peril, let Christian men and women of mature years and established character be brought into the institution to exert a counter influence for the right. The carrying out of such a plan would increase the running expenses of the Sanitarium, but it may be an effective means of guarding the fort and of shielding the youth in the institution from the contaminating influences to which they are now exposed.

"Fathers and mothers are held responsible by God for the salvation of their children. After souls become obedient to the truth, have they no need of further watchcare? How difficult it is for

the believing youth to maintain their consecration to God in the midst of the worldly influences which exist at the Battle Creek Sanitarium!”

The heavenly Instructor continued: “Parents, guardians, place your children in training schools where the surrounding influences are similar to those of the home school; schools in which the teachers will carry them forward from point to point and in which the spiritual atmosphere is a savor of life unto life.”

In the days of the Israelites, the parents were directed to gather their children into their houses with them and to strike the lintel of the doorpost with blood. And in the time in which we are living, it is unsafe to break down the barriers that the truth builds as a fortress about God’s people. It is unsafe to think that our children may be permitted to associate with unbelievers as freely as with Christians. Whether or not our youth, who have received wise instruction and training from godly parents, will continue to be sanctified through the truth depends largely upon the influences that, after leaving their homes, they meet among those to whom they look for Christian instruction.

Every one is now on trial. Every one will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. Those only who in this world are fully prepared for heaven will at last be numbered with the heavenly family in the courts above. Let us think seriously upon the nature of the impressions that will be left upon the susceptible minds of the youth who are being brought into daily association with worldly, irreligious men and women.

The words of instruction and warning that I have written in regard to our youth going to Battle Creek to receive a training for service in the Lord’s cause are not idle words. Some God-fearing youth will stand the test, but it is not safe for us to leave even the most conscientious ones without our best care and protection. I am instructed to repeat to our brethren and sisters the warning and the exhortation that Paul sent to the church at Thessalonica:

“The mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he that now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming; even him whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusions, that they might believe a lie; that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of glory by our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the tradition which you have been taught, whether by word, or by our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting

consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work." [2 Thessalonians 2:7-17.]

Lt 245, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 5, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

Battle Creek, Michigan

My dear brother,—

I should be unfaithful to my trust as a shepherd, as a watchman on the walls of Zion, were I to keep silent at this time.

I supposed that after the council meeting in Battle Creek, following the Oakland General Conference, your spirit would change. In every way I had tried to bring about unity between the medical missionary workers and the churches. I had told my brethren and sisters to be very careful in regard to the words they spoke concerning you; and I had cautioned them not to criticize you, thus leading you to suppose that they were your enemies.

It was due that hearty confessions be made by you, but in this you did not do thorough work. And this is the reason that no reformation has taken place. I heard of the work being done in Battle Creek. My anxiety was anticipated, and a telegram was sent me saying that peace had been established between the General Conference brethren and the Sanitarium brethren. A letter followed saying that in a most wonderful manner the Holy Spirit had been manifested in the work of uniting ministers with medical missionaries as one in spirit and purpose. But I was instructed by the Lord that thorough work had not been done.

My brother, you have been greatly honored by the Lord. You have been designated as the Lord's appointed medical missionary, but while standing in this exalted position, you have many times shown yourself to be unworthy of the trust. You have been mingling with worldlings and in spirit have become one with the world. It was while men slept that the enemy sowed tares. This has been presented to me again and again in connection with your experience.

In connection with the matter of issuing bonds with which to raise means for the completion of the Sanitarium, you indulged in a spirit of boasting. This plan for raising means is not endorsed by God. It has been accepted by men, but there will be disappointment.

You have not a true understanding of yourself. As Christ said to Nicodemus, so I am instructed to say to you, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he can not enter the kingdom of God." [John 3:5.]

You have received many letters from me—testimonies in which you have been warned, reproved, and instructed; but because of your great confidence in your own plans and opinions, you have not accepted all these messages. You have been in company with one who has been misleading you.

There is one thing that I must insist upon, namely, that you shall not bring into the company of believers at Washington your spirit, your ambitions, your prejudices, your feelings of envy and jealousy, by endeavoring to establish or control the medical missionary work in that city. The Lord will be pleased to have you stand aside and let the work that He has commissioned His servants in Washington to perform be done without your stamp being placed upon it.

I have borne to you messages of truth in regard to the manner in which you have been carrying on the medical missionary work; and now, if you desire to continue the course that you have been pursuing, please keep out of the way of those whom you think have abused you. Devote your energies to your own work.

On several occasions I have seen one in disguise linked up with you and presenting matters before you in a perverted light. In the future he will work more decidedly upon your mind, unless you choose to be transformed by being born again. When you are under the spiritualistic influence of the wily foe, you are liable to say strange things; for the enemy speaks through you. When the spell under which you have made false representations is broken, and others repeat to you the words that you have uttered, you deny everything. But in the visions of the night I have heard you speak for effect some of the words that you deny having spoken—words which are untrue, but which you cannot help speaking when you are under evil influences. At such times you have no control over mind or spirit and are as fully under the influence of evil agencies as the converted are under the influence of the Holy Spirit. You do not resist the enemy. By him you are led to do many things that are an abomination in the sight of God, but of the nature and character of which you have no real knowledge and never will have until you are truly converted.

At the beginning of the General Conference of 1901, I spoke of the evils that had come into our work and of the reformation that must take place. Those who heard the messages that were given me for the Conference, especially the first three talks, felt impressed that I was speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. But you have intimated that it was you who gave me that inspiration.

My brother, you know that there is no truth in such an insinuation. We had no important conversation in regard to the matters concerning which I spoke until after my testimony had been borne. If you had talked with me before about these matters, you would have broken your agreement. I had brief talks with you about commonplace matters, but you know that you did not impart to me the thoughts brought out in my talks to the General Conference.

You have given the enemy the advantage over yourself, and at times you act in a manner that is unbecoming to a Christian. You feel that you are abused; and so you are—but chiefly by

yourself. You convey to others the impression that your brethren greatly abuse you; but in this you are deceived. There are times when you have not dealt openly and righteously with your brethren, but deceptively.

Under the influences of evil, your deceptive powers have been sharpening. The sentiments that you entertain and advocate are in some ways similar to and even more dangerous in their results than the sentiments in regard to "holy flesh," which I rebuked while at the General Conference of 1901. You need to heed the testimonies given you before it is everlastingly too late.

If those who sustain you only knew how near the brink of ruin you are, some would nobly take their stand on the Lord's side and would strive manfully to save their own souls and also to save your soul. I pray that those who by their blindness have helped you along in the downward way may now seek the Lord most earnestly for divine enlightenment, that they may know how to help you to break the spell of skepticism and unbelief that has been upon you.

Lt 245a, 1903

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"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

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I supposed that after the council meeting in Battle Creek, following the Oakland General Conference, the spirit within you would change. In every way I had tried to bring about unity between the medical missionary workers and the churches. I had told our brethren and sisters to be very careful in regard to the words they used concerning you; and I had cautioned them not to lead you to suppose that they were your enemies by criticizing you.

I expected that some confessions would be made by you, but none were made. And this is the reason that no reformation has taken place. I heard of the work being done in Battle Creek. My anxiety was anticipated, and a telegram was sent me saying that perfect peace had been established between the General Conference brethren and the Sanitarium brethren. A letter followed, representing that in a most wonderful manner the Holy Spirit had been manifested in the work of uniting ministers with medical missionaries as one in spirit and purpose; that now the ministers of the General Conference were just as verily medical missionaries in heart and in influence as were those whose lives were devoted wholly to so-called medical missionary work.

My brother, there is no other man who has claimed to be a worker for the Lord who has caused me as much heart anguish as Dr. Kellogg has; because, while standing in an exalted position, you have many times not been worthy of bearing the name of God's appointed medical missionary worker. This has been presented to me again and again. You have been mingling with worldlings and in spirit have become one with the world. It was while men slept that the enemy sowed tares.

When there was devised the plan of issuing bonds with which to raise means for the completion of the Sanitarium, you indulged in a spirit of boasting and rejoicing. This plan is not endorsed by God. It has been accepted by men, but they will be disappointed.

Dr. Kellogg, you are not regarded by God as a converted man. As Christ said to Nicodemus, so I am instructed to say to you: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." [John 3:5.] You have not a true understanding of your individual self.

You have received many letters from me—testimonies in which you have been warned, reproved, and instructed; but because of your great self-assurance, you have not accepted all these messages. You have been in company with one who has been misleading you.

There is one thing that I will urge; namely, that you shall not bring into the company of believers at Washington your spirit and prejudices, your feelings of envy and jealousy, by endeavoring to establish the medical missionary work in that city. We ask you kindly to stand aside, and let the work that God has commissioned us to do be done without the stamp of Dr. J. H. Kellogg being placed upon it.

I have told you the truth in regard to the manner in which you have been carrying on the medical missionary work; and now, if you desire to continue the course that you have pursued, please keep out of the way of those whom you think have abused you. Take care of your own work.

In the visions of the night I am still instructed in the same way in which I was instructed when there was presented before me the large building in Chicago, with embellishments. I supposed this building had been erected, and I wrote immediately in regard to the matter. Afterward, I learned that no such building had ever been erected there.

When the letter was received, Dr. Kellogg said, "Somebody has told her a falsehood." I wrote the message as something that the Lord had revealed to me. And if a view of this building had not been presented before me in vision, it would be standing today in Chicago, a place where God has forbidden us to erect large buildings.

This matter was explained to me by one in whom we have confidence. He said that although Dr. Kellogg used this testimony as a proof that what Sister White writes is not always true, specifications had been written out and a drawing made of a large building to be erected in Chicago, which building exactly answered the description of the one shown me in vision; and

that as soon as my testimony was received, all these plans were at once laid aside and the project abandoned.

Should not these facts be regarded as positive evidence that the Lord represented this building before me in time, so that the plan should not be executed? The message that was sent to meet the situation arrived just in time to prevent our brethren from erecting a large, expensive building in Chicago. As soon as the letter reached them, to their credit be it said, they stopped planning to put up the building. This experience throws light on the design of God to prevent things that should not be.

Fearing lest you might again repeat the story in regard to the so-called error in the message received concerning the great building in Chicago, I make this statement of facts as they have been told me.

In answer to your charge in regard to the testimonies—"somebody has told her"—I will say, Yes; somebody has—One who never makes a mistake. It is this One who told me of the building in Chicago concerning which I wrote. But I leave this matter with you. I will not trouble my mind about it.

At the beginning of the General Conference of 1901, I spoke of the evils that had come into our work and of the reformation that must take place. One or two have told me that in conversing with you in regard to my speaking under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit while bearing the first three messages at the opening of the Conference, you remarked, "It was I who gave Sister White that inspiration." My brother, you may be assured that you will have to meet this statement in the judgment. I know not to how many you have repeated it.

We agreed that if I lived in your home during the Conference, no words should pass between us, lest some one might be tempted to say that I was in any way influenced or informed by you. We had no conversation in regard to the matters concerning which I spoke until after my testimony had been borne. If you had talked with me before, you would have broken your agreement. I may have spoken some words to you about commonplace matters, or I may not; for I was determined not to give the least occasion to any one for stumbling. And to think that you would make such a statement as you have made, after the messages had been borne under the inspiration of the Spirit of God!

My brother, I will not make any charges against you, or attach any blame to you. I will let the Lord handle your case. But you certainly have not told the truth; and your lack of truthfulness is a trait in your character that is contemptible in God's sight.

On several occasions I have seen one in disguise linked up with you and presenting matters before you in a perverted light. In the future he will work more decidedly upon your mind, unless you choose to be transformed by being born again. When you are under the spiritualistic influence of the wily foe, you are liable to say anything about any one; for the seducer uses you

as an agent through whom to voice his words, as in the garden of Eden he used the serpent through which to address our first parents.

When under Satan's power, you make false representations. After the spell is broken, and others repeat to you the words that you have uttered, you deny everything; whereas the very words spoken are the words that in the visions of the night I have heard you speak for effect—words that are untrue, but that you cannot help speaking when you are under the influence of satanic agencies. At such times you have no control over mind or spirit and are as fully under the influence of evil agencies as the converted are under the influence of the Holy Spirit. You do not resist the enemy, that he may flee from you. By him you are led to do many things that are abominations in the sight of God, but of which you have no knowledge and never will have unless you shall be converted.

I am not at all desirous of having any connection with you; for you have given Satan the advantage over yourself and at times act in a manner unbecoming a Christian in every way. You claim that you are abused; and so you are—by yourself. You convey to others the impression that your brethren abuse you; but this is untrue. You have not dealt openly and righteously with your brethren, but deceptively.

Under the discipline of satanic agencies, your deceptive powers are sharpening. The sentiments that you entertain and advocate are similar to and even more dangerous in evil results than were the sentiments in regard to "holy flesh," which I rebuked while at the General Conference of 1901. Our brethren from Indiana were sincere in their belief; you are not honest in your deceptions. You need to open your eyes, and heed the testimonies given you, before it shall be everlastingly too late.

If those who sustain you only knew how near the brink of ruin you are, some would nobly take their stand on the Lord's side and save their own souls, even if they could not save your soul. Let those who have helped you along the downward way by their own blindness now seek the Lord most earnestly for divine enlightenment, that they may know how to break the spell of skepticism and unbelief that is upon you.

After his fall from heaven, Satan's enmity against God found a new field in plotting the ruin of the human race. He determined to incite the holy pair in Eden to disobedience and bring upon them the guilt and penalty of sin.

Like the angels, the dwellers in Eden had been placed upon probation; their happy estate could be retained only on condition of fidelity to the Creator's law. They could obey and live or disobey and perish. God had made them the recipients of rich blessings; but should they disregard His will, He who spared not the angels that sinned could not spare them; transgression would forfeit His gifts and bring upon them misery and ruin.

The angels warned them to be on their guard against the devices of Satan; for his efforts to ensnare them would be unwearied. While they were obedient to God, the evil one could not harm them; for, if need be, every angel in heaven would be sent to their help.

The tree of knowledge had been made a test of their obedience and their love to God. The Lord had seen fit to lay upon them but one prohibition as to the use of all that was in the garden; but if they should disregard His will in this particular, they would incur the guilt of transgression. Satan was not to follow them with continual temptations; he could have access to them only at the forbidden tree. Should they attempt to investigate its nature, they would be exposed to his wiles. They were admonished to give careful heed to the warning which God had sent them and to be content with the instruction which He had seen fit to impart.

In order to accomplish his work unperceived, Satan chose to employ as his medium the serpent—a disguise well adapted for his purpose of deception. The serpent was then one of the wisest and most beautiful creatures on the earth. It had wings and while flying through the air presented an appearance of dazzling brightness, having the color and brilliancy of burnished gold. Resting in the rich-laden branches of the forbidden tree, and regaling itself with the delicious fruit, it was an object to arrest the attention and delight the eye of the beholder. Thus in the garden of peace lurked the destroyer, watching for his prey.

The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labor in the garden; with him she should be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side. On perceiving that she was alone, she felt an apprehension of danger but dismissed her fears, deciding that she had sufficient wisdom and strength to discern evil and to withstand it. Unmindful of the angels' caution, she soon found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the forbidden tree. The fruit was very beautiful, and she questioned with herself why God had withheld it from them. Now was the tempter's opportunity. As if he were able to discern the workings of her mind, he addressed her: "Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" [Genesis 3:1.] Eve was surprised and startled as she thus seemed to hear the echo of her thoughts. But the serpent continued, in a musical voice, with subtle praise of her surpassing loveliness; and his words were not displeasing. Instead of fleeing from the spot, she lingered wonderingly to hear a serpent speak. Had she been addressed by a being like the angels, her fears would have been excited; but she had no thought that the fascinating serpent could become the medium of the fallen foe.

To the tempter's ensnaring question she replied: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." [Verses 2-5.]

By partaking of this tree, he declared, they would attain to a more exalted sphere of existence and enter a broader field of knowledge. He himself had eaten of the forbidden fruit and as a result had acquired the power of speech. And he insinuated that the Lord jealously desired to withhold it from them, lest they should be exalted to equality with Himself. It was because of its wonderful properties, imparting wisdom and power, that He had prohibited them from tasting or even touching it. The tempter intimated that the divine warning was not to be actually fulfilled; it was designed merely to intimidate them. How could it be possible for them to die? Had they not eaten of the tree of life? God had been seeking to prevent them from reaching a nobler development and finding greater happiness.

Such has been Satan's work from the days of Adam to the present, and he has pursued it with great success. He tempts men to distrust God's love and to doubt His wisdom. He is constantly seeking to excite a spirit of irreverent curiosity—a restless, inquisitive desire to penetrate the secrets of divine wisdom and power. In their efforts to search out what God has been pleased to withhold, multitudes overlook the truths which He has revealed and which are essential to salvation. Satan tempts men to disobedience by leading them to believe they are entering a wonderful field of knowledge. But this is all a deception. Elated with their ideas of progression, they are, by trampling on God's requirements, setting their feet in the path that leads to degradation and death.

Lt 246, 1903

Sanitarium Family and the Battle Creek Church

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 12, 1903

To the Sanitarium family and the Battle Creek church,—

The work that the believers in Battle Creek can do is at their hand. Let them distribute our literature. Let them make the most of every opportunity to arrest the attention of unbelievers. Let those who have been reprov'd for serving self rather than Christ arouse themselves and zealously repent. Let them put literature into every hand that will receive it, and let no one say, "Why do ye so?" In different ways a warning message is to be borne to high and low. Let all put on the gospel armor and stand firm for the truth.

My brethren and sisters, there will come to your city many who have never heard the truth for this time. These men and women may come from cities which through your neglect have never been warned. As they come to where you are, neglect not your duty. By wise, Christlike movements, disappoint the enemy. Now is your opportunity, just now, to tell them of what is coming upon the world. In great wisdom present the truth as it is in Jesus.

During the summer let a large tent be pitched in the most favorable location, and let a series of meetings be held. In behalf of those who come to Battle Creek, let us do everything in our power to magnify the law and make it honorable. Let the Lord God of Israel be exalted as the great Medical Missionary.

Be Earnest Temperance Workers

A decided warning is to be borne against intemperance. Many of the terrible crimes that are becoming so common in our world, many of the murders, the robberies, the railroad accidents, that are so rapidly increasing, may be traced to the use of intoxicants. Many of the men and women who fill our insane asylums and prisons are there because of the influence of alcohol.

And yet this cruel traffic, the fearful results of which may be seen on every hand, is legalized by the laws of the land. And Satan stands by exulting.

God calls for an army to be formed against the sale of the drugged liquor that is making men mad. As yet the contest has scarcely begun. Who will put forth a determined effort against this terrible evil? Soon we shall see its fearful results as we do not see them now.

Appeal to ministers of the gospel to set a worthy example. Plead with them to be temperate in all things. Ask them to reckon up how much of the Lord's money they have spent during their life time for tobacco. Do they realize that men formed in the image of God are daily using that which is paralyzing their reasoning faculties and robbing them of their power rightly to estimate eternal realities? No human being needs tobacco, but many human beings need the money spent for this health-destroying indulgence.

Many men spend their hours in God-dishonoring ways, at the racecourse, in the gambling den. Thousands gather to witness a pugilistic contest—an exhibition of animalism revolting to Him who gave His life to uplift and ennoble human beings.

The record of the corruption in our cities cannot be traced by human pen. Political strife, bribery, fraud are seen on every hand. Men seem determined to rule or ruin. They are ready to ill-treat and even to kill those who will not be ruled by them. Who can doubt but that the evils which existed before the flood exist today?

Poverty is created by wealthy men who form trusts controlling certain articles of merchandise and then sell these things at their own prices.

And while the world is filled with these evils, the gospel is presented in a heartless, indifferent way that accomplishes very little good.

I tremble for the men in positions of trust who put the wineglass to their lips. He who places himself under the influence of strong drink has for the time being destroyed his reason. He has lost the power of self-control, and he is not fitted to stand in a position of trust. How can the Lord of heaven co-operate with such a man?

O that those who are rulers of nations would realize the responsibility resting upon them to be representatives of God, to set a right example, to shun the use of intoxicating liquor, that they may never be found off their guard. Judges, lawyers, senators should give evidence to those who look to them for guidance that they acknowledge themselves to be under the control of a supreme Ruler, even Christ. They are to heed the invitation, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:29, 30.] No man who ignores his obligations to God has succeeded, or can succeed.

We are in this world to lift the cross of Calvary. As we lift this cross, we shall find that it lifts us. Let every Christian stand in his lot and place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world. We need the ardor of the Christian hero, who can endure the seeing of Him that is invisible. Our faith is to have a resurrection. The soldiers of the cross are to exert a positive influence for good. Christ says, "He that is not for Me is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." [Matthew 12:30.] Indifference in the Christian life is a manifest denial of Christ.

Should we not see in the world today medical missionaries who in all features of their work are worthy of the name they bear, who aspire to the doing of deeds worthy of valiant soldiers of Christ? We are living near the close of the great conflict, when many souls are to be rescued from the slavery of sin. We are living in a time when to Christ's followers the promise especially belongs, "Lo, I am with you alway." [Matthew 28:20.] He who commanded light to shine out of darkness, He who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light bids us let our light shine brightly before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify our Father who is in heaven. In such rich measure has light been given to God's people that Christ is justified in telling them that they are to be the light of the world.

To our physicians and ministers I send the message, Lay hold of the Lord's work as if you believed the truth for this time. Medical missionary workers and workers in the gospel ministry are to be bound together by indissoluble ties. Their work is to be done with freshness and power, and throughout our churches there is to be a reconversion and a reconsecration to service. Shall we not, in our work in the future, and in the gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that has made our service so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance, humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of spiritual power are now to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it.

Let us consecrate ourselves to the proclamation of the message, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway for our God." [Isaiah 40:3.] Divine and human instrumentalities are to unite for the accomplishment of one great object. "The Spirit and the

bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." [Revelation 22:17.]

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." [Daniel 12:3.]

Lt 247, 1903

Leaders in our Medical Missionary Work

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 12, 1903

To the leaders in our medical missionary work

Dear Brethren,—

I cannot rest. Your opportunities and your perils are repeatedly presented to me. I call upon you to seek the Lord, to be reconverted, and to come into line. The Lord is not dependent upon any human agency; but He has chosen men to carry forward His work of soul-saving. The co-operation of divine and human agencies has ever been His plan. He works through human instrumentalities, but it is only by co-operating with Him that men can gain real success. However great a man's talents or self-confidence, he can do nothing apart from God. "We are laborers together with God." [1 Corinthians 3:9.] If men will allow themselves to be out of harmony with Bible truth, if they will allow the enemy to come in to deceive the people of God with his sophistries, the Lord's rebuke will rest upon them.

I am instructed to say to those who have entertained scientific, speculative theories regarding God: It would be far better for you to seek to understand your duty before God than to enter into speculations regarding His personality. By allowing your minds to be led into such scientific speculations, you place yourselves where you will know less and less concerning your Creator.

Your knowledge of God and of His attributes has been lessened since you have begun to theorize regarding His nature and prerogatives. Your attempts to explain Him reveal to the heavenly host how little you really know of Him. The word of the Lord to you is, "I will no more be with you, unless you return to your first love. I will remove your candlestick out of its place, except you repent. I will turn My back to you, and not My face. You have greatly dishonored and belittled Me. All these things hath Mine eye seen."

Repentance and conversion is the only way to salvation. When your eyes are opened, you will see the danger of the sentiments that you have been entertaining. You have been eating from a dish of truth and error, of good and evil. As you place yourselves where the Lord can use you as men of spiritual intelligence, as laborers together with Him, you will realize how far you have been departing from Him.

My brethren, will you not be soundly converted and no longer trifle with God? Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat. But it is not too late for wrongs to be righted. If you will come to Christ with humble, contrite hearts, He will receive you and will help you to purify your souls from the sophistry of Satan's devising. It is against the Lord God of heaven that you have sinned, He who in a marvelous manner has led His people on step by step, preparing the way, giving them the great, grand truths that are to be proclaimed in the closing days of this earth's history.

The church is now engaged in a warfare that will increase in intensity on the very point on which you have been misled. Not one pillar of our faith is to be moved. Not one line of revealed truth is to be replaced by new and fanciful theories.

In clear lines truth has been given us. Under the guidance of God, books have been prepared which state clearly the truth for this time. If you will not believe these evidences, neither would you believe if one rose from the dead.

You must make thorough work for repentance. Come before God in humiliation and contrition. There must be harmonious working among God's people. We must know who is going to follow the light. "If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." [1 Kings 18:21.]

Lt 248, 1903

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 13, 1903

My dear Son Edson,—

I have received your letter in which you speak of your desire to raise means by the sale of The Story of Joseph and asking me to telegraph my endorsement of your plan. I heartily approve of your plan, as stated in your letter, and sent you a telegram, as you requested.

I have a long letter written to you, but shall not be able to send it this week. I did not realize that it is Friday and could hardly believe it when I was told. I shall not be able to get the letter copied today, but will send it to you later.

I have been very, very busy with my writing. I have written much in regard to the misleading theories contained in Living Temple. This book is certainly a strange production to come from the pen of one who has a knowledge of the truth that for so long we have held sacred. The presentation of the errors in this book should be a warning to us not to trust in man and not to make flesh our arm. We cannot place the least dependence on finite men. Let us trust in the Lord. He is too wise to err and too good to do us harm.

I thank God that I was alive to meet this crisis and that He preserves my reason and gives me strength to bear my testimony.

I am perplexed over financial matters. I am at present hiring money from the bank and paying a high rate of interest. But the Lord will surely open the way for the advancement of His work. We must pray and believe and work.

Sunday

I have been unable to write much to you lately. The thought of the seductive theories that have been creeping in among us has weighed upon me so heavily that for weeks I have not slept past one and two o'clock. I have written much in an effort to counteract the influence of these errors. While writing these things I feel very sorrowful. My feelings are so wrought upon that I do not take sufficient breath. Then I get sick. Exhaustion and great distress come upon me.

Willie has spoken to me about the article that you wish, calling for means for the <Southern> publishing house. We will do all we can, though our own work is delayed. Why is it, Edson, that you do not read the collection of matter sent you on the work in the Southern field? We have taken every pains to get this matter together and to place it in your hands; and if you wish an interest awakened in the Southern field, why do you not read and study this matter, and send us your suggestions regarding its publication? We desire to publish it in book form as soon as we can get at it. Please give it attention, even though you have to neglect some other things.

In regard to the appeal for means for the publishing house, I must tell you, my son, that I have not been appointed by God to beg for all the institutions that are established. I will do all in my power to help these institutions, but it is not my duty to take the responsibility of carrying the beggar's load. I think that I have served my time at this. Do you not think so?

Recently I borrowed one thousand dollars. I was in great need of this money, and it was a serious question with me whether I should use it myself, or let you have it. I let you have it, and later, I sent you two hundred dollars more that I had borrowed. As a result, I am now hiring money from the bank and paying eight per cent interest.

I am receiving very little from my books. And the cost of publishing my new books is heavy. I am glad that the old debt at the Review and Herald is settled.

Edson, I am convinced that it would not be the proper thing for you to undertake to bring out a new edition of Patriarchs and Prophets. You have your hands full. We will release you from this burden; for it would be a heavy tax on you. I have just learned that a new edition of this book will soon be needed. When this edition is brought out, the necessary changes can be made by Pacific Press.

Lt 249, 1903

Magan, P. T.; Sutherland, E. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 11, 1903

Dear Brethren Magan and Sutherland,—

Brother Magan left with Willie copy written for a circular regarding the Berrien Springs School. In it there are some things that I think would be better left out. Let us not dwell on the dark chapters in the experience of Seventh-day Adventists. They bring up a discouraging, depressing picture, and it would seem as if Christ, the Light of the world, had not been near to help. There was no need of the dearth of knowledge, no reason why mistakes should have been made. Christ was then, as He ever will be, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He was ready to help, and no one need have made grave mistakes or errors.

The time to which you have referred, a time dark, perplexing, and discouraging—let it stay in the past. Do not talk of it unless forced to. To make reference to the worst features in the experience of those now in positions of trust in the work of God does not benefit any one. Let us not call up the dark shadows of the past. Let the past lie where it is, with all its objectionable features. Into the present we are to bring pleasantness, hope, and courage.

If there are those who are allowing the enemy to obtain an advantage over them, tempting him to tempt them and carrying out his plans, let not this appear. And do not bring up the dark, unchristlike deeds of the past. The dear Saviour was all the time inviting those who did these deeds to cease to dishonor God and to turn to Him for help to do right.

At the present time we have plain evidence of the specious, artful working of Satan on human minds. We have to meet this working with determined effort. But let the dark pictures of the past be buried, and let them stay buried. Let us not cloud the mind of any one by bringing up these representations. Let us at this time bring in all the light possible.

Few realize the dangerous character of the sentiments that we are having to meet. I have been over the ground. I have been given plain words to speak concerning these specious, bewitching sentiments. If they are not most decidedly met and reproved, souls will be lost. We cannot afford to be deceived. We must point our people to the old landmarks. We are to obtain strength and courage from on high, that we may obey the command given me, “Meet it.”

“Ye are the children of the light and of the day. We are not of the night, nor of darkness.” [1 Thessalonians 5:5.] Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. The trouble with us is that we do not press on in the way illuminated by the Sun of righteousness. In order to walk in this way, we must receive strength from the Life-giver. As we move forward in obedience to Christ’s commands, His light shines on our way, and His strength sustains us. Thus we go forward from strength to strength, from grace to grace, by obedience becoming more and more Christlike.

We are not to follow human leading. Christ is our leader. At all times and in all places, in every time of need, we shall find Him a present help. Because there are those professing to be

Christians who dishonor Christ in thought, word, and deed, we are to give plainer evidence than ever before of our completeness in Him. We are to walk in the light of His countenance. We can each show that Christ is light and that in Him is no darkness at all. If we will submit to His guidance, He will lead us from the low level on which sin has left us to the loftiest heights of grace.

We are not to darken our lives by talking of our own imperfections or of the imperfections of others. We are to be all light in the Lord.

From Christ all truth radiates. Apart from Christ, science is misleading, and philosophy is foolishness. Those who are separated from the Saviour will advance theories which originate with the wily foe. Christ's life stands out as the contrast of all false science, all erroneous theories, all misleading methods.

Pretenders will arise with theories that have no foundation in the Word of God. We are to hold aloft the banner bearing the inscription, The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. We are to hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. Let no one attempt to dilute truth with a mixture of sophistry. Let no one attempt to tear down the foundation of our faith or to spoil the pattern by bringing into the web threads of human devising. Not one thread of pantheism is to be drawn into the web. Sensuality, ruinous to soul and body, is always the result of drawing these threads into the web.

“Let us who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

“We exhort you, brethren, ... comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.” [Verses 8-24.]

Lt 250, 1903

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 16, 1903

My dear Edson,—

I have begun several letters to you, but after writing a few lines, have left them to take up some other subject that seemed to demand immediate attention.

A heavy burden has been laid upon me because of the perils that have been brought in by some of our medical missionary leaders. I have had to write much concerning the strange doctrines and theories expressed in Living Temple. Were these theories accepted by our people, the strong pillars of our faith and the truths that have made Seventh-day Adventists what they are would be swept away. I have had to show the fallacy of these doctrines, presenting them as a species of last-day heresy. We are told by the Word of God that just such teaching will be brought in at this time.

Neither Christ nor the apostles taught the doctrines that are found in Living Temple. They taught clearly the truth of the existence of a personal God. Paul speaks of Christ as “the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.” [Colossians 1:15.]

No man can explain the mysteries of God. His glory is hidden from the world. Of what value are the surmisings and speculations of men concerning His personality. The Creator is belittled by some of the ideas regarding Him that are expressed in Living Temple. Christ is the representative of the Father, “the express image of His person.” [Hebrews 1:3.]

Creation speaks to us of the skill and power of God. In His goodness God has placed on the earth beautiful flowers and trees, wonderfully adapted to the countries and the climate in which they grow. And though sin has marred the form and beauty of the things of nature, though on them there may be seen traces of the work of the prince of the power of the air, yet they still speak of God, and still reveal some of the beauty of Eden.

In the heavens above, in the earth, in the broad waters of the ocean, we see the handiwork of God. All creation testifies of His power, His wisdom, His love. Yet not from the stars or the ocean or the cataract can we learn of the personality of God. This Christ came to reveal.

God saw that a more powerful revelation than nature was needed to portray His personality and His character. He sent His Son into the world to reveal, so far as could be endured by human sight, the nature and the attributes of the invisible God.

Christ came to reveal to a fallen race the love of God. He, the Light of the world, veiled the dazzling splendor of the brightness of His divinity and came to live on this earth as a man among men, that they might, without being consumed, become acquainted with their Creator. No man has seen God at any time, except as He is revealed through Christ.

Because of frequent triumphs, Satan is becoming more bold and defiant in his rebellion against God. The rapid development of evil, the confusion among the laboring classes reveal that men are rapidly taking sides. They are being bound up in bundles to be burned. The labor unions are quickly stirred to violence if their demands are not complied with. Plainer and plainer is it becoming that the inhabitants of the world are not in harmony with God.

No scientific theory can explain the steady march of evil workers under the generalship of Satan. In every mob wicked angels are at work, rousing men to commit deeds of violence. Satan seems to have taken control of the minds of men. Murder, robbery, wickedness of every kind reveal the leadership of the great enemy of souls.

In the days of Noah, violence filled the land; and thus Christ has told us that it will be in the last days. The history of the old world is to be repeated. The perversity and cruelty of men will reach such a height that God will reveal Himself in His majesty. Very soon the wickedness of the world will have reached its limit, and as in the days of Noah, God will pour out His judgments.

But even when wickedness is at its height, we may know that our Helper is close by our side. Let us have faith and confidence in God. The promise is, "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." [James 4:8.]

Lt 251, 1903

Wessels, John

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 1, 1903

Dear Brother John Wessels,—

I expected to send you another letter before sending the letters written to your mother and your brother Andrew; but before I had written your letter, a wonderful work and a heavy burden were laid upon me in regard to the recent book Living Temple. In this book there are spiritualistic ideas in regard to God. He is represented as being Himself personally in flower and leaf and tree. Ever since I was seventeen years old, I have had this fallacy to meet. The effort to introduce these misleading theories among God's people is one of the most subtle schemes of the enemy. The Lord laid upon me the burden of showing that the sentiments expressed in Living Temple regarding God are a deception; and I have written more than a hundred pages bearing on this subject. One article was printed in the Review a week or two ago, and you will soon see other things in print; so I shall not take time to say all that I might about this matter.

A most wonderful experience has been the result of moving our work to Washington. I am not prepared to tell you all that has taken place. We hope that what has happened will exert a saving influence upon Dr. Kellogg, leading him into the light. We desire to do all we possibly can to bring about a union between the workers in the gospel ministry and in the medical missionary work. I want to do all in my power to advance the cause of truth.

I cannot but think of the great Master-worker, who is laboring in behalf of truth and righteousness. He Himself summons the church to action. We are called to diligent study of the Scriptures. We are called upon to awake to the responsibilities resting upon us. The first, second, and third angels' messages are to be proclaimed and explained. The holy influence of truth and righteousness is to be brought into our work, which is to be carried forward with zeal and determination.

"I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come; and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."
[Revelation 14:6, 7.]

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." [Verses 8-12.]

"And I saw another sign in heaven great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire, and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints. Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name; for Thou only art holy; for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy judgments are made manifest.

"And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony was opened; and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; and no man was able to enter the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled." [Revelation 15:1-8.]

The judgments of God are in the land. Divinity and humanity are to combine in the carrying out of God's great plan for the recovery of sinners. God has given us His truth, that we may act our part in the accomplishment of the grand object for which the plan of redemption exists.

"I Jesus have sent Mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." [Revelation 22:16, 17.]

In this time, the last days of this earth's history, the people of God are to be invested with all power. Angels as well as men are to take part in the great closing work. All heaven is interested. God and Christ and the angels have united with human instrumentalities in proclaiming the truth for this time. And every one who comes to the water of life is laid under contribution by God to give the invitation to others. Every church, every institution, every church member is to give the invitation, "Come to the marriage supper of the Lamb." [See Revelation 19:9.] The angels have received command to unite with human beings in giving the message, "Come; for all things are now ready." [Luke 14:17.]

Lt 252, 1903

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 16, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I wish to write you a few lines. In the night season I was talking with you both, speaking words for your encouragement. Lift your eyes to Jesus. Nothing that we do is of any worth unless we cherish the sweet spirit of Jesus. Walking in Christ and living for Christ, we live by the Word of God; and perfect obedience to this Word never brings bondage. Do not look on the dark side, but on the bright side. Do not keep your mind fixed on the disagreeable things of life. Gather up all the pleasant things possible. This you must do in order to have health and peace and joy in the Lord.

The path to heaven is so plain that the wayfaring man need not err therein. The captious critic, marking out a way for others, will make crooked paths for his feet, and his way will be dark; but the one who loves Jesus supremely and his neighbor as himself will bring brightness into his path, as he follows on to know the Lord, and those connected with him will not stumble.

Individually we want to know the way to heaven. Let us study the chart that shows the way, pointing out the waymarks. Follow the directions closely. Let your prayer be, "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." [Psalm 119:18.] Looking to Jesus, you will by beholding become changed into His image. Look; and the glory of the Redeemer will shine upon you, to be reflected by you to others.

But if you look at the imperfection of your fellow beings, you will become changed into the likeness of imperfection. My brother, my sister, look to Jesus, that you may become changed into His likeness.

We are to live, not to please ourselves, but to please the Lord. Gather to your souls the divine rays of light. Talk faith, live faith. Bring into the daily life the brightness of Christ's life.

"God is love, and he that dwelleth in God dwelleth in love." [1 John 4:16.] It is your privilege to declare that you know by experience that the Lord is gracious. Jesus loves you. Only believe this, and your cheerfulness will represent Him. Talk faith, and you will have faith.

Many obstacles will be placed in our pathway as we journey heavenward. Satan will place things before us in a false, disagreeable light, if we give him the least encouragement. Then, looking upon these things in his light, we shall reflect the unpleasantness to others. God says to us, "I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire." [Revelation 3:18.] He desires us to gain a precious, valuable experience. The way in which He asks us to gain this experience may not be the way that we would choose, but it is the way of God's choosing. Thus He is proving and trying us.

Dear friends, should you not shine as lights in the world? Look up! look up! Talk faith; talk brightness. Rebuke the enemy, who is seeking to throw over you a cloud of disagreeable misrepresentations. He would have you think that this cloud is caused by your best friends. Pray; and believe that He who is the fountain of light will give you light. Let the bright rays of the Sun of righteousness shine into your hearts.

I have had most trying scenes to pass through recently. At times it has seemed that our brethren were blind. Many of them talked and acted like blind men. When my message sent by God came to them, they did not heed it, but went on just as before. Again and again this has occurred. It has caused me great anguish. I have been kept so busy writing out instruction that would guard against the evils coming in that I have not had time to write, as I very much desired, on Old Testament history from the time of Solomon.

But the Lord knows. He brought me from Australia to meet this crisis, and He will not leave me to die under the burden. It has been a constant conflict. But in our home we have no dissension, no words of impatience. My workers are different in temperament, and their ways and manners are different, but we blend in action and stand united in spirit, seeking to help and strengthen one another. We know that we cannot afford to be at variance because we differ in temperament. We are God's little children, and we ask Him to help us to live, not to please ourselves and to have our own way, but to please and glorify Him.

As you and I were talking together in the night season, we spoke in regard to Brother Sharp. The question was asked, "Ought he to be retained in his present employment?" I said, "Brother Sharp's case was presented to me many years ago, when he first took his position on the side of truth. He was at that time holding a position of trust, but his employer would not allow him to

stay and keep the Sabbath. He fought a severe battle over this question. We carried his case to the Lord, and he took his position firmly on the side of right.

“He was discharged. One day a gentleman entered the store where he had been employed, and asked, ‘Where is Mr. Sharp?’ On being told that he had been discharged, he asked, ‘Was not his work satisfactory?’ ‘He was trustworthy in every respect,’ his employer answered, ‘but he wanted to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath. That is why he was discharged.’ Said the other man, ‘I fear that you will not find another so true and conscientious to take his place.’ He then took Brother Sharp’s address.

“Sister Sharp had not at this time taken her position on the side of truth, and when she heard of her husband’s discharge, she could not control her feelings. She could not see how their family would be supported. She was in feeble health, and her feelings were so highly wrought upon that she fell to the floor in a faint. The physician was called, but it was a long time before she came to herself. They feared that she would never recover. The physician said that it was a very close call.

“Brother Sharp was afterward employed by the man who had inquired about him from his former employer. He worked very hard, having oversight of all the business accounts, and his brain was overtaxed. His employer had him leave his work for a time and paid him his wages during his absence.

“I believe Brother Sharp to be an honest, conscientious man of the best of principles. His experience in the Summer Hill Sanitarium, in connection with Dr. Caro, was no help to him. But I sincerely hope that he will be given some place in the work where he will feel that he is doing the will of the Lord. The light given me in regard to him is that he puts his whole being into his work and that he must be guarded. He must not be allowed to do too much sedentary or brain-taxing work. He has a little flock to watch over, and they need a father’s wise instruction.”

I write you this for fear that unwise moves, which the Lord cannot approve, will be made. Every soul is precious in God’s sight. I highly respect Brother Sharp. I would not have him put in a hard place. We must all try to help one another, making the path of our fellow workers as pleasant as possible.

Brother Burden, if you feel that your duty in Australia is done, and that you cannot be free and happy there, would you feel inclined to come to California? There is a work to be done in Southern California. But I have no special light in regard to this. I cannot see why you cannot find freedom in carrying forward the work of the Lord in Australia. If you will only keep your mind free from petty things, not allowing them to depress you, you will find that in learning of Christ, there is rest and peace. It is in the place in which God puts us that we can best learn to be workers together with Him.

Last night I prayed to the Lord for understanding in regard to some things that were perplexing me. The great Teacher presented matters so clearly that as soon as I awoke I wrote out the instruction given me. It is as follows:

“Not all who in the providence of God are associated together have the same stamp of character. His workers have different likes and dislikes. They have inherited different traits of character. To every one will come, in some form, a crucial test. One may be tried because others do not seem to appreciate his gifts and do not think and act in harmony with his ideas. It seems difficult for some to blend with those who are different from them. If one clings to his own hereditary and cultivated traits and his own special ideas, he will find that others are just as tenacious of their peculiarities and their special way of doing things. He who holds with a firm grip his own opinions and way of thinking, refusing to change his course in order to blend in harmonious action with others who, as verily as himself, are conscientiously serving God, needs to examine himself critically and place himself under the discipline of Christ.

The prayer that the Saviour offered for His disciples just before His crucifixion contains precious lessons, which all are to heed. “I sanctify Myself,” Christ said, “that they also may be sanctified.” “Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.” [John 17:19, 17.] Truly agreeing on the principles of the Word, we shall not allow differences of opinion to become mountains of difficulty. We shall not hold to our own preferences, our own ways and ideas.

We gain a real Christian experience by putting Christian religion into practice. The Bible is our director, our lesson book. Study and practice its teachings, bringing them into all the details of life. Thus, Christ declares, we are to be His witnesses before a world lying in sin and ignorance.

We know, my dear brother and sister, that you have had a rich experience in practical self-denial. Thank God for this. You have stood bravely in your lot and place, lifting heavy burdens of responsibility. This was a training school for you, and what you have done has made you witnesses to practical godliness. The establishment of the Sanitarium as it now is is largely owing, under God, to the unselfish efforts put forth by you, Dr. M. G. Kellogg, and others united with you. The time of reaping will come. Good results have already begun to appear. Converts have been made to the truth, in their turn to convert others. This should bring joy to the hearts of those who had a part in the establishment of the institution.

If you will just take hold with your fellow workers, not cherishing differences, but blending as Christians, you will gain an experience that will be more precious than gold. You may indeed be co-laborers with Christ. We love to think of you in connection with the Sanitarium farm. Outdoor employment and freedom from heavy responsibilities are best for you. You will win if you learn from Christ, not trying to carry burdens that are too heavy for you. I most earnestly desire that you shall both be genuinely brave, that your hearts may be filled with fortitude and courage.

Do not suppose that you will ever be situated, in this world, where there is nothing hard or trying.

In the Christian life there are triumphs to be gained, not triumphs that will bring human ovations and praise, but triumphs that God alone will recognize. Everything depends on your possessing the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Perfect faith is a loyal, tested faith, and it makes perfect the possessor.

I must [close] now, for the mail goes today; and there are others to whom I wish to write. May the Lord give you His grace, my dear friends. We will all unite with you in pressing the battle to the gates. We love you both in the Lord. Christ loves you with a love that is more precious than gold or silver or precious stones. Walk by faith, not by sight. Bring uplifting, sanctifying grace into your own lives and into the lives of others. Then you will be all light in the Lord. Close the windows of the soul earthward and open them heavenward. "Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice." [Philippians 4:4.]

In much love.

Lt 253, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 20, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Brother,—

I must tell you that your ideas in regard to some things have been decidedly wrong. I would that you could see your errors. The book Living Temple is not to be patched up, a few changes made in it, and then advertised and praised as a valuable production. It would be better to present the physiological parts in another book under another title. When you wrote that book, you were not under the inspiration of God. There was by your side the one who inspired Adam to look at God in a false light. Your whole heart needs to be changed, thoroughly and entirely cleansed.

My brother, do not allow yourself to be alienated from your ministering brethren who tell you of your dangers. Those who faithfully and frankly tell you of your errors are your best friends. I am sorry, very sorry, for your medical associates. They have been unfaithful to God and untrue to you in failing to tell you kindly but firmly where you were not working righteously.

There are many things that you must overcome before you can be saved. In the heart that is not led by God, there is a something that leads it to desire to be sustained in its wrong course. The men who faithfully tell you the truth, pointing out your mistakes, you have regarded as your enemies. But often they are your best friends and, in telling you wherein you were walking

in strange paths, were doing a very disagreeable duty. The Lord's servants are not to flatter your pride; they are not to stand silent, fearing to say, "Why do ye thus?" They are faithfully to warn you of your danger.

My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edson, and many others who were keen, noble, and true were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for truth. At our important meetings, these men would meet together and search for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly; for we felt that we must learn God's truth. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. As we fasted and prayed, great power came upon us. But I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren. My mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend what we were studying. Then the Spirit of God would come upon me, I would be taken off in vision, and a clear explanation of the passages we had been studying would be given me with instruction as to the position we were to take regarding truth and duty. Again and again this happened. A line of truth extending from that time to the time when we shall enter the city of God was plainly marked out before me, and I gave my brethren and sisters the instruction that the Lord had given me. They knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given me. Thus the leading points of our faith as we hold them today were firmly established. Point after point was clearly defined, and all the brethren came into harmony.

The whole company of believers were united in the truth. There were those who came in with strange doctrines, but we were never afraid to meet them. Our experience was wonderfully established by the revelations of the Holy Spirit.

For two or three years my mind continued to be locked to the Scriptures. In 1846 I was married to Elder James White. It was some time after my second son was born that we were in great perplexity regarding certain points of doctrine. I was praying to the Lord to unlock my mind, that I might understand His Word. Suddenly I seemed to be enshrouded in clear, beautiful light, and ever since, the Scriptures have been an open book to me.

I was at that time in Paris, Maine. Old Father Andrews was very sick. For some time he had been a great sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism. He could not move without intense pain. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, "Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus maketh thee whole." He was healed instantly. He got up and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, "I never saw it on this wise before. Angels of God are in this room." The glory of God was revealed. Light seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's hand was laid upon my head. From that time to this I have been able to understand the Word of God.

After the passing of the time, we were opposed and cruelly falsified. Erroneous theories were pressed in upon us by men and women who had gone into fanaticism. I was directed to go to the places where these people were advocating these erroneous theories, and as I went, the power of the Spirit was wonderfully displayed in rebuking the errors that were creeping in.

Satan himself, in the person of a man, was working to make of no effect my testimony regarding the position that we now know to be substantiated by Scripture.

Just such theories as you have presented in Living Temple were presented then. These subtle, deceiving sophistries have again and again sought to find place amongst us. But I have ever had the same testimony to bear which I now bear regarding the personality of God.

In (Early Writings, 60, 66, 67), are the following statements:

“May 14, 1851, I saw the beauty and loveliness of Jesus. As I beheld His glory, the thought did not occur to me that I should ever be separated from His presence. I saw a light coming from the glory that encircled the Father, and as it approached near to me, my body shook and trembled like a leaf. I thought that if it should come near me, I would be struck out of existence; but the light passed me. Then could I have some sense of the great and terrible God with whom we have to do.”

“I have often seen the lovely Jesus, that He is a person. I asked Him if His Father was a person, and had a form like Himself. Said Jesus, ‘I am the express image of My Father’s person!’ [Hebrews 1:3.]

“I have often seen that the spiritual view took away all the glory of heaven, and that in many minds the throne of David and the lovely person of Jesus have been burned up in the fire of spiritualism. I have seen that some who have been deceived and led into this error, will be brought out into the light of truth, but it will be almost impossible for them to get entirely rid of the deceptive power of spiritualism. Such should make thorough work in confessing their errors, and leaving them forever.”

There is a strain of spiritualism coming in among our people, and it will undermine the faith of those who give place to it, leading them to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Errors will be presented in a pleasing and flattering manner. The enemy desires to divert the minds of our brethren and sisters from the work of preparing a people to stand in these last days.

I am instructed to warn our brethren and sisters not to discuss the nature of our God. Many of the curious who attempted to open the ark of the testament, to see what was inside, were punished for their presumption. We are not to say that the Lord God of heaven is in a leaf, or in a tree; for He is not there. He sitteth upon His throne in the heavens.

The work of the Creator as seen in nature reveals His power. But nature is not above God, nor is God in nature as some represent Him to be. God made the world, but the world is not God; it is but the work of His hands. Nature reveals the work of a positive, personal God, showing that God is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

I could say much regarding the sanctuary; the ark containing the law of God; the cover of the ark, which is the mercy seat; the angels at either end of the ark; and other things connected with the heavenly sanctuary and with the great day of atonement. I could say much regarding the mysteries of heaven; but my lips are closed. I have no inclination to try to describe them.

I would not dare to speak of God as you have spoken of Him. He is high and lifted up, and His glory fills the heavens. "The voice of the Lord is mighty; it shaketh the cedars of Lebanon. The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him." [See Psalm 29:5; Habakkuk 2:20.]

My brother, when you are tempted to speak of God, where He is, or what He is, remember that on this point silence is eloquence. Take off your shoes from off your feet; for the ground on which you are placing your careless, unsanctified feet is holy ground.

I am instructed to say that there is nothing in the Word of God to substantiate your spiritualistic theories. Will you not renounce these theories at once? Upon them your mind has been dwelling for a long time, but they have had no sanctifying, refining, ennobling influence upon your life. The Lord has no use for these theories, and He would not have His people vindicate or propagate them.

The Father, the omniscient One, created the world through Christ Jesus. Christ is the light of the world, the way to eternal life. He, the anointed One, God gave to make an atonement for the sins of the world. You need to understand that unless you believe in that atonement, and know that you are bought with the price of the blood of the only begotten Son of God, you will assuredly be bound up with the wicked one. If you continue to cherish the theories that you have been cherishing, you will be left to become the sport of Satan's temptations. He is playing the game of life for your soul. Remain for a little longer linked up with him, and be assured that you will lose your soul.

By declaring that our institutions are undenominational, you have put our people and our work in a false position. You have been led over a terrible path, the dangers of which you have not known, but may sometime see. It is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted. There is hope for you. You have followed the enemy step by step, striving to look into mysteries too high and holy for your comprehension. Then in your teaching the Holy One has been brought down to man's scientific, spiritualistic ideas. You have been walking in crooked paths. You have lost the moral image of God. But there is hope for you. You may still turn your feet into the right path. Will you not now make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way? Will you now refuse to sow one more seed of skepticism and sophistry in the minds of others? Will you now come to Christ and be healed?

I have hesitated and delayed about the sending out of that which the Spirit of the Lord has impelled me to write. I did not want to be compelled to present the satanic influence of these sophistries. But unless there is a decided change, in yourself and your associates, I shall have to

do this, to save others from following the path that you have been following. I shall have to obey the command given me of God, "Meet it." This is the only thing that I can do.

I present to you the things that the Lord has presented to me. There is a great work to be done. We are to take hold of the work understandingly, praying, believing, and receiving the Holy Spirit. Thus only can we do the work given us. I am required by God to bear testimony against Living Temple. Whatever your associates may say concerning this book, I take the position now and forever that it is a snare. No union will be formed by our people as a whole upon the theories that you have begun to present in that book. You may regard this as forever decided. As a people we shall stand firm on the platform that has withstood test and trial. We shall hold to the sure pillars of our faith. The principles of truth that God has revealed to us are our only foundation. They have made us what we are. These new, fanciful theories are fascinating and misleading. They endanger the eternal interests of the soul. The Scriptures do not sustain them. Clothed with the Christian armor, shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, we shall stand firm against these misleading theories. You may turn and wrest the Word of God to your own destruction, but I entreat you not to do this.

Heaven is not a vapor. It is a place. Christ has gone to prepare mansions for those who love Him, those who, in obedience to His commands, come out from the world and are separate. The principles of heaven must be brought into our experience, that we may be distinguished from the world. There must be a marked contrast between us and the world; for we are God's denominated people.

The Lord has given you an opportunity to make things right. I rejoice that you have made a beginning. Do not think that we have no right to try to correct your errors and the results of these errors. As long as God gives me breath, and commissions me to use pen and voice in beating back this evil thing that has come in among us, I shall act my part in the warfare. Ever since I was seventeen years old, I have had to fight this battle against false theories, in defense of the truth. The history of our past experience is indelibly fixed in my mind, and I am determined that no theories of the order that you have been accepting shall come into our ranks. If you refuse to change, and labor to lead your associates after you, and they venture to follow your leading, the accountability rests with you and with them, not on my soul.

I speak decidedly, in order that you may know, that unless there is a decided change in you, there can be no hope of a union between you and those who are holding the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. You have made the division. We must stand firm for the truths that the Lord has given us as the pillars of our faith.

I entreat you to turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart, before it is forever too late. Separate yourself from the influences which have separated you from your brethren who are engaged in the gospel ministry and from the people whom God is leading. Patchwork theories cannot be accepted by those who are loyal to the faith and to the principles that have withstood all the opposition of satanic influences.

If you will empty yourself of all that has separated you from Christ, and receive the Saviour into your heart, you will be transformed in character. Lay off responsibilities for a time, and go away somewhere with a few of your brethren, and with them search the Scriptures. Humble your heart before the Lord, and make thorough work for repentance. The religion of Christ is the spiritual leaven that is to be introduced into the heart. This changes the life and character. This religion is a heavenly principle, seen in the Christian's life and conversation. It is revealed in Christian purity. The love of Christ is seen in the tenderness and grace of sanctified humanity. It is by the Word made flesh that we are saved. Our redemption was wrought out, not by the Son of God's remaining in heaven, but by the Son of God's becoming incarnate—taking humanity upon Him and coming to this world. Thus eternal life was brought to us. That which authority, commands, and promises could not do, God did by coming to this world in the likeness of sinful flesh.

Christ came to the earth to live as a man among men, not to be spoiled by human frailty, but to place in the minds of men principles of truth that could never be obliterated, because they are eternally true. He came to bring a new life to fallen human beings—an excellence that could not be stained or deteriorated by sin.

My brother, I must tell you that you have little realization of whither your feet have been tending. You have been binding yourself up with those who belong to the army of the great apostate. Your mind has been as dark as Egypt. If you will fall on the Rock and be broken, Christ will accept you. But you have been standing on the enemy's ground, doing his work. The religious world is fast going over the same road that you have been following. If you continue to follow this road, you will have plenty of company. But what will the end be?

So long have you been walking in darkness, so long have you followed your own way, that you may be strongly tempted to resist this appeal that I make. If it were not that your eternal interests are involved, I would not speak to you on this subject. It would seem that I have written enough, that there is no need of my urging this subject upon you further. But I tell you in truth that I clearly understand what I am doing. Sufficient light has been given you. But for several years you have not heeded this light. If you had wished to know what the Lord has said, you could have known; for you have the books that have been written under the guidance of His Spirit. You have had all the directions that could be asked for to point out the right way. Direct light has been sent you. But you have looked upon this as of less importance than your own plans and devisings. If you had heeded the testimonies sent you, Living Temple would never have been written.

Will you not make a thorough, determined, Christlike effort to break the spell that Satan has cast over you? He has had great power over your mind and has swayed you in wrong lines. He thinks that he can hold you now. Will you not defeat and disappoint him?

I write to you as I would to a son. Break away from the enemy—the accuser of the brethren. Say to him, "Get thee behind me Satan. I have committed a grievous sin in heeding your

suggestions. I will no longer listen to them.” I beg of you, for your soul’s sake, to resist the tempter, that he may flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. You will lose heaven unless you fall on the Rock and are broken.

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Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 18, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg,—

I cannot sleep after half-past eleven o’clock. My soul is much burdened. My brother, I have read your letter, and I long to say the things to you that would please you, but I cannot say that I have confidence in you as one whom the Lord is leading. You have sold yourself to the world in speech and in spirit. God took you at your word. His people have been misrepresented. You have done us, as a people, great harm by the course of action you have followed with lawyers in your business transactions. You have hurt us in the estimation of the world. You have so mixed matters with worldly policy, that God’s people do not stand on vantage ground, and the Lord is greatly displeased with and dishonored by your work.

You deny that you have been scheming. I can only say, Then your eyes have been blinded. Your works are not standing before you as they are in fact. Dr. Kellogg, if you rightly interpret the sense of the word “scheming” as I understand it, you will realize that there has been much of it carried on all through the years of your late experience. Even with unbelievers you were spoiling your record.

God designed that the General Conference of 1901 should influence you to make a decided change in your life purposes. The testimonies borne before vast numbers of people have as much of a bearing on your life as on any one else connected with the cause and work of God. There were things that you might have righted up on that occasion. These things were presented to me in the light in which heaven viewed them. But you did not change your sentiments. You did not humble your heart and confess and become converted. You did not make any radical change in your course of action. I was working hard to bring about an honest change in regard to the work with which you were connected, and in regard to yourself, fully believing that your future course of action would sustain the impression I was endeavoring to make. I fully believed that if you were an honest man, you would see the need of pursuing an entirely different course of action, that you would accept the light coming to you in the messages that had been given and work out a thorough change in yourself.

But instead of taking a right position, when something came that did not harmonize with your views, you said, "Somebody has told her." Thus it has been when anything has come that cut across your track.

But I hoped and hoped that you would change, until I was instructed that the words meant to encourage you to take the right stand were exerting the opposite influence on you. A condition of things has come about that has opened the door to the enemy. Old thoughts, which were never killed, have had a resurrection, and the ideas set forth in Living Temple are the result.

The only course that I could pursue in order to stand in a correct light before the people was to let all know that the Lord had been sending you messages all along the line, from your first connection with the Sanitarium; that your errors had been reproved by the Lord; that you had been warned that your course of action in disparaging the ministers of the gospel was against Jesus Christ, who gave them their work to do. Your true position has been laid out distinctly, but in the past the members of the Medical Missionary Association have known little of this.

Instruction has been given me that the light should now come in clear lines to those associated with you, lest they be led astray. It was presented before me that when you did things which your associates knew were not right, they did not act as faithful shepherds, to tell you your mistake, because you would not acknowledge that your course of action was wrong and would not receive anything that did not harmonize with your ideas.

When messages have been placed in your hands to correct your course of action, you failed to give your associates the benefit of the instruction received. You yourself have not been left in darkness, but your associates have been in regard to your being out of the way. Your wrongs were reproved, but they were none the wiser.

I am now instructed to place before our people the warnings given in regard to the medical missionary work—that this work was not to be a separate work, but was ever to be the helping hand of the gospel. The enemy influenced men to devise special documents to be signed. This was a snare to those who signed, to the institutions connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and to yourself. You were acting in the capacity of one of authority and of chief influence, having oversight of these institutions. There was no need for the warnings on this point to be given more than once, but they had to be repeated over and over again. The light given, unheeded, had to be repeated, more and still more forcibly, that it might be shown that these methods and plans were not after the Lord's order.

You had your post of duty in the medical missionary work, but you were embracing responsibilities that God had not laid upon you; and men who should have obtained an experience for themselves were being encouraged to bind themselves up with you and to lean their weight upon you in the place of leaning upon the great Medical Missionary whom all physicians should make their strength.

Dr. Kellogg is an erring, finite man, and he often made mistakes—and some of a grievous character in regard to other physicians who should have moved out on their own responsibility as they had a perfect right to do. They should have stood independent of Dr. Kellogg, yet united as children of God, counseling together. Through misconceived ideas, excellent physicians have been treated harshly, and the Lord marked every one of these men driven away by oppression and mismanagement.

These things were wrong and were making Dr. Kellogg a weak man in dealing with those who differed with him. He has erred greatly in this respect. Among the physicians associated with Dr. Kellogg, some have served as subjects would serve a king. This was not the purpose of God. They should have made God their power and trust. The physicians were taught to believe that our ministers were not all in sympathy with the medical missionary work. In some cases this was true, but in other cases it was not true. There has been growing up a spirit of criticism and a lack of faith in the gospel ministry, and this has continued until the present time. Now the publication of Living Temple has brought about a crisis. If the ideas presented in this book were received, they would lead to the uprooting of the whole construction of the faith that makes Seventh-day Adventists a chosen, denominated people.

The light that has been given, I dare not withhold. The Lord has appointed me as His messenger, and I must speak the words He gives me. The testimonies that have been given by the Lord for nearly half a century in regard to the ministerial work and the management of our sanitariums must come before the people, that our brethren and sisters in the faith shall understand the light that God has been pleased to give regarding the different branches of the work to be carried on at this time.

Pantheistic ideas regarding God in nature are framed by Lucifer, the fallen angel. The strange part of the matter is that these ideas have been accepted by so many as beautiful truth. But that which they think is light will lead them into dense darkness. It is a distinguishing feature of the experience of Seventh-day Adventists to give glory to God. When we give glory to human agencies, when we have unlimited confidence in man, speaking of the excellence that we suppose him to possess, we worship we know not what. Let God be exalted. Let frail, erring human beings humble themselves before Him.

The time will come when I must speak much more plainly and warn our brethren in plain tones not to be led astray with the false theories of Living Temple. I have been shown the seductive nature of the sentiments it contains, and that which has been declared over and over again I need not repeat. These representations are said to be in harmony with the sentiments in Sister White's published works. Those who make statements such as this are doing my books great injustice. Let all bear in mind that statements from my books may be taken out of their setting and placed in such connection as to make it appear that the sentiments in Living Temple are sustained by Sister White's very words.

A sense of duty to my Lord leads me to speak. The time for action has come. I have had much to say of the glory of God as seen in His created works, but never have I left the impression that our God Omnipotent, who ruleth in the heavens and fills all the heavens, is to be found in flower and leaf and tree. What I have said of God's works in nature was meant to lead the mind from nature to nature's God, to show that all the glory should be given to Him who ruleth in the heavens, controlling all things in heaven and in earth. Men are to discharge their duty to God. They are to have reverence for and a knowledge of a personal God. They are to praise and glorify His name as the One who has placed many beautiful things in this sin-corrupted earth, that from the child to the man and woman of mature years, all may see that God loves His family here below. He so loves us that He gave us a tangible proof of His love by sending His only begotten Son to bear the sin of the world, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God desires us to think of the height and depth and breadth of His measureless love, which is without a parallel, and to remember that we are his purchased possession. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are His." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.] We are to act as in the sight of the heavenly universe, conscientiously discharging our obligations to our Creator.

The world is to be taken captive by Satan's deceiving representations. Where then is our security? How shall we guard against Satan's bewitching artifices? By reading the Word of God with an intensity of desire to know Him in the light of revelation which He has left on record of Himself; by meditating upon his precepts diligently. We are to obey His commands, afraid to venture out of the path of divine revelation and to indulge in fallacious reasoning.

We are to realize that if we work the works of Christ, we will not unite with the world. The Holy Spirit will give us a clear, distinct message to the world. If we will come into close relation to Christ, we shall have a part to act in carrying forward the work of present truth for this time. We are to co-operate with the three highest powers in heaven—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these powers will work through us, making us workers together with God. But when a man goes forth in human sufficiency, then the enemy comes in and inspires him, and he knows not what manner of spirit he is of. The Lord saw this and instructed me that, at the General Conference held in Oakland, I should hold no conversation with you.

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Medical Missionaries

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 30, 1903

Christ Our Example in Medical Missionary Work, No. 1

To medical missionaries,—

Christ, the great Medical Missionary, came to our world as the ideal of all truth. Truth never languished on His lips, never suffered in His hands. Words of truth fell from His lips with the freshness and power of a new revelation. He unfolded the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, bringing forth jewel after jewel of truth.

Christ spoke with authority. Every truth essential for the people to know, He proclaimed with the unfaltering assurance of certain knowledge. He uttered nothing fanciful or sentimental. He presented no sophistries, no human opinions. No idle tales, no false theories clothed in beautiful language came from His lips. The statements that He made were truths established by personal knowledge. He foresaw the delusive doctrines that would fill the world, but He did not unfold them. In His teaching He dwelt upon the unchangeable principles of God's Word. He magnified the simple, practical truths that the common people could understand and bring into the daily experience.

Christ might have opened to men the deepest truths of science. He might have unlocked mysteries that would have required centuries of toil and study to penetrate. He might have made suggestions in scientific lines that would have afforded food for thought and stimulus for invention to the close of time. But He did not do this. He said nothing to gratify curiosity or to satisfy man's ambitions by opening doors to worldly greatness. In all His teaching Christ brought the minds of men in contact with the infinite mind. He did not direct the people to study men's theories about God, His Word, or His works. He taught them to behold Him as manifested in His works, in His word, and as manifested by His providences.

Christ's Victory; Our Unbelief

While upon this earth, the Son of God was the Son of man; yet there were times when His divinity flashed forth. Thus it was when He said to the paralytic, "Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." [Matthew 9:2.]

"But there were certain of the scribes sitting there," who "began to reason," not openly, but "in their hearts," "saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? who can forgive sins, but God alone?" [Mark 2:6; Luke 5:21.]

"And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is it easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." [Matthew 9:4-6.]

The great Medical Missionary took away the sins of the paralytic and then presented him to God as pardoned. And He gave him also physical healing. God had given His Son power to lay hold of the eternal throne. While Christ stood forth in His own personality, He reflected the luster of the position of honor that He had held within the enriching light of the eternal throne.

On another occasion Christ made the request, "Father, glorify Thy name." And in answer there came a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." [John 12:28.]

If this voice did not move the impenitent, if the power that Christ manifested in His mighty miracles did not cause the Jews to believe, we should not be greatly surprised to find that medical missionary workers today are in danger, through continual association with those who are incredulous, of manifesting the same unbelief that the Jews manifested and of developing the same perverted understanding.

I am made unutterably sad as I consider the condition of things that has been opened before me. In the past, when matters have been shown to be wrong, there has been a realization of the wrong, and this has been followed by confession, repentance, and thorough reformation. But of late there have not been faithful stewards to repress the evils that needed to be repressed. Can we, then, be surprised that there is great spiritual blindness?

Those engaged in the gospel ministry need to learn of Christ His meekness and lowliness and to be thoroughly converted, that their lives may testify to a world dead in trespasses and sins, that they have been born again. Medical missionary workers, also, need to be converted. When they are converted, their influence will be a power for good in the world. They will be willing to receive counsel and help from their brethren, because they have been sanctified through the truth. Daily they will receive rich supplies of grace from heaven to impart to others.

To every one of His appointed agencies the Lord sends the message, "Take your position at your post of duty and then stand firm for the right." To all I am instructed to say, "Find your place. Receive not the fanciful sentiments of men who are not taught by God. Christ is waiting to give you insight into heavenly things; waiting to quicken your spiritual pulse into renewed activity. No longer subordinate the claims of future, eternal interests to the common affairs of this life. 'Ye cannot serve God and mammon.' [Matthew 6:24.] Wake up, brethren, wake up."

Medical missionary work is called for in a broader sense than is now understood. The work is needed that is outlined in the commission which Christ gave to His disciples just before His ascension. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

These words point out our field and our work. Our field is the world; our work the proclamation of the truths that Christ came to our world to proclaim. Men and women are to have opportunity to gain a knowledge of present truth, an opportunity to know that Christ is their Saviour, that God "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.]

A Warning Against Centralization

Christ embraced the world in His missionary work, and the Lord has shown me by revelation that it is not His plan for large centers to be made, for large institutions to be established, and for money to be gathered from all parts of the world to support these large institutions. Plants are to be made in many places. First one and then another part of the vineyard is to be entered, until all has been cultivated. Efforts are to be put forth first wherever the need is greatest. But we cannot carry on this aggressive warfare and at the same time make an extravagant outlay of means in a few places.

The Battle Creek Sanitarium is too large. A great many workers will be required to care for the patients who come. A tenth of the number of patients who come to that institution is as many as should be cared for in one medical missionary center. Centers should be made in all the cities that are unacquainted with the great work that the Lord would have done to warn the world that the end of all things is at hand. "There is too much," said the great Teacher, "in one place."

Let those who have fitted themselves to engage in medical missionary work in foreign countries go to the places that they expect to make their field of labor and begin work right among the people, learning the language as they work. Very soon they will find that they can teach the simple truths of God's Word.

A Neglected Field Near Us

There is in this country a great, unworked field. The colored race, numbering thousands upon thousands, appeals to the consideration and sympathy of every true, practical believer in Christ. These people do not live in a foreign country, and they do not bow down to idols of wood and stone. They live among us, and again and again, through the testimonies of His Spirit, God has called our attention to them, telling us that here are human beings neglected.

Missionaries are needed to work for the colored people, and missionaries are needed also to work for the poor white people of the South. This broad field lies before us unworked, calling for the light that God has given us in trust.

Lt 255, 1903

Medical Missionaries

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 30, 1903

Christ Our Example in Medical Missionary Work, No. 2

To medical missionaries,—

That which is most needed by medical missionary workers is the guidance of the Spirit of the Lord. Those who labor as Christ, the great Medical Missionary, labored must be spiritually minded. But not all who are doing medical missionary work are exalting God and His truth. Not

all are submitting to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Some are bringing to the foundation wood, hay, and stubble—material that will not bear the test of fire.

I pray that I may have wisdom and power from God to present to you that which constitutes gospel medical missionary work. This is a great and important branch of our denominational work. But many have lost sight of the pure, ennobling principles underlying acceptable medical missionary work.

In my diary I find the following, written one year ago:

October 29, 1902

This morning I woke early. After praying most earnestly for wisdom and clearness of mind, that I might properly express the matters urged upon my attention, I wrote out about ten pages of instruction. I know that the Lord helped me to trace on paper the important matter that should come before His people.

When writing thus, I feel intensely, but after the instruction has been recorded, relief comes to my mind; for I know then that the subject matter presented to me will not be lost, even though the subject may pass from my mind.

Those only who realize that the cross is the center of hope for the human family can understand the gospel that Christ taught. He came to this world for no other purpose than to place men on vantage ground before the world and the heavenly universe. He came to bear testimony that fallen human beings, through faith in His power and efficacy as the Son of God, may become partakers of the divine nature. He alone could make an atonement for sinners and open the gates of Paradise to the fallen race. He took on Himself, not the nature of angels, but the nature of man and in this world lived a life untainted by sin. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [John 1:14, 12.]

By His life and death Christ taught that only in obedience to God's commandments can man find safety and true greatness. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." [Psalm 19:7.] God's law is a transcript of His character. It was given to man in the beginning as the standard of obedience. In succeeding ages this law was lost sight of. Hundreds of years after the flood, Abraham was called, and to him was given the promise that his descendants should exalt God's law. In course of time the Israelites went into Egypt, where for many years they suffered grievous oppression at the hands of the Egyptians. After they had been in slavery for nearly four hundred years, God delivered them by a wonderful manifestation of His power. He revealed Himself to the Egyptians as the Ruler of the universe, one greater than all heathen deities.

At Sinai the law was given a second time. In awful grandeur the Lord spoke His precepts and with His own finger engraved the decalogue upon tables of stone.

Passing down through the centuries, we find that there came a time when God's law must once more be unmistakably revealed as the standard of obedience. Christ came to vindicate the sacred claims of the law. He came to live a life of obedience to its requirements and thus prove the falsity of the charge made by Satan that it is impossible for man to keep the law of God. As a man He met temptation and overcame in the strength given Him from God. As He went about doing good, healing all who were afflicted by Satan, He made plain to men the character of God's law and the nature of His service. His life testifies that it is possible for us also to obey the law of God.

Never did Christ deviate from loyalty to the principles of God's law. Never did He do anything contrary to the will of His Father. Before angels, men, and demons He could speak words that from any other lips would have been blasphemy: "I do always the things that please Him." [John 8:29.] Day by day for three years His enemies followed Him, trying to find some stain in His character. Satan, with all his confederacy of evil, sought to overcome Him; but they found nothing in Him by which to gain advantage. Even the devils were forced to confess, "Thou art the holy One of God." [Mark 1:24.]

Self-Sacrifice

What language could so forcibly express God's love for the human family as it is expressed by the gift of His only begotten Son for our redemption? The Innocent bore the chastisement of the guilty. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." [John 3:16-18.]

Christ gave Himself, an atoning sacrifice, for the saving of a lost world. He was treated as we deserve, in order that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be justified by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. "With His stripes we are healed." [Isaiah 53:5.]

Christ was tempted in all points like as we are, by the one who once stood in loyalty by His side in the heavenly courts. Behold the Son of God in the wilderness of temptation, in the time of greatest weakness assailed by the fiercest temptation. See Him during the years of His ministry, attacked on every side by the forces of evil. See Him in His agony on the cross. All this He suffered for us.

Christ's earthly life, so full of toil and sacrifice, was cheered by the thought that He would not have all His travail for nought. By giving His life for the life of men, He would win the world back to its loyalty. Although the baptism of blood must first be received; although the sins of the world were to weigh upon His innocent soul; yet for the joy that was set before Him, He chose to endure the cross and despised the shame.

Study Christ's definition of a true missionary: "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Mark 8:34.] Following Christ as spoken of in these words is not a pretense, a farce. Jesus expects His disciples to follow closely in His footsteps, enduring what He endured, suffering what He suffered, overcoming as He overcame. He is anxiously waiting to see His professed followers revealing the spirit of self-sacrifice.

Those who receive Christ as a personal Saviour, choosing to be partakers of His suffering, to live His life of self-denial, to endure shame for His sake, will understand what it means to be a genuine medical missionary.

When all our medical missionaries live the new life in Christ, when they take His Word as their guide, they will have a much clearer understanding of what constitutes genuine medical missionary work. This work will have a deeper meaning to them when they obey the law engraven on tables of stone by the finger of God, including the Sabbath commandment, concerning which Christ Himself spoke through Moses to the children of Israel, saying:

"Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily, My Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. ... The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever." [Exodus 31:13, 16, 17.]

Let us diligently study God's Word, that we may proclaim with power the message that is to be given in these last days. Many of those upon whom the light of the Saviour's self-sacrificing life is shining refuse to live in accordance with His will. They are not willing to live a life of sacrifice for the good of others. They desire to exalt themselves. To such ones truth and righteousness have lost their meaning, and their unchristlike influence leads many to turn away from the Saviour. God calls for true, steadfast workers, whose lives will counteract the influence of those who are working against Him.

To every medical missionary worker I am instructed to say, Follow your Leader. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is your example. Upon all medical missionary workers rests the responsibility of keeping in view Christ's life of unselfish service. They are to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. He is the source of all light, the fountain of all blessing.

A Firm Stand for the Right

God calls upon His workers, in this age of diseased piety and perverted principle, to reveal a healthy, influential spirituality. My brethren and sisters, this God requires of you. Every jot of your influence is to be used on the side of Christ. You are now to call things by their right name, and stand firm in defense of the truth as it is in Jesus.

It behooves every soul whose life is hid with Christ in God to come to the front now and to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Truth must be defended and the kingdom of

God advanced as they would be were Christ in person on this earth. If He were here, He would be drawn out to rebuke many who, though professing to be medical missionaries, have not chosen to learn of the great Medical Missionary His meekness and lowliness. In the lives of some occupying high positions in the medical missionary work, self has been exalted. Until such ones rid themselves of every desire to uplift self, they cannot clearly discern the character of Christ, nor can they do the work that He did.

When the Holy Spirit controls the minds of our church members, there will be seen in our churches a much higher standard in speech, in ministry, in spirituality than is now seen. The church members will be refreshed by the water of life, and the laborers, working under one Head, even Christ, will reveal their Master in spirit, in word, in deed, and will encourage one another to press forward in the grand, closing work in which we are engaged. There will be a healthy increase of unity and love, which will bear testimony to the world that God sent His Son to die for the redemption of sinners. Divine truth will be exalted; and as it shines forth as a lamp that burneth, we shall understand it more and still more clearly.

The testing truth for this time is not the fabrication of any human mind. It is from God. It is genuine philosophy to those who appropriate it. Christ became incarnate in order that we, through belief of the truth, might be sanctified and redeemed. Let those who hold the truth in righteousness arouse and go forth, shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, to proclaim the truth to those who know it not. Let them make straight paths for their feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way.

We are now to unify and by true medical missionary work prepare the way for our coming King. But let us remember that Christian unity does not mean that the identity of one person is to be submerged in that of another; nor does it mean that the mind of one is to be led and controlled by the mind of another. God has not given to any man the power that some, by word and act, seek to claim. God requires every man to stand free and to follow the directions of the Word.

In every movement Christ's followers are to reveal their regard for Christian principles—loving God supremely and their neighbor as themselves; reflecting light and blessing on the pathway of those who are in darkness; comforting those who are cast down; sweetening the bitter waters in the place of giving their fellow pilgrims gall to drink.

Let us increase in a knowledge of the truth, giving all praise and glory to Him who is one with the Father. Let us seek most earnestly for the heavenly anointing, the Holy Spirit. Let us have a pure, growing Christianity, that in the heavenly courts we may at last be pronounced complete in Christ.

“Behold the Bridegroom cometh! Go ye out to meet Him!” [Matthew 25:6.] Lose no time now in rising and trimming your lamps. Lose no time in seeking perfect unity with one another. We must expect difficulties. Trials will come. Christ, the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering. His followers will encounter the enemy many times and will be severely

tried; but they need not despair. Christ says to them, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." [John 16:33.]

The following lines seem to portray the Christian warfare:

I thought that the course of the Christian to heaven
Would be bright as the summer and glad as the morn.
Thou show'dst me the path; It was dark and rough,
All rugged with rock, all tangled with thorn;
I dreamed of celestial rewards and renown;
I asked for the palm branch, the robe, and the crown;
I asked, and Thou show'dst me a cross and a grave.

Lt 256, 1903

International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

October 25, 1903

To the officers of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association

Dear Brethren,—

The Lord has instructed me that our people are to establish a sanitarium in Washington, D.C., to co-operate with the publishing house and the school to be established there. In this sanitarium opportunity is to be given to the youth to learn how to conduct sanitarium work in harmony with the instruction that God has sent His people.

I was also instructed that in the establishment of the sanitarium at Washington, we are not to unite with Dr. Kellogg, because he knows not where he has been standing as regards his faith in God and in Christ. The truth must be given to the people of Washington very differently from the way in which it would be given were it under the direction of your Association. The Lord would have His work carried on in a different spirit from that manifested by Dr. Kellogg at the Oakland Conference and in Battle Creek since the Conference.

Several years ago the Lord instructed me that we should establish a sanitarium in Washington and that it should stand separate and independent from the Sanitarium at Battle Creek.

Ever since my return from Australia, light has been clearly given me that those who are firm in the faith should place themselves decidedly on the Lord's side, and that they should work with

all their God-given power to counteract the centralizing influences that have developed round the medical work in Battle Creek.

The Lord has plainly instructed me that we must not permit the medical men in Battle Creek to sway the work in Washington, because, unless greatly changed, they would exert a strong influence to thwart the plan of God in that important center. While these men continue to follow principles that God has condemned, how could the Lord be honored by having the Battle Creek mold placed on all our medical institutions? Those who give shape to our medical work in Washington should be sound in the faith, understanding clearly the principles of the truth that in positive terms have been given to us as a people.

From time to time the Lord has presented many things before me regarding the perils of our physicians who are associated together at Battle Creek. At various times Dr. Kellogg has been presented to me as walking in a false show, desiring to have the credit of being the first in medical missionary work. By his remarks he sometimes gives the impression that he is the author of the medical missionary work. But this honor does not belong to any man. It is the Lord, not man, who is the teacher and leader of His people.

God has moved upon the hearts of men in different places to engage in this work. He has given them wisdom to plan and devise, and they have carried forward the work that He has laid upon them. It is His purpose that Dr. Kellogg shall give close attention to the work devolving upon him and that he shall leave his brethren free to do their appointed work as the Lord shall direct them.

For many years the Lord has been sending testimonies of encouragement, instruction, warning, and reproof to Dr. Kellogg, but because of his great confidence in his own plans and work, the doctor has failed to comprehend or to heed many of the counsels which were essential to his welfare. The position that he has taken with men of the world, binding himself up with them, gives evidence that instead of becoming established in the truth, he is departing from the faith. His theology is not sound; his mind is confused, and unless he sees his danger, his foundation will be swept away when the test comes. Unless he sees his danger and makes a decided change, he cannot be endorsed as a safe, all-round teacher for the students who go to Battle Creek to study in medical missionary lines.

If Dr. Kellogg would link up with his brethren, and receive counsel from them, he would be on safer ground. But he has had great confidence in his own capabilities, and this has led him to take strong positions. Unless he is converted and humbles his heart before God, his high opinion of his wisdom and knowledge will lead to acts which will place him and the truth we cherish as a denomination in disrepute. But if he will walk humbly with God, if he will be teachable, if he will let God work upon his heart, the Lord will use him to advance the medical missionary work.

But if he is exalted by his associates as the great head of this work, he will bring in a very strange order of things.

Those who have dared to place such large confidence in a finite man, overlooking his defects, excusing and justifying his mistakes, have done him great injury, and God will call them to account. If Dr. Kellogg is not now entirely beyond help, it is not because he has not been sufficiently praised and sustained and exalted by men. If he escapes an experience similar to that of Nebuchadnezzar, it will be because his soul revolts at his own presumptuous ambitions and his high opinions of his plans and his wisdom.

Since the General Conference of 1901, I have carried a very heavy burden. Before I went to the Conference, light was given me that we must do all that we could to help Dr. Kellogg. The Lord said, "He is My physician. But he is himself in need of healing. He has taken upon himself responsibilities that I have not given him." He was to be given another opportunity to establish his faith in the testimonies that for nearly half a century the Lord has been sending His people. Had he at that Conference fallen on the Rock and been broken, had he come to God in humiliation and contrition, he would have received great light. But he allowed ambitious plans to occupy his mind. He has not taken time to study the Scriptures diligently, and he has not a true understanding of the work for these last days. He has not cherished a true, genuine faith—a faith that would qualify him for the work of God. He has been in a dangerous position. Unless he places himself where he can be worked by the Holy Spirit, he will weave into his talks to the students that which is not true. He has planned to do a great work. But the Lord forbids us as His appointed watchmen, stewards of His grace and shepherds of His flock, to allow him any longer to carry on the work in his own ambitious way. Instead of feeling that it is his work to speak and write about God as he has done, he should go apart for a time and diligently study the Scriptures.

Dr. Kellogg has taken the position before those not of our faith that the Battle Creek Sanitarium is undenominational and has thus placed our work in a false light. He has made indistinct the line of demarcation between worldlings and those who hold in trust the most solemn truth ever given to mortals. Thus God has been greatly dishonored. The truth that has made us what we are is the same as it always has been. We must now more distinctly define the medical missionary work. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Christ's first coming, so we are to prepare the way for His second coming.

Past Warnings

For years the dangers of our medical work have been presented to me. Some of the letters that I have written to the physicians and managers of our older sanitariums will soon be published for the benefit of our younger physicians. But to you who are associated together at Battle Creek, I feel that I must write very plainly; for you need a thorough awakening.

One year ago I wrote the following, which I will now send you:

October 26, 1902

During the past night I have slept but little. I feel grateful to God for goodness and love. I thank Him for permitting me to have a part in the work of preparing the way for His second coming.

I have spent the greater part of the night praying that the Lord, by some way of His own choosing, will open Dr. Kellogg's understanding, that he may see that he is departing from the faith. Unless he is led to realize his true spiritual condition, he will walk away from Christ into false paths. I am greatly burdened by the thought that those connected with the doctor in medical missionary work do not see that he is not standing on the platform of Bible truth. Unless there is a change, grave errors will be brought in. These will be rejected by some, but by others they will be accepted. Dr. Kellogg will have a sad account to give unless he sincerely repents for lifting himself up unto vanity and assuming over souls a power that has hurt them spiritually.

Dr. Kellogg has favored those who have consented to follow his plans, and he has disparaged those who have differed from him in their understanding of what constitutes medical missionary work. Of those who have not shaped their course to suit his devising, it has been declared that they are not in harmony with medical missionary work. But these assertions are not always the truth. No man has the right to attach to the work his own plans and methods and then claim that those who do not in all things act in harmony with his ideas are not medical missionaries.

Dr. Kellogg has woven so much of himself into some lines of the medical missionary work that it is sick, diseased, needing the care of the great Physician. When he does the work of a true medical missionary, as heaven designs he shall, the showing will be very different from what it now is.

When the leaders of the medical missionary work see themselves as the Lord sees them, there will be sorrow and humiliation. All who are enlightened by the Holy Spirit will see that self-denial and genuine humility are the first requisites for the success of medical missionary work. God acknowledges only the work that bears His seal.

Had our brother, who has assumed many responsibilities that God has not laid upon him, devoted his energies to that which for years the Lord has bidden him do, he would now be a much safer man to entrust with large responsibilities. But he does not discern the truth for this time. He has been framing false theories, and by these he governs himself. He thinks and asserts that he is right, but he does not understand the testing truth for this time. Unless he is converted, it will not be safe to accept him as a leader. He who stands as a leader of God's people should do nothing that will mislead, nothing that will bring in false theories and sentiments.

It becomes those who are associated with Dr. Kellogg to watch and pray, lest they be found building on sliding sand. It is not safe for any man to interpret the Scripture according to his own ideas. Whoever does this places himself where he is subject to strong temptations.

The Lord has given me many messages for Dr. Kellogg, to encourage him, to point out his mistakes, and to place him where he would have clear light in regard to the testimonies that the Lord has been giving His people. But he did not take heed. The Lord gave him evidence of the truth of the testimonies that He was sending His people. But Dr. Kellogg has often disregarded the cautions and reproofs given him, when they did not coincide with his own ideas and judgment.

When, during the General Conference of 1901, light came clearly to him, he should have confessed his mistakes and errors, that he might be converted. But instead of humbling himself, he began to build himself up in his own purposes. The work that he should have done at this meeting was not done. Had he at that time taken his stand as one determined to cleanse his soul from all iniquity, there would have followed a reformation that would have placed the medical missionary work on a proper basis, where it would have been all that the name includes.

The Lord has a great work to accomplish through His faithful medical missionaries. But in order for them to do this work, they must be converted, body, soul, and spirit. God has made provision for every possible emergency. He will furnish help to all who walk and work in purity of heart. There is no lack to those who walk uprightly.

Dr. Kellogg occupies a position of great responsibility. Many are looking to him as one able to comprehend the truth. But he often misleads minds in regard to his work. He cannot meet his high responsibilities unless he is converted. That which he most needs is a knowledge of God's will concerning himself—a knowledge of how to speak, how to teach, how to control his spirit. He needs to learn how to place in the Lord's ministers the confidence that he desires them to place in him. The Lord calls upon Dr. Kellogg and his associates to step into line with their brethren, to become united in spirit with the ministers and teachers who are carrying forward the work that the Lord has given them to do. Many of these workers are conscientiously trying to serve the interests of the cause of God, and they should have the sympathy and support of the medical workers.

The rich and wonderful provisions of the gospel embrace the medical missionary work. This work is to be to the third angel's message as the right arm is to the body. It is not to be made the head. Dr. Kellogg has endeavored to make it the head, but this is not right.

The Lord reproves those who do not watch unto prayer, those who forget that they are wholly dependent upon Him and amenable to Him. He reproves those who misrepresent the great Medical Missionary, those who do not keep the way of the Lord, doing their utmost to prepare a people to become members of the family of the redeemed. He is dishonored by those whose course leads away from Christ and the truth for this time. The Lord desires that our medical workers shall proclaim the last warning message of the gospel. When they leave out the principles of present truth, skepticism runs through their work, and God cannot endorse it.

The principles of present truth are to be studied and practiced by our people, that the line of demarcation between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not may be kept unmistakably distinct. A close examination of God's Word will reveal the riches of the grace of Christ, which are to be received by God's people, and by them imparted to those in need.

Lt 257, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 26, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

Sanitarium

Battle Creek

Dear Brother,—

I received a letter from you yesterday and read it carefully. I am very thankful to learn that your eyes are being opened and that you [are] beginning to understand the perilous position in which you have been standing. Nothing will give me so much joy as to know that the Holy Spirit is doing its threefold work in your heart—the work spoken of in John 16:8. "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

With this I am sending you an article I have written on leadership. It is incomplete, but I write it now in order that, should I suddenly be removed by death, those in the world who have any knowledge of Mrs. Ellen G. White may know that she did not engage in controversy with you or with any one else in regard to the leadership of the denomination.

I will now send you a letter written several days ago relative to the immovable character of the pillars of our faith and a copy of what I have lately written to your associates about Christ as our example in medical missionary work; also an article from my diary written November 17 and 18, which you may read as if written to yourself. I am sending also to yourself and to your associates a caution about any effort to interfere with the Washington work and a caution that they shall not influence you in wrong lines, whereas they should be helping you to get into the light. I am sending you also copy of a letter which I recently wrote to Brother Burden.

I have an intense longing for your prosperity and the welfare of your soul. I am praying that the Lord Jesus will break down every barrier between you and Him. Learn for yourself how to appreciate Christ. Learn how to glorify Him. Cease to please the enemy by cherishing suspicions of your brethren. Let self be hid with Christ in God. Learn the lesson of rejoicing, and no longer bring suspicion upon the gospel. By performing the work to which you have been appointed, let piety and faith have their natural growth in your life. Let the truth reign in your heart and

sanctify your soul. Give room in your thoughts for the gospel. Let Christ dwell in you richly, leading you, guiding you, influencing you. Learn the note of praise and thanksgiving.

Let the Lord teach you His will and His way. It is a great misfortune for you to have been associated with those who credit all you say, receiving your assertions as the counsel of God.

I entreat you not to make surface work, but to make sure work for eternity. Remember that you are God's by creation and by redemption. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall man give in exchange for his soul?" [Mark 8:36, 37.]

My brother, I wish to repeat to you the word of God as it was spoken to me for you. One of authority called you by name and said, "You are to avoid the beginnings of sin, else there will be no hope for you in the future. You have mismatched medical missionary work with human philosophy. The medical missionary work is sick, and is not acceptable to God."

If you had heeded the light given you, you would not have ventured to do the work you have done, exalting yourself and trying to bring the medical work under your control. This effort has advanced decidedly since the General Conference of 1901. I have been instructed that had you at that Conference made confessions that would have cleared your soul, had you humbled yourself in the presence of God as a little child, the medical missionary work would stand very much higher than it does today. The reproach would have been rolled away. The power of the Lord would have been exerted to cure the disease of the soul.

God disciplines His children. He requires from them obedience, full and complete. He will not allow them to have their own way. To this the laws of His kingdom say, No. He expects them always to obey Him, and sometimes without any reasons being given. You have had reasons, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little; but for a long time you have followed your own way, refusing to submit to the Lord's discipline.

My brother, as surely as you live, you will have to be very decided and thorough in the changes that you make in your practices if you are numbered at last with the members of the redeemed family. You must reveal to angels and men that you are born of God, living definitely for God, working with an eye single to His glory. You are not to uplift and magnify yourself. Thus saith the Lord, "This people have I formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise." [Isaiah 43:21.] To serve and honor God—this is to be our highest object. When it is, the prudence and wisdom of our words and acts will be a constant witness for God. Our lives will reveal Him to the world.

When this experience is yours, you will understand perfectly that you must speak the truth only, and you will dread anything that would detract from the glory of God. You will realize that those who are engaged in the solemn, sacred work of ministering to the bodies and souls of human beings—a work that means so much to those for whom it is done—are to be separate from the world in spirit, in principle, in character. You will have a deep insight into spiritual things and a comprehension of that which words cannot express—the love that passeth

knowledge, the love spoken of in the words, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God; therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." [1 John 3:1-3.]

The Son of God does indeed call men, uniting them with Him as brethren, conferring upon them the honor of divine sonship. What wonderful condescension on the part of Christ. He became our elder brother, that we might become the sons and daughters of God. We have been bought with a price, and what a price! Christ volunteered to come to this earth and stand at the head of fallen human beings, who were heirs of guilt, under sentence of eternal death. We must have perished had He not borne our guilt and the wrath of God.

My heart aches as I see how faint a realization human beings have of what has been done for them. How I wish they could see as I see what is meant by the punishment of the guilty. The invitation comes to us, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [John 1:29.] Those who do not believe in Christ, receiving Him as a personal Saviour, must die in their sins. They must suffer the punishment of the second death. Those who remain in unbelief cannot appreciate the love that Christ has expressed for them, and they will never have an experimental knowledge of the suffering that Christ endured in order that their sins might be pardoned and they be received as children of God.

Those who in this earth become sons of God sit together with Christ in the preparatory school, getting ready to be received into the higher school. Day by day we are to make an individual preparation; for in the courts above no one will be represented by proxy. Each one must heed for himself the call, "Come unto Me, ... and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

The Lord Jesus has paid your tuition fees. All that you have to do is to learn of Him. The Christlike politeness practiced in the higher school is to be practiced in this lower school by both old and young believers. All who learn in Christ's school are under the training of heavenly agencies; and they are never to forget that they are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. They are to represent Christ. They are to help one another to become worthy of admission into the higher school. They are to help one another to be pure and noble and to cherish a true idea of what it means to be a child of God. They are to speak encouraging words. They are to lift up the feeble hands and strengthen the feeble knees. Upon every heart there is to be inscribed the words, as with the point of a diamond, "There is nothing that I fear, save that I shall not know my duty, or shall fail to do it."

We are living in a time when we should seek the Lord most earnestly. I have a longing desire that you shall be true to principle. I do not mean what you have called principle; for your course

since the Conference of 1901 bears its testimony that your definition of principle is not safe or correct. Do not allow yourself to be persuaded that the course which you have followed is the course of sound, sanctified, holy principle.

There are many ways in which human beings can crucify the Son of God afresh and put Him to open shame. The worship of worldly business so confuses the mind that Satan stealthily approaches and insidiously gains entrance. He has many theories by which to lead astray those who will be led. The erroneous views of God that the world is entertaining are skepticism in disguise, preparing the way for atheism. By hasty words and selfish deeds, men often grieve the heart of Christ. Thus Satan works untiringly to lead them to disloyalty. As he gains control of minds, he makes upon them lasting impressions, and the realities of eternity fade away.

A self-controlled spirit, words of love and tenderness, honor the Saviour. Those who speak kind, loving words, words that make for peace, will be richly rewarded. We are the appointed ministers of Christ, and we are to let His Spirit shine forth in the meekness and lowliness learned of Him. As a result, because we have not exalted ourselves, we shall find the rest that Christ gives.

Christ took human nature upon Him and bore it, pure and spotless, into the heavenly courts. He will bear this nature through the ages of eternity. In ascending to heaven with a glorified humanity, Christ has declared what man can become if he will do the will of God, but it is only through the mediation of Christ that any human being can overcome. Of the redeemed we read, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." [Revelation 12:11.] God will honor those who accept Christ, making them witnesses of Him to the world.

Those who do not lay hold of and appreciate this power stand in their own light, keeping themselves from thorough consecration. My brother, you have been losing a most valuable experience. Study to develop a sensitive appreciation of what Christ has done for you. Examine yourself to see whether you are in the faith. There is danger that your mind will continue to be so filled with business cares that you will not give yourself time to receive the grace of Christ. Your eyes have been so blinded that you have not seen your danger. But it is not too late for wrongs to be righted.

Your imperfections are not few, and your failure to obtain the heavenly treasure will make you bankrupt for eternity unless you buy of Christ the pure gold tried in the fire. Keep your eyes fixed on Christ. Study His life—a life filled with goodness, grace, and truth. Follow His example. Ask yourself, Am I, in purpose and character, like Christ? The contemplation of the Saviour will attract you more and more strongly to Him. It is the beholding of the love of Jesus that gives light and life to the soul. Study the excellence of the character of Christ. Remember that to Him has been given all power. This power is for you, if you will have it. As you become a humble, faithful witness for Christ, you will be able to say, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." [Psalm 18:35.]

Lt 258, 1903

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 23, 1903

Dear Sister Hall,—

I meant to have written to you long before this. The one hundred dollars that you sent was gratefully received, but I cannot consent to accept it as a gift. You made me a present of a nice velvet sacque. I did not feel as if I ought to take this, but I knew that it was freely given, and I appreciated the gift. But the money has been entered on my books as a loan from you, at five per cent interest. I am hoping that I shall soon have more means. I have recently completed the settlement of an old debt of six thousand dollars at the Review and Herald office.

The publication of *Desire of Ages* was a heavy expense, and enough copies of the book have not yet been sold to settle the debt thus incurred. But this debt is gradually being lessened. I paid for plates of this book to send to Australia, that the Echo office might publish an edition. The money that I paid out for these plates will slowly come back to me as the office there disposes of the books.

Every year thousands of dollars from the royalty on my books goes into new books for this country, and to Europe to help in the translation of books into different languages, and to advance other lines of work. I feel a great satisfaction in this investment.

I gave Stephen Belden several hundred dollars. I could not let him and his wife suffer for food and clothing. I paid their expenses to and from Norfolk Island.

I gave one thousand dollars to the Avondale school, to help in the purchase of the estate, and at another time I gave fourteen hundred dollars to the work in Australia. The money was used in the erection of the Cooranbong Retreat, in building meeting houses, and in helping to purchase a large tent in which to hold meetings. While I was in Australia, I was a bank for the workers there.

I tell you this that you may know that I have not incurred debt needlessly. My debt is a large one, but I am not worried in regard to it. I have no fears but that it will soon be settled. Not long ago, Brethren Magan, Hall, and C. H. Jones laid plans to settle this debt by our people selling *Education* in something the same way that *Object Lessons* was sold. I wrote to Elder Daniells that I could not accept one dollar raised in this way; that other enterprises needed the liberalities of our people.

As for taking money from you, I can assure you, my dear sister, that I will not accept a penny. I have been, and am in a strait place financially, but I am hoping and praying that the Lord will

send me means. I have recently borrowed five hundred dollars from the St. Helena Bank, at eight per cent interest.

But this does not worry me. The only thing that disturbs my mind is the present disjointed condition of the cause of God. It pains me to think that we stand before the world on a low level, when every provision has been made for us to stand before unbelievers on the elevated platform of eternal truth, possessing the advantages that God designed us to possess. Does not Christ say, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son"? [John 14:13.]

Sometimes, when I am praying for Dr. Kellogg, my heart is bowed down as a cart beneath sheaves. I can scarcely pray for weeping. Sometimes I pray for hours while lying in my bed. Last night I slept for only three hours. My heart was drawn out in earnest prayer to God to help His people to be wise unto salvation. I am assured that a grave responsibility now rests upon Dr. Kellogg. Will he humble his heart before God? Will he make straight paths for his feet? Through his lack of judgment and sound religious faith, he has placed us as a people in a most unenviable position; and I am sore at heart. It seems sometimes as if I could not carry the terrible load for another hour. Must the cause of God be brought into disrepute by those whom He has greatly blessed and honored?

I am trying to lay the burden at the feet of Jesus, but I must put certain matters into print, that, should I be suddenly removed by death, and should a similar crisis come, our people would know what course to pursue.

Dr. Kellogg has written me two very humble letters, but this can not heal the wound that the cause of God has received. Dr. Kellogg urges me to come to Battle Creek and bear my testimony there, but I shall not go without clear instruction from the Lord that this is my duty. I do not wish to leave my work here. We have several books in process of preparation. Marian is at work on the temperance book. The manuscript for this book will soon be ready for the printer, I hope. I have decided to give the proceeds from the sale of this book to our sanitarium work. But we have not yet decided definitely what plans to follow in handling the book.

Can you tell me when you are coming home? Your presence would be a great comfort to me, but I do not want you to come till your work in the East is finished. I want you to be where you know the Lord wants you. Do what seems to you to be right, and I will raise no objections. You are very precious to me, but the Lord may have a work for you to do in Battle Creek. If He has, do it, and I will pray for you. Just such ones as you are needed in Battle Creek now, yet I had hoped that you could be released.

We are living in the midst of the peril of the last days, and the Lord calls upon us to look to Him for guidance. We need not take one step in the dark. "He that followeth Me," Christ says, "shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [John 8:12.]

I know that you have many trials to bear, and yet I feel that you have an experience that enables you to bear them without murmuring. I know that you seek to comfort every one that you can. If you feel that in this time of peril you can help the workers in Battle Creek, your efforts to do this will have my hearty approval.

Lt 259, 1903

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 23, 1903

Dear Sister Hall,—

We are safe if we do the will of our heavenly Father. If I have any will of my own, I do not know it. Mark the closeness of the relationship between Christ and His Father. See the entire dependence of the Son on the Father, as shown in the words, “The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do.” Mark the implicit obedience in the words, “For whatsoever things the Father doeth, these things doeth the Son in like manner.” [John 5:19.] No less entire is to be our dependence on Christ, and no less implicit our obedience. Christ’s words regarding this matter are definite. He was standing at the head of humanity, and He set human beings an example of perfect obedience.

“For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that He Himself doeth.” [Verse 20.] It was in our behalf that Christ came to this world to make known the will of His Father, and to show human beings what they must become before they can stand before God in the heavenly courts. It is our work to obey God—to learn and obey the laws of His kingdom.

The Leadership of Israel

God chose Israel to be His people, and by His mighty power He delivered them from Egyptian bondage. The Egyptians saw and felt the scourging of God. The whole land bore evidence to the power of Him who ruleth in the heavens. All Egypt was desolated before Pharaoh would submit to God’s will. Thus God worked to lead His people in all future ages to magnify His power and to look to Him as the supreme Ruler.

The Son of God, enshrouded in the pillar of cloud, was the leader of the children of Israel, overseeing every phase of their experience. He educated and disciplined them, often testing their faith. Fleeing from Pharaoh’s host, they found themselves at one time hemmed in by inaccessible mountains, with the Red Sea before them and the enemy following hard after. The command came, “Go forward,” and as they obeyed, the waters parted before them. [Exodus 14:15, 21.]

In their journey through the wilderness, the Israelites were led and protected by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. The stopping of the pillar of cloud was the sign that they were to encamp at the place over which the cloud rested.

Moses, the visible leader of the Israelites, was admitted into the secret councils of the Most High. The people were given evidence that Moses did indeed talk with God, receiving from Him the instruction given them.

Christ would have led the people into the promised land by a much more direct route had they shown a willingness to be guided by Him and to place their dependence on Him. Had they obeyed the directions given them by Moses, not one of those who started on the journey from Egypt would in the wilderness have fallen a prey to disease or death. They were under a safe guide. Christ had pledged Himself to lead them safely to the promised land, if they would follow His guidance. They were under His direct leadership. In every one of them He was interested. But they allowed unbelief to enter their hearts and murmured against Moses and Aaron for bringing them out of Egypt, and punishment came upon them. Only two of the adults who left Egypt entered Canaan. The rest died in the wilderness during the forty years of wandering.

The instructions given to Moses for ancient Israel, with their sharp, rigid outlines, are to be studied and obeyed by the people of God today. God desires His people to study these lessons and not to follow their own judgment, making their own plans. God has shown that there is only one Lord, and that He rules in the heavens and has given laws that all are to obey. Let us study the experience of the children of Israel and the Lord's dealing with them—His encouragement of the obedient and the punishment that came upon those who were determined to carry out their own devisings, supposing that finite human beings could become an authoritative power, to which all must concede.

God's divine philosophy is revealed in the experience of Israel, chosen by Him from all nations to be His peculiar people. From His dealing with them we learn that He must be obeyed, that those who are determined to exalt themselves must be blotted out.

"In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. ... And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine; and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation. ...

"And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord." [Exodus 19:1, 3-8.]

This is the great charter by which Israel was received as the Lord's chosen people.

The Giving of the Law

Describing the giving of the law, Moses says, "The Lord came down from Sinai, and rose up from Seir; He shined forth from Mount Paran, and He came with ten thousand of saints; from His right hand went forth a fiery law for them. Yea, He loved His people, all His saints are in the midst of Thy hand: and they sat down at Thy feet; every one shall receive of Thy words."

[Deuteronomy 33:2, 3.]

God purposed to make the occasion of speaking His law a scene of awful grandeur, in keeping with its exalted character. The people were to be impressed that everything connected with the service of God must be regarded with the greatest reverence.

God showed His contempt for cities and palaces, the work of human hands; and chose a mountain in a great desert as the place from which to proclaim His law. On every side, vast, rugged heights seemed in their solitary grandeur to speak of eternal endurance and majesty. Here the mind was impressed with solemnity and awe. Man was made to feel his ignorance and weakness in the presence of Him who "weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance." [Isaiah 40:12.] Here Israel was to receive the most wonderful revelation ever made by God to man. Here the Lord gathered His people that He might impress upon them the sacredness of His requirements by declaring with His own voice His holy law.

Upon Mount Sinai God came down to speak to the people, His glory so concealed that they could hear His voice without being consumed. From a place untouched by human hands, He spoke. When I think of the scenes connected with the giving of the law, I wish that I could say to every human being, "Man is finite; God and Christ are infinite, omnipotent, eternal." Let not finite human beings attempt to interpret God, making Him only a God revealed in nature. Many have made a great mistake by the way in which they have represented Jehovah.

The contract, the settlement made by God with Israel, contained no proposition coming from human beings. It was formed by the One who "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] It is man's privilege to exercise living faith in the Saviour. John declares, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." [John 1:12.]

I am instructed to say that in the future great watchfulness will be needed. There is to be among God's people no spiritual stupidity. Evil spirits are actively engaged in seeking to control the minds of human beings. Men are binding up in bundles, ready to be consumed by the fires of the last days. Those who discard Christ and His righteousness will accept the sophistry that is flooding the world. Christians are to be sober and vigilant, steadfastly resisting their adversary the devil, who is going about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Men under the influence of evil spirits will work miracles. They will make people sick by casting their spell upon them and will then remove the spell, leading others to say that those who were sick have been miraculously healed. This Satan has done again and again.

God will be the sanctuary of His people if they will obey His Word, believing and proclaiming the simple gospel truths that Christ proclaimed when in this world. We need now to pray as we have never prayed before. We are living in the great day of atonement, and we are to confess our sins and make diligent work of repentance. We are to put all our capabilities to work, that we may be delivered from wicked and unreasonable men. Satan comes down as a beautiful angel and presents lovely pictures before the eyes of those who have so perverted their ways before God that they do not see what they are or know what they need. The enemy has come down with great power, to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. God calls for repentance and reconversion.

John writes, "I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne, and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne. And when He had taken the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth." [Revelation 5:6-10.]

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand; and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." [Verses 11, 12.]

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever." [Verse 13.]

Now is the time for us to educate our tongues to speak the truth. Now is the time for all prevarication to cease. Now is the time for every man to criticize himself and closely examine his own heart, testing it by the law of God.

Night after night scenes are presented to me which lead me to feel that I must cry aloud, and spare not, that I must lift up my voice like a trumpet, and show God's people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. "Yet they seek Me daily," God says, "and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of Me the ordinance of justice, they take delight in approaching to God." [Isaiah 58:2.] Read the whole of this chapter, the fifty-eighth of Isaiah, and apply it where it

truly belongs. God requires His people, and especially those who dare to accept positions in our institutions, to be pure and holy. He calls upon them to wear His yoke, to suffer no man to bind yokes of human manufacture upon their necks. They are amenable to God, and to Him alone; for they are His blood-bought heritage.

When the lives of God's people are cleansed from moral and spiritual pollution, when their eyes are anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, they will see that they are poor, and wretched, and miserable, and blind, and naked. They will come to the fountain that has been opened for Judah and Jerusalem and apply the cleansing blood of Christ to their poor, sin-sick souls. God grant that they may make no delay in securing the advantages that He has prepared for all who love Him and keep His commandments.

Lt 260, 1903

Hare, George A.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

December 2, 1903

Dr. George A. Hare

My dear brother,—

I have just read Elder Daniells' letter to you and your letter to Elder Daniells. I can heartily endorse all that Elder Daniells has written expressing a desire for you to connect with the sanitarium to be established in Washington.

We would say to you, Please take up this work as soon as possible. Every day lost is one day less in which to carry forward the work. Some one is very much needed just now to stand at the head of this enterprise, and it will be a great relief if your experience can be brought in. If you will accept this invitation, your action will be greatly appreciated by myself as well as by Elder Daniells.

We want the Washington sanitarium to be established upon different principles and conducted upon different plans from those that have been followed in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. We shall not, therefore, go to Battle Creek to receive counsel regarding the establishment of this institution. The time has come when we must move under the direction of our great Leader, the divine Commander.

Please do not delay. Consecrate yourself to God, and He will be to you a present help in time of need. By doing the work that awaits your presence and assistance, depending entirely upon God for guidance and direction, you will obtain an invaluable experience.

God always has men of His appointment to step into the places where work needs to be done, men with whom and by whom He can work. A special work is committed to each one of God's

workers. To every man the Lord has entrusted talents, gifts that correspond to the needs of some place.

When help was required for the building of the tabernacle, the Lord said to Moses: "See, I have called by name Bezaleel ... of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab ... of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted, I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee." [Exodus 31:2-6.]

The Lord will give understanding to every one who will fully connect with His work. We are not left to trust in human wisdom. In the Lord is wisdom, and it is our privilege to look to Him for counsel.

Again and again recently have these words found in (Exodus 19) been brought to my attention:

"Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shall thou say unto the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

"And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all the words which the Lord had commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do." [Verses 3-8.]

When the Lord is willing and anxious to justify His people whenever He can do so, should they not respond by keeping His covenant, that they may be His peculiar treasure above all people? It is the privilege of all to obey this covenant. In obedience, we shall more fully understand our duty.

To no one man is given all the qualifications for every branch of the Lord's work. We are all members of God's family, all in a greater or less degree entrusted with God-given talents, for the use of which we are held responsible. Whether our talent be great or small, we are to use it in God's service, and we are to recognize the right of every one else to use the gifts entrusted to them.

Never should we disparage the smallest physical, intellectual, or spiritual capital. Some may trade in pennies and farthings, and by God's blessing and unwearied diligence, these humble ones may make successful investments and make a gain proportionate to the capital entrusted to them. No one should make light of any humble worker who is filling his place and is doing a work that some one must do, however small that work may seem.

O how my heart is grieved, as I see men who have had great opportunities, seeking to place in a circumscribed sphere some one, who, with encouragement, might develop to fill a position of great usefulness. The Lord makes use of vessels both large and small. Many whose lives are filled with activity and earnestness need from others counsel and encouragement and words of approval. God looks with pleasure upon the improvement made by His children as they help and encourage one another.

All, whether entrusted with few or with many talents, are to blend together in unity. We need more of the spirit of the Saviour that we may help those who have been restricted and hindered. How much we may help them in their efforts to rise will never be known till it is made manifest in the judgment. We should have a word of encouragement to speak to all, remembering that there are a diversity of gifts. Some who desire to fill a large place and do some great service overlook the little things that must be done by somebody, and forget that those who do these things need their encouragement.

If we pray much as we work, we shall gain more than if we give ourselves entirely to seeking for the wisdom that comes by experience. The Master-workman is supervising His workers. When, as I write, a new thought comes into my mind, I reverentially thank God for the appropriate word or sentence brought to my mind.

I can but realize that the Lord is preparing the way for you to connect with the work in Washington. I believe that you will be greatly blessed of God as you take up the work there, and that you will receive evidence that it is God's will for you to be His helping-hand in that city. He who fills the position to which you are invited must not only be skilful in relieving the sufferings of humanity, but he must be a man who can give good advice and help in the building up of the institution. And he must be one who will not feel satisfied only with his own plans. He must be willing to receive counsel from others.

I thank the Lord that the work is begun at Washington. I am glad that the publishing work has been moved from Battle Creek to Washington, and that plans are being laid for the establishment of a sanitarium in Washington. We see the Alpha, and we know that Christ is also the Omega. Trusting in God, we shall have His approval, and He will work with us as we move forward. We have no time to lose. After plans are laid, other men will be brought in to act their part in carrying forward the work.

I hope that the Lord will prosper you in all your preparations to leave Fresno. I send love to your wife and children.

Lt 261, 1903

Waggoner, E. J.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 30, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Elder E. J. Waggoner

My dear brother,—

I awake in the night, pleading with the Lord in behalf of the workers who have long known the truth, but who are walking apart from their brethren. They are compassed about by the sparks of their own kindling and are taking positions that separate them from their fellow laborers.

Why should men who have been given the clear light of the closing gospel message seek out peculiar theories and exalt them, through them exalting themselves and setting themselves off from their brethren.

This work is not the fruit of righteousness. The Lord is not in it. The experience thus gained is a deceptive one. The Lord calls upon all who have engaged in this work to change their attitude, to move very carefully, to learn the preciousness of the words of Christ, and be content to keep in line with the greatest Teacher that the world has ever known. If they will draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to them.

As a teacher in one of our training schools for Christian workers, you occupy a position of great responsibility. You are never to forget that it is a great privilege thus to be a co-worker with Christ. You are to co-operate with the purpose of God by working out the divine principles in your own life and also by molding in accordance with these principles the characters of the youth under your charge. Teach these youth to study the simplicity of Christ.

I am sending you with this a warning against fanciful doctrines, which you may read to your classes. I am also sending a letter which I wrote to you about the time of your return from Europe. I have not felt free to send this letter till now. I pray that you may shun the dangers in your pathways which you see, and also those which you do not see, against which you are warned.

Lt 262, 1903

Ministers and Other Workers in the South

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 24, 1903

To our ministers and other workers in the Southern states,—

I wish you all to know that I am in full sympathy with you in urging our churches in the North and the South, the East and the West, to immediate action in supplying the present needs of the work in the South. Let all now take up in earnest the work of helping to relieve the pressing necessities of the work at Nashville.

Nashville has been presented to me as the most favorable center from which to do a general work for all classes in the Southern states. In and near Nashville there are established institutions of learning, which should be respected by our people. Their influence has helped to make it possible for us to carry forward successfully many lines of work from that center.

How to Meet Trials

Christ, the only begotten Son of God, was given to our world to save perishing souls from eternal death. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] The life of Christ, His humiliation, His untiring missionary efforts are recorded that we may follow His example. In His mission to this earth, He set before us the lessons that we need.

Christ humbled Himself, bearing the trials and inconveniences that men are called upon to bear. He was the Majesty of heaven, yet He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.

In time of trial, be patient. Patience is a precious jewel. It will bring help to mind and heart. "Wait on the Lord," until He sees that you are ready to receive and appreciate the blessings for which you ask. [Psalm 27:14.] Exercise faith, even though the trial be severe. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [Hebrews 11:1.] Of faith, hope is born.

To accept disappointment meekly and cheerfully requires great self-control. But Jesus understands our need. Every prayer offered to God in sincerity and faith will be answered. In disappointment and trial, let us remember Jesus our Mediator, tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. Talk with Him. He knows whether that for which you ask would be to you a blessing or a curse.

Let us be always cheerful. Let the language of the soul be, "Jesus knows best. He will fulfil His promises in a way that will not hurt my soul. I will seek to use wisely the blessings that He daily bestows upon me. I will pray and hope, believing that I shall receive the very things that will be for my best good. I will seek to impart to others the blessings that I receive. That which God gives, I will use in His service, asking Him to keep me from becoming elated and self-sufficient. I will be humble and thankful."

Having done your best, refuse to give way to discouragement and despair. The perfection of the Redeemer is your strength. When hedged about with apparently insurmountable difficulties, then is the time above all others to trust in the Lord. We are not to walk in our own strength, but in the strength of the Lord God of Israel. It is folly to trust in man or to make flesh our arm. We must trust in Jehovah; for in Him is everlasting strength.

Last-Day Delusions

I pray that our people may not fall victims to the snares that Satan has laid to entrap unwary souls. But even now many are bewildered. All need to be independent Bible students. I am writing words of warning, that no one need be deceived by the enemy, to lead others into crooked paths. I have carried a heavy burden because of the publication of Living Temple. I think that the Lord has permitted this matter to develop in order to arouse our people to understand and value aright the fundamental truths that, as a people, we have received from the Word of God. We must know that we have not followed cunningly devised fables. Our Father bids us call to mind the former days, after which, when we were illumined, we endured a great fight of affliction. I have received most precious assurances that our early experiences were of God. I wish that every one of our people might know, as I know, of the sure and certain way in which the Lord led us in times past.

Brother Amadon knows something of our early experiences. I am sure that he remembers many of the strait places through which we passed. I am glad that Brother Amadon is now engaged in the Southern work. You may strengthen one another in the most holy faith. Each one is to stand in his lot and place.

It causes me great sorrow of heart to see that there are among our workers those who do not realize the dangerous character of the doctrines that some are entertaining regarding God. I know how dangerous these sentiments are. Before I was seventeen years old, I had to bear testimony against them before large companies. In New Hampshire there were men who were active in disseminating false ideas regarding God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their ideas, some of which led to freelovism. I was shown that these men were seducing souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God.

I went to the place where they were working and opened before them what they were doing. The Lord gave me strength to lay before them plainly the danger of their course. Among other things, they held that those once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were working great harm to themselves and to others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evil had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy had led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. The result of this belief was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts which, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and action.

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal God, diffused through nature, and the doctrine of holy flesh.

Now, when I am seventy-six years old, history is being repeated; and day after day, from morning till night, I use my pen in meeting the same dangerous sophistries and fables that we were called to meet so many years ago. In His providence, God has spared me to meet these issues. The Lord has let His Holy Spirit rest upon me, and I am still strengthened and sustained.

The day before yesterday, I felt as if I had reached the end of my labor. I was unable to write. It seemed that an unseen agency was pressing the life from me. I was shut in with a depression that I cannot describe. But yesterday deliverance came, and I wrote during the whole day.

A class of men will arise who will do the work outlined in the words:

“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse; because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imagination, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and to fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.” [Romans 1:18-23.]

False science is one of the agencies that Satan used in the heavenly courts, and it is used by him today. The false assertions that he made to the angels, his subtle, scientific theories, led many of them from their loyalty. Having lost their place in heaven, they prepared temptations for our first parents. Adam and Eve yielded to the enemy, and by their disobedience humanity was estranged from God, and the earth was separated from heaven.

Christ pledged Himself to bridge the gulf that sin had made, to reunite that which had been separated. Thus He became the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He shows us the path that leads to heaven and promises to impart His efficiency to every one who believes on Him. He came to our world to reveal, not a mixture of truth and error, but the pure truth of God. All error is misleading, even though clothed with garments of heavenly beauty.

Christ says, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” “He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” [John 14:6; 8:12.] He who accepts Christ enters upon a pathway illuminated by the splendor of the Son of the true and living God. The truth that he believes sheds light on every step of the way. God’s chosen ones will advance from strength to strength, from grace to grace.

We need not seek to know, by scientific methods, what God is. “Who by searching can find out God?” [Job 11:7.] As we follow in the footsteps of Christ our Saviour, we shall learn from Him all that we need to know of God. By the revelation of His life and teaching, He leads men from the lowest depths of sin to the highest place in the heavenly courts, even to a seat upon His throne. In Him all may be made complete.

New, false interpretations are being given to the truths of the Word, in order that deluded minds may be pleased. Error is made to appear as truth. I am instructed to bear a decided testimony against these misleading theories. I am charged with a message opposed to the heresies and sophistries that are being propagated by Satan. The life and teachings of our Lord

give no place to these cunningly devised fables. The loss of eternal life is the price that must be paid for continuing to honor superstition and falsehood above the Word of God, making His teaching of no effect.

The character and power of God are revealed by the works of His hands. In the natural world are to be seen evidences of God's love and goodness. These tokens are given to call attention from nature to nature's God, that His "eternal power and Godhead" may be understood.

[Romans 1:20.]

Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the Word of God. The light of His truth shows them to be soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element; sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart and give leeway to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them.

A World-Wide Work

The words of Paul in the closing chapter of Acts seem to outline our present situation:

"Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias, the prophet, unto our fathers, saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive; for the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known unto you, therefore, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it." [Acts 28:25-28.]

"And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves. And Paul dwelt two whole years in his hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him." [Verses 29-31.]

Our work is not to be confined to believers. In many important outposts, evangelistic and medical missionary work is to be done. A special work is to be done in Nashville and in Washington. I am heavily burdened in regard to the neglected fields, which have waited so long for the message. I think of the number of believers collected in the places where our largest churches are. Many of those living in these places ought to be out in the field, doing evangelical work. When many interests are kept in a few places, the work in many places cannot be carried forward as it should be.

Paul thus commands the church at Rome: "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." [Romans 1:8.]

These words might today be spoken of Seventh-day Adventists, if they would abide in Christ. If they would make the Saviour's words a part of their lives, bringing them into the daily experience, they would reveal the virtues of His character. They would be united in the bonds

of Christian fellowship. When the people of God are thus united to Christ and to one another, evidence will be borne to the world that God sent His Son to save men from sin.

Paul continues:

“I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written. The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.” [Verses 14-18.]

In what sense was Paul debtor both to the Jew and to the Greek? To him had been given the commission, as it is given to every disciple of Christ, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:19, 20.] In accepting Christ, Paul accepted this commission. He realized that upon him rested the obligation of laboring for all classes of men—for Jew and Gentile, learned and unlearned, for those occupying high positions and for those in the most lowly walks of life.

An Assurance of Success

The seventy disciples sent out by Christ on a missionary tour returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” [Luke 10:17-19.]

Should we not find encouragement in this assurance? But Jesus wishes to draw our minds higher than the contemplation of earthly blessings. “Notwithstanding in this rejoice not,” He said, “that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” [Verse 20.]

“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes; even so, Father; for so it seemed good in Thy sight. All things are delivered to Me of My Father; and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him.

“And He turned Him unto His disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes that see the things that ye see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.” [Verses 21-24.]

Those who today work for God must be sanctified through the truth. The Lord calls for men upon whom He can depend, men who will not lead His people into strange paths. Those who do not take Christ as their Leader will surely fail. In His power alone can we gain success. "Without Me," He declares, "ye can do nothing." [John 15:5.]

Lt 263, 1903

Physicians and Nurses

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November 12, 1903

To physicians and nurses,—

Be Not Deceived

Not all of those called medical missionaries appreciate the sacredness of the work in which they are engaged or deserve the name they bear. Many have failed to realize that they must stand before God in their own individuality. No human being is to be their wisdom. In the past they have depended on a man for guidance and have followed his leading. Our medical missionary workers should learn to stand in their lot and place, realizing their personal responsibility. I wish they could learn what this means, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." [Daniel 12:3.]

My brethren and sisters in the medical missionary work, when you depend on the wisdom of men, instead of on the wisdom of Christ, you are leaning on a broken reed. "Cease ye from man whose breath is in his nostrils, for wherein is he to be accounted of." [Isaiah 2:22.]

During the General Conference recently held at Oakland, it was plainly revealed that two powers were at work there. But the eyes of many of the medical men at the Conference were blinded. Their spiritual perceptions were clouded, and they accepted the artifices of the enemy as the outworking of righteous plans. Had not the plans of leading medical men been hindered, the Seventh-day Adventist people would today be accepting theories which would gradually have led them to discard the experience of the past fifty years and to leave the platform on which the Lord placed their feet for the insecure platform built by those who are following the impulses of an unsanctified heart.

The truth must now stand forth as it is. God will not have His people misled. If the leaders in the medical missionary work are determined to accept the fallacies presented in Living Temple, I shall proclaim the message, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked." [Galatians 6:7.]

Religion, pure and undefiled, is a mystery of godliness. The learned men of the world, who are wise in their own human wisdom, are ignorant of the mysteries of God and of Christ and of divine truth. Many spend time and strength disputing and reasoning in regard to theories that

are but the seductive falsehoods of the enemy. Had they used their powers of mind and body in running the race of eternal life, they would have seen that practical holiness means wholeness in the service of God. Sanctified science will be better understood when the Holy Spirit makes its powerful influence felt in the world.

O how much the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit is needed! My brethren and sisters, you cannot afford to draw into the web the beautiful, silky threads of the theories expressed in modern philosophical theology. You must become acquainted with the living God. You cannot afford to accept a semblance of Him.

God sees the struggle that is to take place in our world, the whole progress and outcome of which has been traced in the pages of His Word. He sees also the diseased, defective spiritual eyesight of His people, which prevents them from discerning their own deficiencies and from taking an earnest interest in the things of eternity. Christ calls upon the members of His church to cherish the true, genuine hope of the gospel. He points them upward, distinctly assuring them that the riches that endure are above, not below. Their hope is in heaven, not on the earth. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness," He says, "and all these things"—all that is essential for your good—"will be added unto you." [Matthew 6:33.]

With many, the things of this world obscure the glorious view of the eternal weight of glory that awaits the saints of the Most High. Worldly-minded, spiritually diseased, the eyes of their understanding are blinded. They cannot distinguish the true, the real, the enduring substance from the false, the counterfeit, the passing shadow. Christ urges them to remove from before their eyes that which is obscuring their view of eternal realities. He insists upon the removal of that which causes them to mistake phantoms for realities and realities for phantoms. Learned men, supposed great men, are practicing upon themselves a fearful deception. They are working in partnership with the deceiver who, by an endless succession of delusions, is trying to cheat them out of eternal life.

I wish you could hear, as I have heard, the urgency of the message to sweep away the fanciful for the genuine. God entreats His people to give the strength of body, mind, and soul to the service that He expects them to perform. He calls upon them to be able to say for themselves that the gains and advantages of this life are not worthy to be compared with the riches that are reserved for the diligent, rational seeker for eternal life.

In urging us to lay up treasure in heaven, Christ consults our best good. He does not leave us in ignorance of what is before us. He shows us the vast confederacy of evil arrayed against us. He tells us plainly that we are battling against a mighty foe. But He assures us that we shall not be left to fight alone. Angels are in the ranks of God's soldiers. And One more powerful than angels is there. The Captain of our salvation leads the way, saying, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." [John 16:33.]

Never was there greater need than there is now for us to look away from men to God. Those who look to men and make flesh their arm will surely fall into the snare of Satan. God declares,

“I will turn and overturn,” until men shall realize that they are but finite erring creatures, in need of humbling their hearts before God.

Our Work

I have been instructed to direct the minds of our people to the fifty-sixth chapter of Isaiah. This chapter contains important lessons for those who are fighting on the Lord’s side in the conflict between good and evil.

“Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it, that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.” [Verses 1, 2.]

It is the doing of the will of God that is to be our strength and influence.

“Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. Thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; even to them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters. And I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called a house of prayer.” [Verses 3-7.]

The message contained in this Scripture is to be received by our people as a message for today. The glad tidings of salvation are to be taken to those who have not yet heard them. Satan is determined to place God’s people in a false light before the world. He is pleased when their lives reveal defects, when they cherish objectionable traits of character. These traits of character he uses in his service. He tries to keep God’s people in a continual state of uncertainty by bringing in false theories and false science. He seeks to deceive them as he deceived Adam and Eve. He would lead them to depart from God, their true counselor, and accept his spiritualistic sophistries. With these sophistries clothed in the garments of light, he seeks to deceive if possible the very elect.

Many yield to his temptations, and the time and influence of God’s servants, which should be used in making known to unbelievers the truth for this time, are used in efforts to recover professing believers from Satan’s snares. Thus the way of the advancement of the truth is blocked. It is no easy matter to clear the King’s highway while men trust in themselves and make flesh their arm.

“And taketh hold of My covenant.” [Verse 6.] This is the covenant spoken of in the following Scripture:

“Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the house of Jacob, and all the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed”—in truth, earnestness, and sincerity—“and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me; for all the earth is Mine; and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

“And Moses came, and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do.” [Exodus 19:3-8.]

This is the pledge that God’s people are to make in these last days. Their acceptance with God depends on a faithful fulfilment of the terms of their agreement with Him. God included in His covenant all who will obey Him. To all who will do justice and judgment, keeping their hand from doing any evil, the promise is, “Even to them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.” [Isaiah 56:5.]

Among the people of God there is to be no colonizing. The word of the Lord to them is, “Thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left.” [Isaiah 54:3.] They are to make plants in all places. Everywhere the truth for this time is to be proclaimed. Those into whose hearts the light has shone are to remember that they are God’s workmen, His witnesses. To serve and honor Him is to be their science. They are to call upon others to keep His commandments, and live. Obedience to the law of God is the question that is to test the world.

“The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather others to Him, beside those that are gathered unto Him.” [Isaiah 56:8.]

These words outline our work. To all peoples and nations and kindreds and tongues the truth is to be proclaimed. The time has come for much aggressive work to be done in the cities and in all neglected, unworked fields. This the enemy knows, and he tries to keep the minds of those to whom this work has been committed occupied with the sophistries of men. Thus he tries to make them neglect the precious opportunities that come to them to present the truth to those who know it not.

Shall those who know the truth, and who ought to be filled with zeal for its advancement, give heed to seducing spirits and misleading doctrines in the very last days of this earth’s history? Shall they allow Satan to fill their minds with his fables, turning their thoughts from the great truth that has been given them to give to others? If the enemy can fill with his sophistry the minds of those who ought to be proclaiming the truth for this time, he will have gained here

the victory that he could not gain in heaven. This he is trying to do. In a masterly manner, with entrancing pictures, he is presenting his temptations to those who know the truth. Some are yielding to him and under his influence are becoming filled with thoughts of their own importance. God abhors their course, but His hand is stretched out still in mercy. He will pardon them if they will humble their hearts before Him.

A Warning of Present Danger

To some who are attempting to teach others, God says, Wait until you have learned of the One who can forgive transgression and sin, the One who has a controversy with all who have set themselves to study the science of Satan's inventions. You need to learn the first principles of truth and righteousness. Then you will not accept the suggestions that Satan presents to you. Study the simple truths that are a savor of life unto life to those who receive and practice them.

A sad and alarming chapter in our experience has for years been opening before us, and much of its record needs to be blotted out with the blood of redeeming love. There are some who are betraying the truth and betraying their Saviour. Let them dismiss from their minds the theories of the great deceiver. Let them humble their hearts before God. Let them fix their minds on the science of truth contained in His Word. In the books of Daniel and the Revelation they will find truths to understand which will tax the mind to the utmost.

The Lord has laid upon me the burden of directing the people to the pure words of life. Christ says, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." [John 6:51, 63.] Read the sixth chapter of John. Study the lessons that it teaches. Receive His words, obey them, and you will have eternal life. Many of you, by your scientific study, have placed yourselves in the snare of Satan. The truth that he is tempting you to discard for his deceptive theories means eternal life to you if it is accepted. Exercise faith in the Son of God. Avail yourselves of the efficacy of His blood. Thus only can you be kept from Satan's power.

Through self-sufficiency and pride, Satan fell from his high position as covering cherub; and as he fell, so those today will fall who follow the same course that he followed. His sophistry tells us that this is a time of peace and safety. Christ tells us that sudden destruction is coming, but He declares that the righteous will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

I lift my voice in warning. Teachers of Israel, get out of self. Place yourselves, I beseech you, on Christ's side, that in the day of trial just before us you may be found accepted of Him. There are many who do not see any need of the danger signal. They see nothing to be alarmed about. A great obstacle has arisen between them and their eternal interests, but they cannot see it. So long have they been absorbed in self that they cannot see that the danger signal needs to be lifted.

God is about to rise out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. Then the earth will disclose her blood and no more cover her slain. We cannot afford to show an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. "Woe unto them that go down into Egypt for help; and stay on horses and trust in chariots, for they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord! Yea He also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back His words; but will arise against the home of the evildoers." [Isaiah 31:1, 2.]

Those who in trouble honor God with the full conscience of their souls will receive from Him according to their faith. Their hearts will be filled with peace, because they have repented, and the Lord has forgiven their sins. But for those who refuse to give God their confidence, who refuse to surrender their souls to His keeping, the enemy has temptations prepared, and their destruction will surely come.

The Lord has not left our medical workers unwarned. He has desired to keep every one. His word has followed them in faithful admonitions. God has called long for repentance and confession and for works meet for repentance, that He might grant forgiveness and show favor. If they had faithfully heeded the instruction, the Lord would have brought them out into a wide place. Repentance and fruit meet for repentance would have saved them from falling into the snare prepared by the enemy. But the gospel of Christ has not been respected.

God's favor is worth everything to us. He deals with His people as a God. We are to appreciate the favors that He grants us. He will deal with us in a way that will prevent all self-exaltation. He desires to show us the vanity of all earthly resources. His power is omnipotent, immutable, infallible. When men learn to place their confidence in Him, He sends them His salvation. From the beginning to the end of time, Christ is the science of salvation. He is the source of strength and life and wisdom and salvation. From Him alone are the leaders in Israel to be daily supplied with grace. Thus supplied, they will give evidence that they are taught of God, who ruleth in the heavens. The work given them, they will do in wisdom and righteousness, to the glory of God. By Him they will be strengthened and sustained as they proclaim the most sacred truth ever entrusted to mortals.

God's people are to keep ever before them the need of having the affections of the heart purified by the blood of Christ. The heart must be pure; then it will be peaceable. Those whose hearts are purified by the presence of Christ will have wisdom to repudiate the errors that are prevalent at this time. They will gain a knowledge of God that will lead them to regard Him with reverence and fear and love. They will correctly estimate the sophistry that would bring God down to nothingness. But when men give themselves up to reasoning that is opposed to God's commandments, they are open to the delusions and fancies of the enemy.

The gospel, preached in its simplicity, will lead men to judge correctly of moral principles. By Christlike actions they will reveal that they are guided by principles of heavenly extraction. But principles framed by men, according to their own human wisdom, are worthless and

misleading. They are as far from the principles framed in the heavenly courts as the heavens are higher than the earth.

Is it not time for men to become wise in regard to their future? Is it not time for them to repent and be converted, and no longer lead others in strange paths? To those professing to be medical missionaries, I am instructed to say, Look well to the principles by which you are guided, lest they should be formed to meet your own convenience.

Remember that God reads beneath the surface. He sees the motives that prompt to action. Follow true principles—principles that are in accordance with the law of God. Thus only can you see the glory of God. “Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.” [Isaiah 35:3.] Do the work that Christ has commissioned His followers to do. God will soon execute His judgments on those who cause the weak to stumble.

“Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read.” “In that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek; and His rest shall be glorious. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. And He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” [Isaiah 34:16; 11:10-12.]

“In that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee; though Thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doing among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for He hath done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” [Isaiah 12:1-6.]

“Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel, both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. And I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.” [Isaiah 13:9-12.]

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Dear Brother John Wessels,—

I have recently sent several letters to different members of your family and had one written to you that I thought had been copied. But I find I did not give it to my workers. I will now write you again.

At Battle Creek there are a large number of our people assembled, and many think that a great work is being done there. I am hoping that all will humble themselves before God and confess their sins, so that the Lord can impress upon their hearts the truth for this time. I greatly desire to see those to whom the Lord has sent repeated warnings take heed to His word.

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer; or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.” [2 Corinthians 1:3-6.]

My brother, I am pleased to see by your letters that you are obtaining a valuable experience. May the Lord lead you step by step forward and upward. If, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you obtain an experience for yourself in the Christian life, that experience will be of more value to you than gold or silver or precious stones; for such an experience will be to you an education which you may take with you into the future life.

In heaven the redeemed will enter the higher school to continue their education. Think what it will mean to study through the eternal ages under the personal instruction of Christ! Amidst the present conflicts and temptations, in this our day of probation, we are to form characters that will prepare us to obtain a life that measures with the life of God.

Our Saviour came to this world to endure in human nature all the temptations wherewith man is beset. In His life He measured the power of the wily foe to deceive, to allure, and to destroy. As the Redeemer of the race, He warns humanity against seeking after those things that will lead away from the narrow path. He has cast up a glorious highway for those who are traveling toward the heavenly mansions that He has gone to prepare for all who will prepare themselves to become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.

With His life Christ has purchased every human being. He died a cruel death to save human beings from eternal death. He gave His sinless life to obtain for the sinner a life that measures with the life of God. Through His death, He provided a way whereby man may break with Satan, return to his allegiance to God, and through faith in the Redeemer obtain pardon. O how wicked, how ungrateful are those who refuse to accept the mercy that at such infinite cost is offered them!

He who has all power in heaven and earth will restore every repenting, believing soul. To as many as receive Him He gives power to become the sons of God. He has a deep interest in every soul, for He paid the price of His own life that no one should be eternally lost. He wishes every son and daughter of Adam to return to his allegiance to God.

Christ, the Light and the Life

John says of Christ, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. ... But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." [John 1:10, 12-14.]

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." [Verse 4.] The words of John show that all spiritual light is also spiritual life. The Word is the light and the life of men. And since all light and life come from Christ, should we not realize our dependence upon Him?

Those who do not receive and walk in the light are dead in trespasses and sins. As their Substitute and Surety, He makes them alive to God. He suffered the penalty of sin that He might enlighten and give life to the sinner. The gifts of light and life come to us together.

"The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." [Verse 5.] What sadness this brings to the heart of our Lord Jesus Christ! He sheds His bright rays among the spiritually ignorant and depraved, the debased and the wretched, and they comprehend it not! They do not understand that the greatest blessing possible is offered to them.

Some thought that John was the Light, and he said of himself, "He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light." [Verse 8.] He would not receive the glory that did not belong to him.

Christ referred to John in the following words: "There is another that beareth witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of Me is truth. ... But I receive not testimony from men: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light." [John 5:32, 34, 35.]

All the light that John received came from that Word which was made flesh and dwelt among men. Christ alone is the true Light, and He is the only source of light and life to sinful men. By creation and by redemption we belong to Him. He came to His own, and they received Him not. The nation that He had chosen to be His peculiar people did not believe in Him. They rejected and crucified Him.

But those who receive Him and believe in Him become the spiritual children of God. They are adopted into the royal family, and as they seek to do the will of God, they become conformed into His image.

What condescension is seen in the sacrifice of Christ for fallen man! Why do so many choose to live in sin, taking pleasure in unrighteousness and sinful indulgence, carrying with it as a sure result present wretchedness and unhappiness and the loss of eternal life?

Lay up Treasures in Heaven

How precious is the knowledge that we have a faithful Friend, One who will impart to us a noble, elevated character, which will fit us for the companionship of the heavenly angels in the courts above! His guardianship is over all His children. They have a peace that the world can neither give nor take away. The loss of earthly treasures does not make them hopeless or homeless. Just before He left His disciples, to tread the painful, humiliating path of sorrow, He said to them:

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.” [John 14:1-3.]

Christ beholds the world, full of activity in seeking for earthly treasures. He sees many eagerly trying first one thing and then another in their efforts to obtain the coveted earthly treasure which they think will satisfy their selfish greed, while in their eager pursuit they pass by the only path that leads to the true riches.

As One having authority Christ speaks to such ones, inviting them to follow Him. He offers to lead them to the riches that are as enduring as eternity. He points them to the narrow path of self-denial and sacrifice. Those who press on in this path, surmounting every obstacle, will reach the land of glory. In lifting the cross they find that the cross lifts them, and they will at last gain the imperishable treasure.

Many think to find security in earthly riches. But Christ seeks to remove from their eye the mote that obscures the vision, and thus enable them to behold the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. They are mistaking phantoms for realities and have lost sight of the glories of the eternal world. Christ calls upon them to extend their view beyond the present and add eternity to their vision.

The lives of the inhabitants of this world bear evidence to the character of their worship. The religion of the churches is mingled with worldly greed. Men practice murder, violence, and wickedness of every kind in order to obtain advantage over one another. Could those who compose this vast army see who is their leader, they would refuse to advance under his leadership. Satan now knows that his time has come. He has deceived the world until his image and superscription are stamped upon all their ambitious projects. Whatever their object for wishing to gain the supremacy, men are willing to sell their souls to Satan in order to obtain the highest place.

Christ sees the termination of the conflict. The battle is waging more and more fiercely. Soon He will come whose right it is and will take possession of all earthly things. All the confusion in our world, all the violence and crime, are a fulfilment of the words of Christ. They are signs of the nearness of His coming.

In that day of His coming, Christ will preserve those who have followed Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He has pledged Himself to be their sanctuary. He says to them, Enter thou into a safe retreat for a little moment, and hide thee until I shall cleanse the earth from her iniquity.

Those who have lavished their affection on earthly treasures without regard to the heavenly riches will soon receive their reward. They will lose the earthly treasures to obtain which they have sold their souls to Satan. They are without God and without hope in the world. By following the desires of their unconsecrated, unconverted natures, they have robbed themselves of an eternity of bliss. They have united with Satan, who has played the game of life for their souls.

Will those who have not yet fully yielded themselves to the great rebel now come over to the Lord's side?

Will they, before it is everlastingly too late, leave the works of wickedness and stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel?

A Call to Self-denial

Brother Wessels, God is calling upon His people to deny self. We appeal to men, women, and children to deny themselves every indulgence and use in God's service the money thus saved through self-denial. Let every one pray earnestly to God for complete victory over self-indulgence and self-worship. If Christ, the Majesty of heaven, gave up so much for us, shall we withhold our lives from Him and tread a path of selfish indulgence and gratification?

I repeat the words of our Lord: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." [Matthew 6:19-24.]

This is plain truth and we need make no mistake as to the meaning of these words. There is no place on earth where treasure is secure from loss. But there is a city that has foundations,

whose builder and whose maker is God. Christ seeks to draw the attention away from unwise investments in perishable riches, warning men to lay up their treasures in heaven.

Day by day, the Lord cares for mankind, giving them sunshine, rain, and dew, increasing the vegetation, bringing forth the variety of fruits each in its season, all as a continual blessing to mankind. Should not those who receive so bountifully from the hand of God become producers as well as consumers? Should they not return to Him His own in tithes and offerings? By putting their talents out to a wise use, men increase their blessings. By putting their money to use in the Lord's work of soul-saving, they may lay up treasure in the heavens. Our Redeemer seeks to strengthen the desire of every one to seek the heavenly, the eternal treasure. And He is not unmindful of our peace and comfort in this world.

By employing their time in useful ways, all may have something to lay upon the altar of God to be used in advancing the knowledge of Him in the earth. All may become laborers together with God by denying themselves of every injurious indulgence and returning to God the pennies, the shillings, and the pounds that would otherwise be spent for alcohol, tobacco, tea, coffee, flesh meats, or other indulgences which destroy the powers that should be used to the glory of God. Thus the higher powers will be brought into healthful action, and temperance in all things will be practiced. By example as well as by precept men may lead others to practice self-denial. Thus they do a work for themselves and gain a preparation to work for others.

Let not precious time be spent merely in selfish pleasure. Those who spend their time wisely will receive the true happiness. Those who use their means wisely for God will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are agents in the hands of God to do His work, and that they are placing their means where it will not be lost.

By wise calculation you may always have a reserve of strength and of means to impart as a willing offering to the Lord's work in destitute fields, to help to build meeting houses, schools, and health institutions. Thus you may lay up treasure beside the throne of God. You will put in operation agencies, the results of whose work will reach beyond the present and will be seen in souls saved in the kingdom of God.

Will you not, wherever you go, act as my agent in missionary work for the Lord? I send you with this some letters from Nashville, outlining a plan for family collections. Will you please see how many families you can induce to take these boxes. We think that these little messengers will be the means of gathering means for the advancement of the cause of God. Let us take hold earnestly to set in action an agency that may bring in much means to the Lord's treasury.

We have great need of means just now for the work in Washington. We desire to establish a sanitarium in that place. May the Lord bless you and your brothers and sisters and help you to take hold of His work. Invite both believers and unbelievers to separate from injurious habits, and give the money thus saved to the work in Washington and in Nashville.

My brother, make it your business to serve the Lord. Resolve that you will spend some time each day in helping and blessing others. I know that the Lord has led me to write these things to you.

In much lov Lt 265, 1903

Kellogg, J. H. and associates

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 26, 1903

To Dr. Kellogg and his associates,—

The difficulties that have arisen have been very hard to meet, and they are far from being settled yet. One, and another, and still another are presented to me as having been led to accept the pleasing fables that mean the sanctification of sin. Living Temple contains the alpha of a train of heresies. These heresies are similar to those that I met in my first labors in connection with the cause in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, then in Boston, Roxbury, New Bedford, and other parts of Massachusetts. Through them the evil one worked upon the minds of men and women.

There was a Mrs. Minor, who had been to Jerusalem. When she returned she advocated some of these sentimental, spiritualistic sophistries. She invited me to visit her and relate what the Lord had shown me. Brother Nichols took my sister and myself to her home in Roxbury, where we found a company of about twenty assembled. Among them were brethren and sisters whom I loved and highly esteemed. They had believed the testimonies that I had borne to the people. But they had been led astray by spiritualistic ideas which were nothing less than a love-sick sentimentalism.

The power of God came upon me as I warned them of their dangers, and some said they had never expected to see so much of the blessing of God this side of the Eden above. I bore them a message similar to the message I have been bearing for the last two months. I was instructed that the ideas they had accepted were but the alpha of a great deception. I had to meet similar delusions in Portsmouth and in Boston.

These doctrines led to freelovism, and my heart was sorely grieved as I saw the result they brought to those who accepted them. One family who for years had lived happily together was broken up. A man and his wife well advanced in years were separated. The husband left his wife and children and established other family relations. We seemed to be able to do nothing to break the spell upon these persons. The precious truths of the Bible had no influence over them.

This same hypnotic influence is seen working among our people today. Ever since my return to America a heavy burden has rested upon me. Everywhere I see the powers of the enemy. Were it not for the armies of the Lord's host, led by Michael, the destruction that Satan would be

pleased to witness would come to the people of God. They would be discomfited and brought to shame. But the Lord will work for His people. He will not suffer them to be defeated.

We have a most solemn work to do. I have been instructed that some of our ministering brethren are working with clouded vision. They see men as trees walking.

Unless Brethren Jones, Tenney, Waggoner, and others, who have been flattered by the leaders of the medical work, are especially worked by the Holy Spirit, they will never see things as they are. It is hard for those who have been charmed by seductive, flattering, soul-destroying theories to see where these theories will lead or to discern wherein their spiritual eyesight has been defective.

Dr. Kellogg has been beguiled by beautiful, philosophical theories that are contrary to the truth. He is standing as a guide and instructor of youth. But for a long time he has been presented to me as a man walking in strange paths. He has not been working with the Lord. If his blind eyes could be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, and he would then look at himself in the moral looking glass, he would see his sad condition and understand that unless he breaks his heart before God and makes an entire reformation, he will surely receive of the judgments of God. The Lord will not forever bear with his perversity.

I am instructed to say that Dr. Kellogg is not yet soundly converted, and cannot be until by genuine faith he receives Christ as his Saviour. He needs to feel the divine power that will work in him the change of heart represented in the Scriptures as the new birth. Neither his words nor his actions can be depended on. He is surrounded by circumstances that tend to stimulate his pride and increase his vanity. He does not see his peril, nor does he see the dangerous path which he has been following.

If he were openly united with the world, his course would be less dangerous to the people of God.

God reads the heart. He understands the motives, which cannot be discerned by men. The question was asked by one of authority, "How can God accept such a man, though his professions and his assertions be ever so strong?" For a long time he has been deceived by the enemy. After the South Lancaster Conference, he was for a time in the valley of decision, but since he decided what course he would pursue, he has been making many false paths for his feet.

His course in urging the adoption of binding agreements, and in leaning upon the arm of the law instead of upon the arm of God, has led him further and further from the truth. Yet the Lord says, "Let him now accept My Word. If he will wear My yoke he shall be My chosen physician, My human helper."

At the time of the General Conference in Battle Creek, the Lord mercifully gave him another opportunity to change his course. He has waited for him to humble his heart. All obstructions were removed, even those that his own course had built up. But he was again deceived by the

flatteries and sophistries of the enemy. Last spring he began a work of repentance. But he did not make thorough work.

The Lord has a message for Dr. Kellogg. Holding up the Bible, one of authority said to him: "On this book shalt thou meditate day and night. Then you will have much less confidence in your own wisdom and methods and in the agreements and arrangements that you have formulated. You have greatly dishonored God. But He gives you another invitation. If you hear and obey His Word, you will have power to become one of the sons of God. Make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way. Unless in the cares of your accumulated responsibilities, you take God as your guide, you will continue to act a part displeasing to God, and the blood of souls will be charged to your account.

"The Word of God is to be a lamp to your feet. That precious, sacred Word is not to be appealed to to uphold any spiritualistic, philosophical views regarding God, for He is dishonored by such views.

"No greater deception could be presented to the minds of men than the representation you have made of God in the pleasing fables you have advocated. Souls will be lost through the sowing of the sentiments found in Living Temple. In presenting error you have united with the prince of darkness in his work of seducing souls to eternal ruin.

"The influence you have obtained with worldlings is not the credit to you that you have supposed it to be. Unless you change, decidedly change, your life will be a savor of death unto death instead of a savor of life unto life.

"Make the Word of God the man of your counsel. It will be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path. Study the Word to see what God has revealed in regard to who He is. He is 'the Almighty,' 'from everlasting to everlasting,' an unerring Guide. [Psalm 90:2.] Upon whom else would you venture to depend in times of difficulty? What folly could be greater than to set aside the wisdom of God and accept the wisdom of him who fell from his exalted position in heaven as a covering cherub and who has become the head of an apostate race? Will you unite with the archdeceiver? Will you receive his deceptive falsehoods? Shall it continue to be said of you, 'Thou art weighed in the balances of the sanctuary, and art found wanting'?" [Daniel 5:27.]

My brother, heed the invitation of Christ, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:29.] Your safety depends on linking up with Christ and learning from Him.

You have much to unlearn. Your example has not been in harmony with the example of Christ. You could do nothing more objectionable than to put aside the wisdom of God and set up your own ideas as of greatest merit for healing diseased bodies and souls, belittling and disparaging the remedy prescribed by the eternal God and superseding the divine instructions.

God is in earnest with you. You have sought to set aside God's revealed will, teaching for doctrine the opinions and the speculations of finite human agencies through whom Satan

works to destroy. Let the Word of God be your lesson book. Guided by it, you will be led to think wisely, you will reveal steadfastness of purpose, and you will build upon the true foundation.

If you are transformed, and your character is formed after the character of Christ, it will be pleasing to God for you to remain in a position of responsibility. If you refuse to be transformed, if you look to men of the world and cherish worldly ambition, turning from God to human beings, you will become an instrument of deception in the hands of Satan until at last you will have no power to break away from the snare. If you continue to work as you have been working, you will become one of the chief of sinners. But the eternal God has thoughts of mercy toward you, and He will abundantly pardon you through Jesus Christ if you will repent and turn to Him with full purpose of heart.

Christ does not want you to lose your soul. He wants you to take hold of His saving grace, that He may do a thorough work in your heart. Now is your opportunity to decide whether you will have eternal life or eternal death. It will be a tremendous struggle for you to make a thorough work of repentance. Those who have not seen the inwardness of your character will flatter and sympathize with you, seeking to establish you in your sins.

To such a man as Dr. Paulson the reception of spiritualistic ideas means much more than it can ever mean to you. When he realizes how near he has come to making shipwreck of his faith, when he sees that he has been giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, it may cost him his life. He will ever feel the wound. It is hard for you, but tenfold harder for such men as Dr. Paulson to recover from the shock.

My heart is heavily burdened over these matters. The knowledge of what these things will mean to you unless you change has induced me to urge you to become intelligent in regard to your condition and to take your position for the truth.

Lt 266, 1903

Tenney, G. C.; Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 3, 1903

Dear Brethren G. C. Tenney and A. T. Jones,—

I am charged with a message for you. Now is the time to do decided work. There must be no daubing the wall with untempered mortar. But you are not half awake. You need to be thoroughly aroused before you can give true instruction to those you are supposed to be helping. Your own hearts need to be worked by the Holy Spirit, else you will not be able men, imbued with a clear sense of what you need, keeping strict guard over yourselves. You need to work deeper, and cleanse your souls most thoroughly from every impurity. You are not now

prepared to give the trumpet a certain sound. Self, unsanctified self, receives altogether too much respect from you.

Remember that your actions, words, looks, and thoughts are to be carefully guarded, else you will come short. Neither of you are developing as you ought the traits of character that would make you safe guardians of souls. The Word of God is to be something more to you than you make it. You need to have done in your hearts the purifying, cleansing, reformatory work of the Spirit of God.

You may repeat the words of life many, many times and yet fail to make them a life-saving power to your souls. The eyes of both of you need to be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, else your words and your example will mislead. When you closely and critically examine yourselves, you will find that you have a work to do for yourselves before you can skilfully apply the gospel remedy to such a man as Dr. Kellogg.

God is in earnest with you, with Dr. Kellogg, and with every one. My brethren, your spiritual welfare is at stake. You both need the cleansing of the refining furnace. Your standing before God is not what it may be through the grace which Christ supplies. You both need to take heed to yourselves, to cleanse your souls from everything that defiles, and to take your position on a much higher plane.

Do not, I beg of you, neglect this word of warning. The salvation of your souls is in peril. Unless your eyes are anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, you will lose the clear discernment that you must have in order to be faithful watchmen, able to discern between good and evil.

You need to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. This you must do in order to have the life of Christ. You are not living wholly by the Word of God. You do not fully realize what is meant by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. When you understand what this means, you will see the need of the crucifixion of self. You will see your need of the pure, ennobling, sanctifying principles of God's Word.

God calls upon you to look at yourselves in the mirror of His holy law. And you are not, after doing this, to go away and forget what manner of men you are.

You are both occupying positions of grave responsibility. The Word of the living God must lead you to crucify self, if it becomes to you eternal life. You both need to drink deeply of the well of Bethlehem. Be very particular how you deal with and explain the Word of God. It cannot be to you spirit and life unless you practice it.

You are both in need of the softening, subduing influence that makes the heart of a man as the heart of a little child. Brother Jones, you are sometimes abrupt and make sad mistakes. In trying to deal with certain errors and sins as a faithful shepherd, you are often so abrupt that you spoil your efficiency. Then, on the other hand, there are evils which you pass over, neglecting to correct them, failing to call evil, evil, and good, good.

While you are never to cloak evil or lessen the sense of wrong, you should always be filled with the Spirit of the great Medical Missionary. Your words are not to be harsh or abrupt. In a Christlike manner you should reprove those who need reproof. Never should your efforts have a corroding, destructive influence upon minds. You need to cherish the gracious, sanctifying, ennobling influence of the Saviour, else the food you offer to the people will taste so strongly of the human dish that it will be unpalatable.

Again and again this has been presented to me in connection with your case, and very recently I was instructed that your influence will be greatly weakened unless you heed these words.

Had you stood in the light, you could have been a power in presenting the truths of the Word of God. But you do not see things clearly. You are not walking in the clear light of truth. How can you, then, help Dr. Kellogg? He has not yet come fully to the light. When he does see the way in which he should go, he will realize how thoroughly he has mingled unsanctified self with his medical missionary work. If this evil should end with the ruin of his own experience, it would be bad enough. But for years his life has had a misleading influence over others, and it is time that there was a renovation, a reformation.

For some time our poor brother has not known what pure, practical godliness is. He has taken himself into his own hands and has refused to respond to the invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:29.]

I long to be able to rest, but the burden continues to weigh heavily upon my soul, as night after night I am calling upon our medical missionary workers to seek the Lord while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near. I am instructed to say that the teachers of our people need to have a work done for themselves. Their spirit needs to be brought under the control of God. Those who have a knowledge of the truth should live the truth. Our ministers and physicians need real conversion of soul, that they may be imbued with power from on high. They need to rend their hearts before God. A thorough work needs to be done in the hearts of the workers in every line of the cause of God. I call upon them to awake, while they still have opportunity to repent, and prepare to meet their God.

Over and over again I am instructed that our ministers and physicians need to have a decided work done for them. I beg of them not to flatter themselves that they know how to carry forward the work of the Lord. They need a reformation, a real conversion. When they get a glimpse of their need of God, there will come to them a humiliation of heart that will be a savor of life unto life.

God calls upon the men in charge of His work to arouse themselves. They are not now awake. Their hearts need to be changed. Their human desires and inclinations need to be brought under the control of the Holy Spirit.

I heard the voice of a mighty general crying in trumpet tones, "Prepare to meet thy God. Prepare for the great conflict before you. Quit yourselves as brave soldiers of the Lord's army. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the enemy. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, [and the sword of the Spirit,] which is the word of God." [See Amos 4:12; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 6:11-17.]

I seemed to see a company bowed in prayer. Confessions of sin were made that till then had been withheld. Then one of authority arose and with deep feeling read the following Scripture:

"If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took unto Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." [Philippians 2:1-8.]

"The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hands." [John 3:35.] "It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell." [Colossians 1:19.] "God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." [Philippians 2:9-11.] "For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist." [Colossians 1:16, 17.]

"Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living." [Romans 14:9.] "In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him." [Colossians 2:9, 10.]

I am instructed to warn our physicians and ministers not to become exalted, but to walk as children, wholly consecrated to God's service, wholly dependent on Him. My brethren, my prayer for you is "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding

being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.” [Ephesians 1:17-21.]

You are God’s husbandry, God’s building. You are to be laborers together with Him. Will you not remember that word “together”? [1 Corinthians 3:9.] Keeping it ever in mind sanctifies the soul. You come far short of appreciating the advantages that are for those who are called and chosen. Will you not walk worthy of the high honor that God will place upon you if you are faithful? You must walk humbly before Him. Put away all abruptness of speech and action.

I ask you, Brother Tenney and Brother Jones, to do all in your power to lead Dr. Kellogg to the platform of eternal truth. Work in unity. Press together. Let each one stand in his place. Speak the truth plainly, but in love. Keep the standard of truth uplifted.

May God help you to heed these words.

Lt 267, 1903

Brunson, John A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 16, 1903

My dear Brother Brunson,—

My heart is burdened for you. I hope that you will receive the message that I have been instructed to give you. Last night I was praying for you, and after sleeping for a time I was instructed to call your attention to some passages of Scripture!

“Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it (His commandments) that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.” [Deuteronomy 6:3-9.]

The figurative language here used reveals the necessity of our minds’ dwelling continually upon the words that reveal the will of God. Obedience to the law includes refraining from

unnecessary labor on the Lord's holy day. And every member of the family should be made acquainted with the requirements and restrictions that God has given in His law.

The spirit of restraint is being removed from the transgressors in the earth. The deceptive powers are at work to take the world captive. Men do not recognize the influence of [the] author of sin and rebellion. We know that the end is near. Soon the world in her iniquity will pass beyond God's mercy.

As we look at the awful condition of the inhabitants of our world today, we see the results of transgressing the law of God. His commandments were given in love, to prevent the sorrow and misery that come because of sin. Obedience to their requirements leads to temperance, industry, economy, and all the virtues that are conducive to long life, health, happiness, and peace. We are under obligation to God to become familiar with His law. For our own happiness and for the good of society, we should be a living testimony to the fact that the law of God's kingdom is life and health and prosperity to the obedient.

God knows what is for the best good of His children. Would you not feel sad if your children should leave you and refuse to obey your words? Then remember that you are one of God's little children. He longs to have you turn fully to Him. He wants to embrace your whole family in His tender, compassionate love.

Adam and Eve fell under the sophistry of the enemy. But "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] In view of this great sacrifice made on our behalf, shall we not accept the terms of God's mercy? Eternal life is worth more than anything in this world. The Lord is looking with compassion upon you, my brother. Will you not take time to study the precious Word of God?

Children are the property of God. Fathers and mothers are carefully to train them to obey every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. They are to do their duty as faithful instructors. If they themselves set an example of disobedience, their children will be led to transgress the law of God that was given for their life.

Parents should become familiar with the truths of God's Word, that when the inquiring minds of children seek to understand duty, the parents may teach them and guard them and lead them step by step in all the instruction of God.

The father is to be the priest and house-band; the mother, the teacher of the children. She is to lean upon the large affections of her husband. And both should be united in the faith.

"Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a

mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them: He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them." [Deuteronomy 7:6-11.]

I feel a special interest that you shall understand the truth and not be led astray by the enemy. If you separate from the Seventh-day Adventist people, it will be sad indeed. You can do a good work, if you will see and turn away from your errors. You may yet recover yourself. But obedience to God is the only hope of your salvation.

The Lord knows all about your perplexities. If you will trust fully in Him, He will be to you a sanctuary. But do not try to maintain the interpretations of the Word that you formerly held, for they are not truth. Set yourself to work in co-operation with God. You need to come to the light, and then your views will be altogether different from those you now hold. Pray to your heavenly Father in the name of Jesus. He loves you, but He wants you to give up the theories and doctrines you hold that are contrary to His Word.

My brother, you need to care for your health. Do not preach too long at a time. You should make some changes in your diet. Light physical exercise in the open air will be a great blessing to you. Carefully abstain from everything that you know will work an injury to your body.

Lay your case before the great Physician, and He will have compassion on you. Put your trust in the Lord. Cast your helpless soul upon Him who gave His precious life for you. Temporal as well as spiritual blessings are the gift of God. We want you to live and to improve in health, that you may be a help to your family.

I would gladly do anything in my power for the improvement of your health. And if I feel sympathy and love for you and your family, think how much greater is the love of Christ, whose you are by creation and by redemption. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price." It is for your present and eternal good that under all circumstances you "glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.]

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. ... For the Lord your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward; He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave, and swear by

His name. He is thy praise, and He is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things which thine eyes have seen." [Deuteronomy 10:12-14, 17-21.]

These words are spoken to you as verily as to oft-backsliding Israel. The most important work you can do at present is to become acquainted with God's Word, that you may obey His commandments. The ten commandments are an expression of the character of God, and they reveal His will for you. If you seek Him, the grace of Christ will be given that you may stand on vantage ground.

I leave this message with you, and pray that God will cause you to know where you are standing, that you may walk in the light. The Lord says to you, Go labor in My vineyard. Give Me your heart's best service, and I will bestow upon you My grace and My love. Satan has tried to lure you into false paths. Will you not close your heart to his subtle temptations and plant yourself firmly upon the platform of eternal truth?

Lt 268, 1903

Paulson, David

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

December 17, 1903

Dr. David Paulson

My dear brother,—

We must not for one moment give way to the enemy. I have read your letter and will say that you will never be safe until you learn to look away from man and learn only of Christ. There is safety in learning and obeying His words. His methods of teaching are far above men's methods. Faith in His name is worth everything. It has a power that time cannot exhaust.

I am instructed that every part of our work must stand in the full faith and recognition of every step wherein the Lord has led us as a people. Our workers are to be strengthened and settled in the truth; they are to stand as firm as a rock to the old landmarks. Those who give place to the sophistries of the enemy will be kept busy doing his work until the end of time.

I have a message for you. Like many others of our medical missionary workers, you have placed too much confidence in the judgment of an erring, fallible man. While you were in Oakland, I was directed to warn you against following the steps of Dr. Kellogg, and again I am instructed to say to you, Seek the Lord for yourself. You are not to make Dr. Kellogg your chief counselor. His words, his methods, and his plans need to be tested in the crucible of God's Word and cleansed from the dross that has been mingled with them. All our thoughts, words, and acts will be tried by fire, and the worthless will be consumed.

For years I have carried on my soul a burden for Dr. Kellogg. I know that unless he is converted, he will continue to look at matters in a wrong light and will ever be a hindrance to the work of God. He makes positive assertions, as if he were sure that he knows the truth. But there are many things that he needs to unlearn.

I have had much confidence in you, my brother, as one who would lean his whole weight on the Lord, looking to Him in faith and confidence. But I have been more deeply pained than I can express to see the judgment of men in perception and discernment swayed in the wrong direction, when they should guard themselves closely against every phase of error. God would have you walk in the footsteps of Jesus. You should be able to discern errors, even though they do not appear on the surface, and you should be decided in their exposure.

In the conduct of the one in whom you have had such confidence, there have been objectionable features, which should have awakened in your mind fears that he was not being led by God. How can I place confidence in men who give such plain evidence that they are being worked, not by the Spirit of God, but by another spirit?

You say that you have read many of the testimonies and warnings that have been sent to Dr. Kellogg. I ask, Why were you not, then, placed on your guard? Did you regard these testimonies as idle tales, that they should have no weight with you? Dr. Kellogg has occupied an important position. His associates should have been watchful and prayerful. They should have carried a burden on their souls for him, lest he do injury to the cause of God. Having seen his mistakes, they have been unfaithful to him by keeping silent. Dr. Kellogg should have been given to understand that his associates did not endorse all his actions. It is the duty of Christ's disciples to be true and faithful to one another. They are not to suffer wrong without calling the attention of the one who does wrong to his error.

The Lord Jesus does not excuse you from guilt in your association with Dr. Kellogg. I know that you have seen in him many things that were not right. You should have told him kindly, but plainly, that his course was not such as to promote the principles of truth and righteousness.

Medical missionary workers need to stand on higher and holier ground, in harmony with the name they bear. There must be a decided change among them if they are to stand in their lot and place. They are not to lean upon one another, nor are they to follow suggestions simply because these suggestions come from one whom they are accustomed to follow. They have been too willing to follow one man's judgment.

They have done him great harm by so freely accepting his theories.

My brother, the Lord has not led you thus far in Christian knowledge and experience that you should now become the sport of Satan's temptations. Do not look to man for guidance. The assertions of men are worthless. Look to God. Receive your education from His Word. Hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end.

We are living in a very solemn period of this earth's history. We know not the exact time of our Lord's coming. But whether it be this year, or next year, or in several years, Christ has told us that He will come as a thief in the night. He says unto all, "Watch." [1 Thessalonians 5:2; Matthew 24:42, 43.] To very, very many, He will come in such an hour as they think not. At the time of His coming, men will be asking, "Where is the promise of His coming?" [2 Peter 3:4.] The signs of the last days are thickening around us. The wickedness of the wicked is increasing.

When Christ comes, the righteous dead will rise from their graves and together with the living saints shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." [Daniel 12:10.]

Satan, the originator of evil, is now revealing his power in the children of men. This is his hour and the power of darkness. Apparently he controls the world. The gospel messenger will find that there is a power moving the world to greater and still greater opposition to Christ and His message. The last great conflict between the forces of good and evil is spoken of as "a time of trouble such as never was." [Verse 1.] The violence which fills the earth will exceed that which existed before the destruction of the old world.

Satan is working with all his power to hinder the work of God. If God's people occupy a portion of their time in teaching the delusive sentiments of Satan, the kingdom of evil will rejoice. When those having a knowledge of the path over which God has led us give heed to seducing spirits, and depart from the faith, the time and effort required to correct the evils that follow are so much time and effort taken from the work of proclaiming the gospel message. We must warn our brethren and sisters not to give heed to false theories, and to beware of those who have allowed themselves to be ensnared.

If ever God's watchmen needed to be on their guard, it is now, just before the time which is to be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. The trumpet must give a certain sound. There will be a general proclamation of truth, the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of God, but those only will recognize the light who have sought to know the difference between holiness and sin.

When Satan shall have accomplished his work of ensnaring all who will subject themselves to his deceptive influence, when he shall have finished his work of scattering abroad, Christ will rise up and bring deliverance to every one whose name is found written in the book of life. Satan and his followers will be destroyed. Then "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." [Verse 3.]

My brother, if you take no heed to these words, if you continue to look to man, instead of looking to Christ, you will be among those who will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

Satan does not willingly give up his dominion over one soul. Every effort must be put forth to proclaim the gospel of Christ with its life-giving power. Those who engage in the work of warning sinners will receive a rich reward. Canvassers, evangelists, and Bible workers, laboring from house to house, will find work that needs to be done in winning souls to Christ. There is to be no binding up in any part of the work. Every one is to be left free to hear the call of God and to do his heaven-appointed work.

Faith in God's Word gives evidence of man's connection with God. When one makes a statement or a promise, those who hear know whether or not they believe the words spoken. Christ is the Word of God. His life and His works testify that He is the true Life. "I am the Bread of Life," He said, and we must eat His flesh and drink His blood, if we are to live a Christian life. [John 6:35, 63.]

I present the sixth chapter of John to our medical missionaries for their study. With five loaves of bread, and two small fishes, Jesus had fed a multitude of five thousand men, besides women and children. All ate "as much as they would." "And when they were filled, He said unto His disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." [Verses 11-14.]

Jesus then crossed the lake with His disciples. "When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither His disciples, they also took shipping and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found Him on the other side of the sea, they said unto Him, Rabbi, when camest Thou hither? Jesus answered them, and said, Verily, verily I say unto you, Ye seek Me not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." [Verses 24-26.]

They sought Christ only for the temporal blessings. With all that Christ longed to give them, they were satisfied with that which Christ miraculously provided to satisfy their physical hunger.

"Labor not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for Him hath the Father sealed." [Verse 27.]

"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever." "It is the Spirit that quickeneth;

the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life.”
[Verses 53-58, 63.]

To eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God means to receive and practice His words, which are Spirit and life to the receiver.

Lt 269, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 14, 1903

Elder A. G. Daniells,—

I sincerely hope that you will give the matter of attending the Nashville meeting your favorable consideration. Do not try to beg off, but go, and the Lord will be with you. This is a critical time for the work in the South. The laborers must be aroused to see the necessity of more efficient, persevering effort.

From the light given me, I am confident that you ought to attend the Nashville meeting. Holding the position that you do, your voice should be heard in the South.

I am glad that Elder Haskell will be at the meeting. His labors are needed in the South. You and Elder Butler and Elder Haskell will all be needed at that important meeting.

There is another matter upon my mind about which I must speak to you. I have often been warned against overstrained ideas of sanctification. They lead to an objectionable feature of experience that will swamp us, unless we are wide-awake.

Extreme views of sanctification which lead men to <suppose they are appointed to> criticize and condemn their brethren are to be feared and shunned.

During the General Conference of 1901, the Lord warned me against sentiments that were <being gathered and> then held by Brethren Prescott and Waggoner. <Instruction was given me that> these sentiments <received> have been as leaven put into meal. Many minds have received them. The ideas of some regarding a great experience <called and> supposed to be sanctification have been the alpha of a train of deception <which will deceive and ruin [the] souls of those who receive them.> Because of some overdrawn expressions frequently used by Brother E. J. Waggoner at the Conference, I was led to speak words intended to counteract their influence.

If ever there was a time when our brethren should blend in unity, it is now. You are engaged in an important work in Washington. I am very anxious that the work in that place shall be carried forward exactly as the Lord would have it. <But Satan is surely presenting some false theories

(erroneous theories) which you must not receive. Elders Waggoner and Prescott are out of the way.>

We have had very good meetings in this neighborhood during the week of prayer. Does Robinson visited the Napa church last Sabbath, and although the attendance was not large, they had very interesting meetings. One man who gave up the truth about a year ago confessed his sins and again took his stand for the Lord.

At the Sanitarium last Sabbath, the offerings amounted to about \$1,250. At Napa twenty-five dollars was given. We have not heard the amounts received in Healdsburg or in St. Helena. I will send you a copy of the encouraging report I received from Brother Walter Harper concerning the meetings at Healdsburg. The work of the Spirit of God has been manifest in all these places.

W. C. White left for Oakland this morning. We have heard no report from that church in reference to the week of prayer.

Rain fell continuously during the week of prayer, and I did not dare attend any of the meetings. The rain was gentle, and there have been no floods. We praise the Lord for this rain; for it is a great blessing.

I have been obliged to do much writing on the books that are soon to be published and in answer to correspondence; I feel weary, but I trust in the Lord and will wait upon Him, asking Him to renew my strength. I believe that He will strengthen me. This morning I was up at half-past three and wrote many pages before breakfast. I will send you a copy of what I wrote when it is copied.

Please excuse this short letter; I cannot write more now. I hope that you will attend the Nashville meeting.

Lt 270, 1903

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

December 21, 1903

My dear son Edson,—

I am drawn out to write to you not to fail or become discouraged. You are too anxious and too much troubled in regard to the many things that you wish to have done. You must now lay aside your anxiety, and work and worry less. You are sacrificing too much if you sacrifice your health and place yourself where you can not work at all. Then, you see, none of your work would be done. Will you not now unload and take things more easily, saying, "Each day I will do only what I can do calmly and well, and I will let the rest wait. I must preserve the powers of my mind."

You would better meet with loss in some things than by imprudence to lose your power to work. I am instructed to say to you, Brace up in the strength of the Lord to do what you can without overtaxing your physical or mental powers.

You are now warned. One of the reasons why I would not let you take the burden of getting out a new edition of Patriarchs and Prophets was that you were wearing out your strength by trying to do things that you should let others do. The Lord has given you your work. It is the preaching of His Word by pen and voice; and He will sustain you as you do this work. He has a message for you to hear, and He bids me say to you that you cannot do justice to your work as a minister of the gospel while you are kept weighed down with perplexities that others should carry. Unload, and place the burden of so much secular responsibility upon those who have been given that line of work. You should not carry the burdens that you have been carrying. They worry and perplex you. With so many responsibilities to carry, you cannot do justice to the work of soul-saving. You must have rest.

In regard to paying me the money that I paid out on the debt at the Review and Herald, make no account of it, and worry no more over it. I shall not consent to receive anything from you on this debt. I made up my mind to tell you not to do as you have been doing. I determined to take the responsibility, as your mother, of saying that it must not be. I wrote a letter to this effect two months ago, but laid it away, and now I cannot find it. I have now a higher authority for saying that you must make a change—the word of the Lord. Your health and life are precious in His sight, and He will help and strengthen and bless you. But you are not to sacrifice your health, placing yourself where you are unable to do the work that the Lord has given you.

God will make your mind fruitful in explaining His Word if you will lay off the many burdens that you are carrying. You must do this, even if some work be left undone. The Lord says to you, “Come apart from these constant perplexities, and let others take up the work. You must stand in your place.” Vigor will reward the efforts and the sacrifices made to press toward the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ.

Worldly attractions will be presented to draw the attention from the Lord Jesus, who is anxiously watching, longing to encourage the heart of the striving ones. “Ye are the light of the world.” [Matthew 5:14.] To the world, to angels, and to men you may show that the hope of seeing the face of God is worth all the efforts and the sacrifices that the attainment of the hope demands. Let every striving soul remember that he must meet evil with good, and place heavenly advantages before earthly attractions.

In the games in which in ancient times men strove for the ascendancy, only one received the prize. Only one hand could grasp the coveted garland. However eagerly and earnestly the other competitors had striven, they were disappointed. It is not so in the heavenly contest, the race for eternal life. Each one who does his best will receive the crown of immortality.

“And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” [1 Corinthians 9:25.] As we engage in the

great struggle, let us think of what we shall lose if we fail. We shall lose the eternal life purchased for us by the blood of the Son of God. Shall we, then, grudge the toil of eternal vigilance? If we do all in our power to resist evil and surmount obstacles, we shall gain the victory. Holy angels co-operate with us as we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. With unswerving faith we are to stand at our post of duty, refusing to dishonor God by giving up the conflict, quitting ourselves as brave soldiers before the world and before the heavenly angels who have an intense longing that we shall not fail or become discouraged.

As man strives to overcome the evil in his nature, trusting wholly in God, the Lord works in him, to will and to do of His good pleasure. Striving for the crown of life has an uplifting influence upon the one who strives, animating him with holy zeal, leading him to see the excellence of the promised reward. He is privileged to see by faith Him who is invisible.

The prayer that Christ offered just before His trial shows what we are to be in the world. Do we comprehend this prayer?

“Neither for these only do I pray,” Christ said, “but for them also that believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one, even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.

“And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given unto them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and lovedst them, even as Thou lovedst Me.

“Father, I desire that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me; for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world knew Thee not, but I knew Thee; and these knew that Thou didst send Me; and I made known unto them Thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith Thou lovedst Me may be in them, and I in them.” [John 17:20-26.]

Paul draws a contrast between our present and our future state. “You hath He quickened,” he says, “who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, ... and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” [Ephesians 2:1-10.]

The Lord is preparing His people to know what it means to have an abiding Christ. This experience will be theirs if they will turn to Him with full purpose of heart.

“He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.” “For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” [Verses 14, 18-22.]

“What things were gain to me,” Paul declares, “these have I counted loss for Christ. Yea, verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God through faith; that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, becoming conformed unto His death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead.” [Philippians 3:7-11.]

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.” [Ephesians 1:3, 4.] God has chosen us to obtain in this life an experience that will fit us for the future life. Pastors and teachers should keep ever before their hearers, young and old, the instruction that will help them to gain this preparation. Each one has a positive work to do. We are not to depend on feeling. Our obedience is to reveal our faith in God’s Word.

We have a wise, loving, heavenly Father, who hears the prayers of His children. But He does not always give them what they desire. He withholds that which He sees would not be for their good. But He bestows on them all that they need. He gives them that which is necessary for growth in grace. When we pray we should say, “Lord, if what I ask for is for my good, give it to me, but if it is not, withhold it, but give me Thy blessing.” The Lord hears our petitions. He understands our situation; and He will supply the very thing we need. He will strengthen our faith and increase our spirituality. The Lord is good and merciful, perfect in understanding and infinite in wisdom.

There are those who pray for temporal blessings which they think will bring them worldly prosperity. God sees that such blessings would spoil their spiritual life. He gives them an understanding mind, showing them that it is not best for them to have riches, and that they must be satisfied with His grace and peace and love.

God, who knows the end from the beginning, jealously guards the welfare of His children. In answering their prayers, He will give them that which will be continually fitting them to be partakers of the divine nature and to overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust.

We must submit our will to God's will. We must have confidence in His love, His wisdom, His faithfulness, His keeping power.

The Lord has instructed me that the time has come when there should be unity in the ranks of His people. If there are those who have not faith in the messages that have come to us from God by His Word and by the testimonies of His Spirit, they need to know for themselves what is the faith once delivered to the saints. The representation made shows that there are some who have lost their bearing. Let us have an understanding in regard to the points on which we must unify. Let us not leave those who have been unsettled to remain still unsettled, to go over the same objectionable matters when a favorable time shall come.

The last chapter of Matthew contains the minister's commission: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:19, 20.]

Christ's ministry is to be the ministry of His followers. To branch off into spiritualistic ideas is to depart from the faith, giving heed to doctrines of deception.

The messages that God has given through His servant John are now to be proclaimed as of special importance. This is our work—to revive the sacred truths that called us out from the world and made us what we are. We are not to yield up one feature of the faith, but are to hold our confidence firm unto the end. We are to give no place to doctrines that are not in harmony with the truth for this time.

Christ has stated the truth too plainly for it to be misunderstood. "I am the bread of life," He declares. "He that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. ... This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. ... It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [John 6:35, 40, 57, 63.]

When we understand these words, much less of self will be brought into our work. When we receive and assimilate the words of Christ, a deep, fervent piety will animate us. We need far more of Christ and nothing of the deceptive sentiments of the enemy.

Read and study the sixth chapter of John, and let there be an emptying of the heart of all selfishness. Let the messages be proclaimed that will arouse people to stand in the day of God.

There were some who, when they heard the doctrine of unreserved consecration, declared that Christ's words were hard sayings, and they walked no more with Him. They turned from Him who, had they believed on Him, would have been to them the light of life.

Just such things will be seen today. Paul says, "The Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. ... Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." [1 Timothy 4:1, 16.]

Lt 271, 1903

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

December 17, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have received your letters. Thank you for writing. I have written no fewer than three letters to you, but have not been able to get them copied, so you did not receive them. I will now write you a few lines and will send the letter in my own handwriting. I hope that you will be able to read it.

I have just finished a letter to Brother Brunson. I shall send a copy of this letter to you and Elder Butler. If you think that there is any part of it that he is not prepared to receive, let it wait until another time. I am not always anxious to place all matters before the ones I wish to help. When an express charge is given, then I send the instruction as quickly as possible.

I should like to see you and talk with you. There is much that I might write, but I do not want to write anything of a disagreeable nature unless I am obliged to. I want to let disagreeable matters alone if I can. I do not wish to disturb your mind as mine has been disturbed ever since I returned to America. I have carried a very heavy burden almost all the time since coming from Australia.

Last night the Lord gave me victory, as He has again and again in times of trouble and difficulty. I had a most precious experience in bringing the perplexities on my mind to the Burden-bearer. I thank the Lord for the relief that I obtained. I have been so greatly relieved that I will not now tell you of the difficulties that I have had to meet. In the future, I may write to you of these things, if I think it best to do so. I am of good courage in the Lord. While He spares my life, I will not dwell on matters that cannot bring relief to any one.

Let us try to keep standing in the brightness of the Sun of righteousness. Let every word we speak be uplifting. The Lord is my sun and my shield, and I have comfort and peace in Him.

I have been enabled to say some very plain things to those who have become confused. I dared not do otherwise than to tell them the truth, because a message was given me for them.

I am convinced that the more we dwell upon the high, elevating themes of truth, the more clearly shall we discern what is truth. The Lord has a whole heaven full of blessings for us, and He says, "Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Matthew 7:7.] Then let us cease talking unbelief and in love speak the words of promise. Even when called upon to utter the plainest things, we must speak in a way that will not offend. We must talk faith, and pray in faith, and receive by faith.

A Song of Trust

"Now therefore," God said to Moses, "write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. ...

"Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong, and of good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them; and I will be with thee." [Deuteronomy 31:19, 22, 23.]

"Give ear, O ye heavens; and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distill as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God." [Deuteronomy 32:1-3.]

Let us speak of God's goodness and tell of His power, according to His wondrous works. Let there be from henceforth an unreserved consecration of the talent of speech to God's service. There is a cheapness in our words that misrepresents God. Let us speak words that will honor His name.

"He is the Rock; His work is perfect; for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth, and without iniquity: just and right is He." [Verse 4.] This is the first time in the Scriptures that God is called a rock. The name signifies the everlasting nature of His character. Building upon the Rock, we build upon a sure foundation. If we keep His commandments, we may know that we are in the path of safety. In trouble, we may place ourselves upon this Rock and know that we shall stand secure.

"The way of transgressors is hard." [Proverbs 13:15.] Then let us turn from our natural and cultivated tendencies to wrong. Let men and women turn to the Lord. Let every one change his unchristlike spirit and words and acts. Let there be no more criticism, no more drawing apart.

The seventeenth chapter of John and many other precious things in the Word should be formed into song and sung by the people of God.

If the Lord be with us, we are secure; for He is the Rock. He will protect those who do as He commands.

The first four verses of the thirty-second chapter of Deuteronomy should be often repeated. When will men learn that no dependence can be placed on the human heart without the keeping power of God? However great His mercies, the natural heart will prove itself deceitful and desperately wicked. We can advance the cause of God only as we make the Lord our trust and our dependence. Earthly subterfuges are worthless; and worthless also is dependence on human methods and on the wisdom of men who do not respect and honor God enough to keep His commandments.

“This day the Lord thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments; thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart and with all thy soul. Thou hast avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in His ways, and to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and to hearken unto His voice; and the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be His peculiar people, as He hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all His commandments; and to make thee high above all nations which He hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God.” [Deuteronomy 26:16-19.]

Nothing displeases the Lord more than for His people to be so ready, as some are, to affiliate with the world. Many are the warnings that have been given, testifying to the danger of going to worldly lawyers and leaning upon them, introducing into God’s work things that they have framed. But for years there seems to have been a determination to lean upon worldly counsel and to bind up with the world. This seems to have become a settled determination on the part of some of our physicians.

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness. No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” [Matthew 6:20-24.] When will men come to think rationally and sensibly? There are those who are certainly acting very foolishly. Why?—Because they are not daily converted, as vessels unto honor. Self swells to large proportions. As soon as men are placed where they can exercise power over others, they seem to be as those bereft of common sense. I speak thus because I have seen the outcome of the self-importance of certain ones. I wish to present this matter just as the Lord has presented it to me. Their swelling pride and self-sufficiency make it necessary to move them from their position of trust.

How sad it is that human beings so soon forget that they are to be laborers together with God, working as Christ worked, studying His life, keeping in mind the words of caution that He spoke.

“I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.” [John 15:5.]

Let us never forget these words. What is the consequence when one in a position of responsibility becomes so highly exalted in his own estimation that he feels that he no longer needs counsel? He does not abide in Christ, but is cast forth as a branch and is withered. Christ is man’s only efficiency. He who trusts in himself becomes self-sufficient and does many foolish things. Christ cannot give him His co-operation.

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” [Verse 7.] These are the conditions of receiving blessing. You are not to run ahead of Christ, supposing that He will follow the one who should follow Him.

Let not human beings be so presumptuous as to run ahead of Christ. Let every one walk prayerfully, humbly, realizing that without Christ, he can do nothing.

“Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples. As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” [Verses 8-12.]

Who is fulfilling the conditions laid down in these words? Who is loving others with the unselfish, self-sacrificing love that Christ revealed in His life? When we believe and live the words of the Lord, our fruit-bearing will be tenfold what it is now.

Lt 271a, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 18, 1903

Elder A. G. Daniells

Dear Brother,—

I received your letter today noon, and read it aloud to the family. They were much interested. You need have no fear of wearying me by your letters; for I am deeply interested in everything that is connected with the advancement of the great and important work which we are all so earnestly endeavoring to carry forward. The Lord is at the door. We have a work to do, and we are not to allow our minds to be diverted from this work by any side issues.

I will at once write a few lines in reply; and I hope to write more fully soon. A short time after Dr. Kellogg was connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium as a physician, he had much to say along lines similar to his teachings at the present time. He presented another phase of error;

but it was similar to his later theories, in that it was a spiritualistic idea of God. He communicated his ideas to Dr. Sprague and to Dr. Fairfield.

The Lord presented this matter to me, revealing that the result of such teaching was a subtle beguiling of the mind, and that the Doctor himself did not foresee this result of his extreme views in regard to God in nature. These ideas were presented in an attractive, alluring form. I told him that the Lord was greatly dishonored by being thus represented, and that such ideas would lead the people into spiritualism. I bore a very plain testimony on this point.

Dr. Kellogg acknowledged that he saw his danger, and he had no more to say in regard to these ideas. But they had been communicated to his fellow physicians. The three had been enthusiastic over the theory, clothed, as it was, in a beautiful garb. And although Dr. Kellogg received my testimony, Dr. Sprague and Dr. Fairfield, once conscientious Christians, were bewildered and unsettled in the faith. They both gave up the truth.

Since Dr. Kellogg has devised documents binding all our medical institutions to the central organization in Battle Creek, and has done everything in his power to induce our brethren to sign these documents, I have received from the Lord testimony after testimony that placed this matter in the light in which God viewed it. God endorsed no such effort. He forbade his people from signing any such documents. Regardless of this light, a determined effort has been made to carry these manmade plans through.

When I learned that the Lord had manifested His displeasure by letting His judgments fall upon the Sanitarium, sweeping it away by fire, I knew that this was a decided warning to the workers there, and especially to Dr. Kellogg. He would not heed any testimony that was given.

By representations and warnings, I was instructed by the Lord that Dr. Kellogg was being led into a very specious, attractive delusion—extreme views in regard to God in nature. These views were similar to the old ones he advocated, but they were presented in a more deceptive way and were more liable to mislead minds. I was instructed that the one who was operating his mind was the one who once was an exalted angel in the heavenly courts—the one who was a covering cherub. He, the originator of sin, worked with all his deceptive powers and satanic subtlety to become equal with God in heaven, as the Son of God was. Then, he thought, he could sway the heavenly angels as he desired. This specious, deceptive work was carried on secretly. The archdeceiver himself concealed his identity, so far as was possible, and the Lord permitted this rebellion to develop before anything was done to save the angelic host from apostasy.

Lt 271b, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

September 18, 1903

Elder A. G. Daniells

Dear Brother,—

I have written a short letter to you this afternoon, but I wish to add a few more words.

The enemy has put into Dr. Kellogg's mind the very words that I speak, so that his ideas can be sent forth as ideas exactly similar to those I have taught. Thus it is claimed that the teachings of the book *The Living Temple* are in accordance with the teachings of my writings. There is a similarity of expressions, it is true, and many of the words are the same as the words used by me in writing out the instruction that God has given me in regard to "God in nature." And the positions taken in this book can be interpreted by a mind under the deception of Satan to be exactly the same as the positions taken in my writings. But this is not so. My words are interpreted to mean almost the opposite of their real meaning. This confuses the minds of the brethren and sisters in our churches.

Dr. Paulson's mind is becoming confused. He thinks he understands Dr. Kellogg's teachings; but he does not discern who is Dr. Kellogg's instructor. I am bidden to say to our people, Do not confound the words of Sister White with the deceptive fallacies of the enemy. Extreme views of "God in nature" undermine the foundation truths of the personality of God and the ministration of angels. A confused mass of spiritualistic ideas takes the place of faith in a personal God. I take no stock whatever in some of the principles that are now being advocated.

For advocating similar ideas, Dr. Kellogg was reprov'd shortly after he connected with the Sanitarium. Let Dr. Paulson take heed that he be not deceived. He may say, "Sister White's own words are repeated in Dr. Kellogg's teachings." True; but misinterpreted and misconstrued. God forbid that I should be misrepresented by any one in this matter. Dr. Kellogg is not using the holy fire, but common fire, by advocating these deceptive, spiritualistic ideas. He has been inspired by the mind that caused the fall of our first parents.

Brother Daniells, I earnestly desire that this matter shall be dealt with in God's own way. Be very cautious; do not precipitate a crisis; work silently. I am bidden by the Lord not to converse with Dr. Kellogg or to write to him direct; for his mind, controlled as it is by Satan, is in such a condition that he is liable to put a wrong construction on my words. To you, Brother Daniells, and to your fellow laborers, I would say, Quit you like men; be strong. Make no raid against any one; for you are warring not against men, but against principalities and powers.

Put on the whole armor of God, not forgetting the gospel shoes. Keep close to the Lord; cling to the standard; pray and strive for victory.

I would write more, but the Sabbath is almost upon us.

Lt 272, 1903

Brn-Srs. Gathered in Council at Nashville

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 20, 1903

My dear brethren and sisters,—

I have an intense interest in the work in which the people of God are engaged. My prayer is that this work shall no longer be delayed and hindered. A great hindrance to the advancement of the work has been brought by church members who, though knowing the truth, have not been sanctified by the truth. It is through sanctification of the truth that we are enabled to appreciate the teachings of Christ, given to guide men and women in all the conduct of life.

The work of sanctification must begin in the home. It is God’s purpose that the families of His people shall be symbols of the family above. Those who are Christians in the home will be Christians in the church and in the world. Many do not grow in grace and in a knowledge of the truth because they fail of cultivating home religion.

In the family the spirit of criticizing and faultfinding should have no place. The peace of the home is too sacred to be marred by this spirit. But how often, when seated at the meal table, the members of the family pass round a dish of criticism, faultfinding, and scandal. Should Christ come today, would He not find many of the families who profess to be Christians cherishing the spirit of criticism and unkindness? The members of such families are unready to unite with the family above. I am instructed to say to them, “Prepare to meet thy God.” [Amos 4:12.] Discord in families leads to discord in the church. The unruly tongue creates mischief of all kinds.

God expects His children to use the talent of speech in a way that will honor the Saviour. Let the heart be cleansed from all evil thinking and evil speaking. Let this be put away as evil leaven that will produce contention, alienation, and strife. Let the unruly tongue be brought under the control of God.

The brotherhood that is the outworking of Bible religion is to be more manifestly revealed in the lives of God’s people today. In the family an education is to be given that will create a pure, elevating atmosphere. A high standard is ever to be kept uplifted. No harsh, passionate word is ever spoken without grieving the Lord Jesus and hurting the heart of speaker and hearer. From the Christian home all angry or trifling speeches will be excluded; for nothing of this kind finds entrance into the home above.

Parents, be sure to spend some time each day in private prayer, asking the Lord for wisdom, lest self-importance take possession of your hearts, and you give the talent of speech unto the control of satanic agencies. The members of the church are to be ever on their guard against unadvised words. Sound words, seasoned with the grace of Christ, will produce correct practices. In the home circle, generous, gracious, Christlike words are of more value than any earthly treasure.

Remember that your children will follow closely the example that in word and deed you set them. Live lives that will help them to prepare for translation into the courts above, when the last trump shall sound, and Christ shall come to gather His faithful ones to Himself. Do not neglect your children. They are your first care. The home is to be their first school. And in this school you yourselves are to learn lessons that will prepare you better to work for their salvation and for the salvation of others. These lessons will be of the highest value to you in your religious experience. As you labor successfully for your children, you are working out your own salvation, and God is working in you, to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Kindly, but firmly, correct every inclination to wrong that may appear in the lives of your children. But when you are obliged to correct a child, do not raise the voice to a sharp key, bringing into it that which will arouse the worst passions of the child's heart. Do not lose your self-control. The parent who, when correcting a child, gives way to anger is far more guilty than the child.

Restrain every hasty speech that struggles for utterance. Before you speak that fretful, impatient word, stop and think of the influence that, if spoken, it will exert upon others.

Remember that the ears of children are quick to hear every word and to mark every intonation of the voice. Remember, too, that angels hear the words you speak. You are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. Follow a course that will be an honor to Jesus, a course that will bring holy angels to your side. Let your home life be such that Christ can enter your dwelling as an abiding guest. Let it be such that people will take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him.

Husband and wife are to be closely united in their work in the home school. They are to be very tender and very guarded in their speech, lest they open a door of temptation through which Satan will enter to obtain victory after victory. They are to be kind and courteous to each other, acting in such a way that they can respect one another. Each is to help the other to bring into the home a pleasant, wholesome atmosphere. They should not differ in the presence of their children. Christian dignity is ever to be preserved.

To the man who is a husband and a father, I would say, Be sure that a pure, holy atmosphere surrounds your soul. As priest and house-band of your family, you are to learn daily of Christ. Never, never are you to show a tyrannical spirit in the home. The man who does this is working in partnership with satanic agencies. Bring your will into submission to the will of God. Do all in your power to make the life of your wife pleasant and happy. Take the Word of God as the man of your counsel. In the home live out the teachings of the Word. Then you will them live them out in the church and will take them with you to your place of business.

The principles of heaven will ennoble all your transactions. Angels of God will co-operate with you, helping you to reveal Christ to the world.

Necessarily, a large share of the training of the children falls to the mother. She is to teach her children from their babyhood the lesson of obedience. The reins of control are not to be placed in their hands. The children are to be taught to regard their mother, not as a slave, whose work it is to wait on them, but as a queen, who is to guide and direct them, teaching them line upon line, precept upon precept.

Mothers, however provoking your children may be in their ignorance, do not give way to impatience. Teach them patiently and lovingly. Be firm with them. Do not let Satan control them. Discipline them only when you are under the discipline of God. Christ will be victor in the lives of your children if you will learn of Him who is meek and lowly, pure and undefiled.

Parents, live the Christ life. Place yourselves where you can co-operate with God. There are many whose minds and hearts need to be ennobled and refined by the grace of heaven. Christianity is to preside in the heart and in the home. The counsel of God is to control in the home. Let us remember this and become familiar with the directions that He has given in His Word.

The Word of God is to be our lesson book. We are not merely to read it, and say that we believe the truth for this time. This profession must be accompanied by an earnest, faithful practice of the teachings of the Word of God. Under its hallowed power, the tenderest and most sanctified dispositions are to be developed in the home circle.

Let every one attend most critically to himself. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." [2 Corinthians 13:5.] Body and mind must be carefully and strictly dealt with, that unchristlike traits of character and tendencies to wrong may not bear sway. Unless a strict watch is kept over the heart, wrong principles will prevail in the life, and great unhappiness will be wrought. Every departure from righteousness becomes a force that works against the Lord Jesus. When right words and deeds are left out of the home life, there come in unchristlike words and deeds. Parents and children work at cross purposes with God. The family is placed where Christ will pronounce against it the woe pronounced against Chorazin and Bethsaida.

I appeal to parents to prepare themselves and their children to unite with the family above. Get ready, for Christ's sake, get ready to meet your Lord in peace. Begin to work in your family on right lines. Get down to the root of the matter. Bring the truth into your homes, to sanctify and purify them. Do not keep it in the outer court. How blind many professing Christians are to their own interests! How utterly they fail to see what Christ would do for them were He admitted into their homes. Let Christians work as earnestly to win the crown of life as worldlings work to win earthly advantages, and the church of God will certainly move forward with power.

A deeper and more successful work will be done in the church when the families composing it stand in right relation to God. The church will then reap the advantage of the Christlike influence exerted in the homes of the members.

The Holy Spirit produces actions that are in harmony with the law of God. The regenerating work of the Spirit will be seen in families where painstaking efforts are put forth to manifest kindness, patience, and love. Almighty power is at work, preparing minds and hearts to submit to the molding influence of the Holy Spirit, leading parents to sanctify themselves, that their children also may be sanctified.

The home in which the members are polite, courteous Christians exerts a far-reaching influence for good. Other families will mark the results attained by such a home and will follow the example set, in their turn guarding the home against satanic influences.

The angels of God will often visit the home in which the will of God bears sway. Under the power of divine grace such a home becomes a place of refreshing to worn, weary pilgrims. By watchful guarding, self is kept from asserting itself. Correct habits are formed. There is a careful recognition of the rights of others. The faith that works by love and purifies the soul stands at the helm, presiding over the whole household. Under the hallowed influence of such a home, the principle of brotherhood laid down in [the] Word of God is more widely recognized and obeyed.

Lt 272a, 1903

Wessels, Peter and Family

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

October, 1903

Dear Brother Peter Wessels and family,—

My heart is drawn out after you. The Lord wants you to come into active working order with Himself. You have, my dear brother, no time to lose. “What is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?” “Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” [Luke 9:25; Matthew 16:26.]

Christ was a true medical missionary. He healed the sick, rebuked satanic agencies, and taught the people. He ministered to both soul and body. His labors were incessant. And His work was made harder by the frequent interruptions of the scribes and Pharisees, who sought to divert and confuse the minds of the hearers. Notwithstanding their repeated failure to entangle Him in His speech, they continue to annoy Him, hoping to induce Him to say something that would give them an opportunity to accuse Him before the Roman authorities.

Such exertions were exhausting to the physical powers of Christ. With great anxiety His friends and relations looked upon His pale face and wearied countenance. They besought Him to hide Himself for a time from the multitudes which continually pressed around Him. So great was the multitude that sought to hear Him that the Pharisees exclaimed, “The whole world is gone after Him.” [John 12:19.] As with compassion He beheld the needs of the people who flocked to Him,

it seemed to Him impossible to withhold from them the healing leaves of the tree of life. Apparently there was no respite for Him.

After a day of toil, one evening, realizing the need of retirement and rest, He “departed thence by ship into a desert place apart.” [Matthew 14:13.] While the attention of the multitude was for a few moments diverted, He entered a fishing boat and sailed to the eastern side of the lake.

It was hard for Him to tear Himself away from the multitudes to whom He longed to minister. The urgency of the work was great, yet He was physically exhausted, and He sought in retirement an opportunity to gain strength, that He might be better fitted to take up His work again. In all things He was an example to His workers. No one is to continue to tax his physical powers until nature can no longer sustain the system in health.

The gentle movement of the boat had a soothing influence upon the Saviour, and He slept. Never did boat carry a more precious burden. He was our Saviour. The salvation of a sinful world depended upon Him.

The sea of Galilee was the scene of much of Christ’s ministry. On the eastern side the shore rises to a great height. The surrounding country was a lonely region. There were desolate hills and barren rocks where there was neither cultivated land nor houses. To this place Jesus came, that He might be alone to commune with His heavenly Father.

When they had arrived at the other side of the lake, Jesus went a little way from His disciples and spent the remainder of the night in agonizing prayer.

Lt 274, 1903

NA [Brother]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

December 30, 1903

My dear Brother,—

I wish that I could make all understand that many times the obstacles and difficulties that seem to hedge up their way are of their own creating. I have an intense desire that day by day the Lord’s people shall learn more of Jesus and trust Him more fully. I want to see them triumphing over sin. I want to see them standing firm in God.

Set your standard high, and live in constant communion with God. Do not allow the enemy to spoil your experience. Do not complain. Do not reveal a dictatorial spirit. Put on courage and strength. You are not forsaken by God.

We must not talk unbelief because appearances are against us. We are in a world of iniquity. We shall feel pressure for want of means, but God will hear and answer our petitions for help.

Let your watchword be, "The Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint; and I know that I shall not be ashamed." [Isaiah 50:7.]

Do not dwell upon things that are of no profit. Be free in the Lord, be free. Look on the bright side. If the work is hindered, be sure that it is not your fault, and then rejoice in the Lord, even though the experience through which you are called to pass is hard and grievous.

Do not let your lips utter perverseness. Do not talk unbelief; talk hope. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven; and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth. It shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish the thing whereto I sent it." [Isaiah 55:10, 11.]

Let every worker hold up the hands of his fellow worker. Let no one talk discouragement. "For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace. The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." [Verses 12, 13.]

Wait patiently for the Lord, trusting in Him to work everything out to His glory. If His reproof is upon you, humble your soul before Him, and say, Amen. Never murmur or complain. The Lord lives and reigns. Be strong in Him. Trust in Him. Walk before Him in faith and hope and righteousness, and He will bring you off more than a conqueror.

Lt 275, 1903

Brn. Laboring in Battle Creek

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

November, 1903

To my brethren laboring in Battle Creek, —

I have been wondering why we do not hear from any of you. You must know that we are very anxious to hear regarding the spiritual interests of the work in Battle Creek. I do not understand why you are so silent. If any real change has taken place, we should surely hear from you.

I hope that you will be true and faithful to help Dr. Kellogg. He is in a perilous condition. His case is a heavy burden on my soul. It would be a great relief to me to hear that he is reaching a place where he can see the terrible mistakes he has made. He needs to understand the simplicity of truth. He needs to realize that the Lord will not accept him unless he sees the mistake that he has been making and turns to the Lord with full purpose of heart. How can a man who has had such great light link up with evil angels? And while he does this, how can he be accepted as a guide of our people to stand at the head of the medical missionary work?

I often think of how wonderfully the Lord has guided Dr. Kellogg, by reproof, by counsel, by encouragement. Letter after letter has been sent to him. The portions that spoke in commendation of him, he would read to his fellow workers, but he did not read the portions that pointed out his errors.

Instruction has now been given me that I must place in the hands of our ministers and physicians the light given me for Dr. Kellogg, or they will make mistakes similar to the mistakes that he has made.

Our medical missionary workers know scarcely anything of the instruction that for the past twenty years the Lord in mercy has been sending him. He has had testimony after testimony in regard to the danger of centering so much in Battle Creek, and the necessity of opening new fields, making plants in many places. Again and again the Lord has declared that it was His will that the company of workers collected in Battle Creek should be broken up into several companies; but no change has been made.

If Dr. Kellogg would stand solidly with his ministering brethren, they could help him, and he could help them. But he has started on a track which if followed will lead to the tearing down of the foundation upon which our faith is based. Spiritualistic sentiments have been presented in so plausible a manner that our medical missionary workers have been fascinated by them. I pray that they will not continue to foster these ideas. Their work is now to put away from them these pleasing fables.

My brother, I cannot understand how you could tell me that there is in Living Temple nothing that is not in harmony with what we as a people believe. I thought you a true watchman, quick to see when evil from the enemy was stealing into our ranks. I thought you would be wide-awake to discern the approach of the enemy and give the alarm. The rebuke of God rests upon you because you did not discern the dangerous character of the fables that were being circulated. The rebuke of God is upon every minister and every medical missionary leader who has been asleep on the walls of Zion, when as vigilant watchmen they should have warned the people of the Lord against the dangers threatening them.

Wonderful scenes, with which Satan will be closely connected, will soon take place. God's Word declares that Satan will work miracles. He will make people sick and then will suddenly remove from them his satanic power. They will then be regarded as healed. These works of apparent healing will bring Seventh-day Adventists to the test. Many who have had great light will fail to walk in the light, because they have not become one with Christ. His instruction is not palatable to them.

Let us study the Word of God. Let us make it a part of our lives, bringing its teachings into the daily experience. Thus only can we gain the knowledge that will enable us, in these days of peril, to distinguish the true from the false. Study the sixth chapter of John. It contains instruction that is indeed the mystery of godliness. "Search the Scriptures," Christ said; "for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." [John 5:39.]

“Ye will not come unto Me that ye might have life,” Christ continued. [Verse 40.] This is the trouble with some who have had great light. God has honored them, but they have not reflected His glory.

“I receive not honor from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in My Father’s name, and ye receive Me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.” [Verses 41-43.]

History will be repeated. The time will come, Christ tells us, when many deceivers will go forth, declaring themselves to be the Christ. The Saviour says, “Go ye not after them.” [Luke 21:8.] We need not be deceived.

“How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father; there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For if ye had believed Moses, ye would have believed Me; for he wrote of Me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe My words?” [John 5:44-47.]

The Great Medical Missionary

“After these things, Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed Him, because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.” [John 6:1-3.]

He had retired to a secluded place with His disciples, but this rare season of peaceful solitude was soon broken. Some among the multitude they had left had noticed the direction in which they had gone. Many went by land to meet them, while others followed in their boats across the water. Before Christ reached the shore, a multitude was waiting for Him. But He landed unobserved by them and spent a little time apart with His disciples.

From the hillside He looked upon the moving multitude, and His heart was stirred with sympathy. Interrupted as He was, and robbed of His rest, He was not impatient. He saw a greater necessity demanding His attention as He watched the people coming and still coming. He was “moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd.” [Mark 6:34.] Leaving His retreat, He found a convenient place where He could minister to them. They received no help from the priests and rulers, but the healing waters of life flowed from Christ as He taught the multitude the way of salvation.

The people listened to the words of mercy flowing so freely from the lips of the Son of God. They heard the gracious words, so simple and so plain that they were as the balm of Gilead to their souls. The healing of His divine hand brought gladness and life to the dying and ease and health to those suffering with disease. The day seemed to them like heaven upon earth, and they were utterly unconscious of how long it had been since they had eaten anything.

At length the day was far spent. The sun was sinking in the west, and yet the people lingered. Jesus had labored all day without food or rest. He was pale from weariness and hunger, and the

disciples besought Him to cease from His toil. But He could not withdraw Himself from the multitude that pressed upon Him.

The disciples finally came to Him, urging that for His own sake the people should be sent away. Many had come from far and had eaten nothing since morning. In the surrounding towns and villages they might be able to buy food. But Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat," and then, turning to Philip, questioned, "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" [Mark 6:37; John 6:5.] This He said to test the faith of the disciples. Philip looked over the sea of heads and thought how impossible it would be to provide food to satisfy the wants of such a crowd. He answered that two hundred pennyworth of bread would not be nearly enough to divide amongst them so that each might have a little. Jesus inquired how much food could be found among the company. "There is a lad here," said Andrew, "which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes, but what are they among so many." [Verses 8, 9.] Jesus directed that these be brought to Him. Then He bade the disciples seat the people on the grass in parties of fifty or a hundred, to preserve order, and that all might witness what He was about to do. When this was accomplished, Jesus took the food, "and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude." [Matthew 14:19.] "And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments and of the fishes." [Mark 6:42, 43.]

Christ, the Son of God, was appointed by the Father to come to this world as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and great Medical missionary. He was not only to heal the sick, but was also to take away sin and raise the dead. He came as the Life-giver.

How much He will be to those in our medical institutions who truly believe in Him as the great Healer. How much he will do for the sick and suffering who come to these institutions, if the physicians and nurses point them to Him as the Life-giver, telling them that if they will commit themselves to His keeping, He will take away their suffering of mind and give them rest and peace.

There is no work in which the workers need a closer fellowship with Christ than the medical missionary work. O how greatly the physician, as he stands at the bedside of a sufferer, needs an intimate acquaintance with Christ. The one to whom he is ministering may be losing his hold on this life. Can he, with tenderness and simplicity, and with the assurance of certain knowledge, speak to him of the One who died that He might say to every sinner, "Thy sins be forgiven thee"? [Matthew 9:5.]

The physician is to stand in Christ's stead, bearing to the sick the gospel of physical and spiritual healing. Physicians should be men conversant with God, one with Christ. To souls on the brink of the grave, they will be called on to speak the words of life, fresh and healing.

In order to be truly successful, the physician must live in close relation to Christ. He must cherish a constant sense that he is one of the Lord's chosen instruments appointed to bear to the sick the word of life, to declare to them that if they receive Christ as a personal Saviour,

they will be given power to become the sons of God. It is in the power of every physician, in his work for the sick, to be a gospel teacher, bearing to those to whom he ministers the sure cure for sin, pointing them to the Lamb of God who alone can make successful the physical treatment given. In the simplest of language he is to speak of the Saviour, his heart filled with a longing for the salvation of the one to whom he is speaking.

Our physicians need a deeper insight into the evangelistic work that God expects them to do. Let them remember that if they do not work for the healing of the soul as well as for the healing of the body, they are not following the example of the great Medical Missionary. Let them study the Word of God diligently, that they may be familiar with its promises and may be able, in tenderness and love, to point sinners to the great Healer.

It was to bring spiritual as well as physical healing to the sick that our sanitariums were established. If physicians only realized it, they could often do more to restore the sick to health by ministering to the needs of the soul than by confining their efforts to the body.

The physician is to be a constant receiver of the grace of Christ. Constantly he is to be under the control of God's holy law. He is to remember that Christ has authorized the God-fearing physician to regard himself as a laborer together with God.

When Christ sent His disciples out on their first missionary journey, He said to them, "As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give." [Matthew 10:7, 8.] And when at the close of His earthly ministry He gave them their commission, He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In My name they shall cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. ...

"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." [Mark 16:17, 18, 20.]

The words spoken to the disciples are spoken to us also. None need think that the day for working as the apostles worked is past. Men and women can today work as Christ has given them example. To all will come opportunities to minister to sin-sick souls and to those in need of physical healing.

Physical healing is a science of heavenly birth, bound up with the gospel commission.

We have a work to do that we have not done. Our faith is to be broader, deeper, more trustful than it has been. We are to bring all our necessities to Christ, knowing that He will supply our need. Since one soul is of more value in God's sight than the whole world, let us act as genuine medical missionaries. Christ has given us our work. The deeper our appreciation of His love, the keener will be our sense of need, and the stronger our faith. And we shall receive according to our faith.

Our belief in Christ is not to be a casual belief, but a belief that enters into every part of the life. Such a belief leads us to ask Him to supply our need because we realize that He is our only dependence. A casual belief admits that He is the Redeemer, but does not honor Him by receiving Him as a friend, a helper. Those who have such a belief do not know the meaning of the words, "Without me ye can do nothing." [John 15:5.] They work without taking Christ into their confidence.

The Saviour is willing to help all who call upon Him for wisdom and clearness of thought. And who needs wisdom and clearness of thought more than the physician, upon whose decisions so much depends?

The Lord would have our physicians co-operate with Him in their treatment of the sick, showing more faith and using fewer drugs. Let us rely upon God. Our faith is feeble, and our hearts remain unchanged. God would have a change take place. He says, "A new heart also will I give you." [Ezekiel 36:26.] When this promise is fulfilled to the people of God, the condition of things will be very different from what it now is.

The newborn soul is to follow on to know the Lord until he knows that his going forth is prepared as the morning. This is a science that you can afford to study. It will bring you peace and assurance. As you draw near to God, you will realize that He is drawing near to you.

Shall not our workers avail themselves of their high privilege in Christ—sanctification through the truth? O how much our souls need to be revived, quickened, spiritualized, filled with a love for the Lord that leads them to choose His society, saying with real satisfaction, "In the Lord will I rejoice. His Word is my comfort and guide." A constant reliance upon Christ for success gives an abiding satisfaction. It is a source of peace that the world can neither give nor take away.

Into the medical missionary work there must be brought more of a yearning for souls. It was this yearning that filled the hearts of those who established our first medical institution.

Christ is to be present in the sickroom, filling your heart with the sweetness of His love. When your life is such that Christ can go with you to the bedside of the sick, there will come to you the conviction that He, the compassionate Saviour, is in the room, and this conviction will do much to restore them to health.

In word and deed the physicians and nurses in our medical institutions are to say, so plainly that it cannot be misunderstood, "God is in this place," to save, not to destroy. [See Genesis 28:16.]

Christ invites our physicians to become acquainted with Him. When they respond to His invitation, they will know that they receive the things they ask for. Their minds will be enlightened by wisdom from above. Constantly beholding the Saviour, they will become more and more like Him, till at last it can be said of them in the heavenly courts, "Ye are complete in Him." [Colossians 2:10.] Christ has pledged Himself to give His disciples what they ask for in His name. As they labor in harmony with Him, they can ask Him to aid them in every time of need.

Lt 283, 1903

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 26, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

At this time two years ago, I was in South Lancaster. As the result of a ride between South Lancaster and Clinton in cold weather I was taken very sick. I should then have gone direct to Battle Creek instead of going around by New York. The results of that journey nearly cost me my life. But the Lord preserved me, and I have been engaged in the conflict ever since.

I wish I could see you, but I dare not say to you what I would like to say. I would like to invite you to come and spend some time with us. But I dare not urge you to do this. They need you in the South. Dr. Kellogg writes me that he has asked you to come to Battle Creek. We need more laborers in Washington to help in establishing the work in that new and important center. I dare not say one word as to what you ought to do. I leave you to be taught of God. Let the Lord, the Captain of your salvation, give you your orders.

Be careful not to overwork. Do not take on burdens that you should avoid. We want the aged men of experience preserved to us. We need them especially at this time to bear earnest, decided testimony to the faith once delivered to the saints.

Our people need to understand the reasons of our faith and our past experiences.

How sad it is that so many of our people apparently place unlimited confidence in men who present theories tending to uproot our past experiences and to remove the old landmarks! Those who can be so easily led by a false spirit show that they have been following the wrong captain for some time—so long that they do not discern that they are departing from the faith, or that they are not building upon the true foundation. We need to urge all to put on their spiritual eyeglasses, to have their eyes anointed that they may see clearly and discern the true pillars of the faith, and say, “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His.” [2 Timothy 2:19.] We need to revive the old evidences of the faith once delivered to the saints.

Every conceivable fanciful and deceptive doctrine will be presented by men who think that they have the truth. Some are now teaching that children will be born in the new earth. Is this present truth? Who has inspired these men to present such a theory? Did the Lord give any one such views? No; those things which are revealed are for us and for our children, but upon subjects not revealed, and having naught to do with our salvation, silence is eloquence. These strange ideas should not even be mentioned, much less taught as essential truths.

We have reached a time when things are to be called by their right name. As we did in the earlier days, we must arise and, under the Spirit of God, rebuke the work of deception.

Some of the sentiments now expressed are the alpha of some of the most fanatical ideas that could be presented. Teachings similar to those we had to meet soon after 1844 are being taught by some who occupy important positions in the work of God.

In New Hampshire, in Vermont, and in other places, we had to resist the stealthy, deceptive work of fanaticism. Presumptuous sins were entered into, and unholy lusts were freely indulged by some under the cloak of sanctification. The doctrine of spiritual free-love was advocated. We saw the fulfilment of the Scripture, "that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." [1 Timothy 4:1.]

Will those who have been deceived by the art of the great deceiver now make a decided change? O that they might realize how they have dishonored God? Men standing in responsible positions have presented in subtle scientific words their human ideas of God.

But I take no pleasure in dwelling upon these matters. The Lord has a care for His sheep, and He will not permit them to be deceived and destroyed. We must all make a determined effort to save the souls of those who have been deceived.

Lt 288, 1903

White, W. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 23, 1903

Dear Son Willie,—

I do not expect to get this copied but will write a few lines. We shall be glad to see you back again. I wish this communication sent in behalf of England will be considered as facts concerning the providence of God in placing property within your reach at Los Angeles and San Diego, but I have said my say respecting those places. You must do as in your judgment you shall deem best. Why I write is this: the creating of funds to purchase in England need not close the door to creating funds for the Southern California field. I can write but little but will just put a few words in the mail today.

Elder Daniells has written for me to write something like an appeal for the sanitarium in England. I said, I will take no responsibilities to call for funds for England when the distressed condition of the work in America, that should have earnest work done just as verily as in any foreign field, [is before me]. God is displeased that this state of things continues with our people who know the truth, slumbering and sleeping like the foolish virgins, while souls are going to ruin. And if any attempt to do anything in the Southern field, hands are spread out to grasp it for the foreign fields. Souls that have been left without care in America are just as much

to be cared for as those in other countries. I have sent a letter to Elder Daniells. I wish you to see it.

I meant to have written more but I have not time. I am writing some things when I can. May the Lord help me, for I have but little courage now as to the proper state of things' being established when the leading men are blind as to the moves they make. I fear greatly for the sheep of the Lord's pasture. I never, never remember of having such a hopeless presentation in regard to the future. My soul is sad and sick; but I will stop this kind of pen talk.

I must close my letter.

Lt 289, 1903

Belden, F. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 1, 1903

Dear Nephew Frank Belden,—

Your bundle of letters was placed in my hand, but I could not possibly read them. I had a very intense experience in regard to many matters concerning the school at Berrien Springs, concerning the Southern field, concerning the Sanitarium in Battle Creek, concerning the Review and Herald office. And while their council was in session, I was sending in matters that they should have; but since the camp-meeting at Fresno, matters have opened before me in such an intense light [that] for eight weeks I could not sleep past 12 o'clock and was writing.

My eyes troubled me and I was afraid I was sacrificing them, and yet I kept on. The last two weeks of December were the most agonizing weeks I have ever experienced, and I begged the Lord to relieve me from the awful pressure. But one thing after another rolled upon me, responsibilities that I could not bear. It seemingly would cost me my life, and I could not tell any one anything for they cannot see. Said my Instructor, They cannot understand these things. Then I wrote with all my might day and most of the night to that council, and I carry the load still. I at last had a collapse and could do no more. I had written all the warnings and cautions that were essential, and now I shall, I hope, be free.

But I have not that hope, now that I have tried to keep alive, that you would sometime come to your senses and humble your heart and learn from your past experience that the Lord would [not] and could not endorse your spirit or actions. His name was not glorified.

The Lord has a path marked out for you which is apparently so humble you refuse it. No, no, I cannot, I cannot encourage you. I have not the light that I can bind up your interest with ours. The choice you have made all the way along is not to glorify God. When the hand of the Lord and His voice are recognized, then you will understand you are not to wait until the Lord humbles you, as He has done again and again, but that you will humble yourself under His

mighty hand. When you see that you have not that sanctified wisdom that will set you among princes, then you may with your whole heart, mind, and soul seek the Lord; and when you study the life of Christ with sanctified vision, then you will accept the ways of the Lord and glorify Him.

Lt 291, 1903

Leaders in the Medical Work

August 4, 1903

Testimony to the Church

To the leaders in the medical work,—

I have a message for you. I am instructed to say that not all the arrangements connected with the management of the medical missionary work are to originate in Battle Creek. The medical missionary work is God's work, and every church bears its individual responsibility to read and understand the Word of God. We are to take a decided stand against allowing this work, sacred in its origin as a medical missionary work to be carried to all parts of the world in publications and in personal missionary effort, to be selfishly controlled.

One man is not to think he can be conscience for all medical workers. Human beings are to look to the Lord God of heaven alone for wisdom and guidance in establishing medical institutions. Our brethren must not be asked to work in accordance with the plans of a kingly, ruling power. A change must be brought about. The plan to fasten every medical institution to the central organization at Battle Creek must not be longer advocated, but be relinquished. This plan God forbids.

For years I have been instructed that there is danger, constant danger, that our brethren will be taught to look to their fellow men for permission and for guidance to do this or that work in the place of looking to God. Thus they become weaklings, and all such restrictions are disapproved of God. All men are bought with a price. The Lord can impress the minds and consciences of all who serve Him and do His work under bonds to God and in a spirit of fraternity that is in accordance with the principles of His laws.

God is acquainted with the future. He is the one to whom we are to look for guidance. If the practice comes in to look to one another for guidance, we will be misled—adrift—and the mischief is done. They lose confidence in God, and they cannot depend on human wisdom. This sentiment has now come in, the result of which will be placing man where God should be, ever and under all circumstances. Christ is our wisdom, our sanctification, our refiner, our dependence, now and forever and forever. The words were spoken, "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils." [Isaiah 2:22.] Let your words and all your plans be under the divine direction.

The service of Christ is a heavenly and holy and blessed thing. The Word is to be diligently searched, for the ministry of the Word discovers the imperfections in our characters and teaches us that the sanctification of the Spirit is a work of heavenly devising, presenting in Christ Jesus the true perfection that if maintained will become a perfect whole in behalf of every soul. We are educated in Bible lines to become complete in Christlikeness and to see His Father's face in Him who gave His own life for the saving of the soul.

Let every church member consider the breaking up of the fallow ground, the careful cleansing of the soil, and the depositing and harrowing of the seed, which is the laborious work of the husbandman. It is a rough and searching process. The harrowing of the seed is not always pleasant to the receiver, and sometimes disabling to him because he does not sense the virtue of the Word and becomes submissive under the tilling process in spiritual life. The sins committed require the sincere repentance that needeth not to be repented of; but when the hard soil is broken up and the stubborn clods are broken to pieces, then the precious seed can be sown and harrowed into the soil. This represents the severe discipline of God. Often rebellion is manifested, and the discipline of God must continue until the determined will is broken and the end is gained.

In things spiritual as well as natural this work must be done. Often severity is needed to bring in the spiritual harvest. It is God's great law that without the proper sowing of seed and the tillage there will be no harvest in sheaves. An experience is lacking. Divine blessings wait only for human spiritual working of the soil of the heart and the industry to care for the soil while the Lord is sowing His seed.

As a man soweth, he shall also reap. All who study the Word with full purpose to cleanse away from the life all sin, and who search the Scriptures to learn what is truth, will welcome the truth of the Word as a Thus saith the Lord. They will repent under the sharp reproofs of Bible truth, fully aware that truth never changes to adapt itself to any person that lives. If a man sow true repentance, he will reap the reward of sound, good works. If he continues in the faith, he reaps peace. If he becomes sanctified and cleansed from his appetite for cheapness and folly, he shall—if he continues to sow in faith and repentance and hope—reap righteousness and perfect love. If he continues to sow faith, he shall reap. He subordinates himself to an entirely different experience, accepts daily the sanctifying processes, and a continuance in the well-doing in overcoming makes him a daily victor because he keeps the mark of Christ's perfection ever before him.

Now any profession you make will be of little advantage to you unless you keep in view that you are running a race in hope of receiving an everlasting spiritual victory, which is essential if you are worthy to share the life with Christ and the fulness of the immortal inheritance. The daily fructifying influence of the Holy Spirit of God must quicken into life and productiveness your purposes, else you will fall into the same channel as that of your past life.

Now, my brother, will you work to a purpose to prepare yourself for the inheritance of the saints in light? You never yet have felt the sinfulness of your own past course. Life is short. A life is presented to you to obtain that is as enduring as the life of God. Will you consider and think and have the true heavenly manliness to do the work that Christ invites you to do now? It is fructifying with Christ. He laid aside His royal crown and His kingly robe and came to meet the powers of darkness in humanity just as you are required to meet the satanic influences. Will you accept the invitation of Christ: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart"? [Matthew 11:28, 29.] This is the very lesson every one of the human family will have to learn, else they can never become sons and daughters of God and be numbered with the royal family. It rests with every one. Will you take His yoke? Will you give up every inducement and attraction of the world? Will you fully come to your Saviour and say, "I accept the terms; I take the yoke of Christ"?

You need to become not a novice, but an intelligent, converted Christian, by copying the example of One who gave His life to a life of persecution. All manner of evil was spoken against Christ. They said that He had a devil, and what sufferings He endured in your behalf that you should not perish! There is limit to wilful transgression. You cannot continue in sin, and grace abound. You and I and all who have sinned may pray to God, not that He would change natural laws, but that He will make the heart wise in choosing to conform the life and character to vindicate and sustain all the wise and true laws God has given. I write these things to you. I greatly desire that you should have an entirely different history in the future than in the past.

I am so sorry that, in your association in Battle Creek, you have been passing over the same ground that many have passed over, trusting to their own individual selves. You need to make a decided change in yourself, answering to conversion. Your Saviour invites you, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Verses 29, 30.] Here is your work, and will you grieve the Holy Spirit of God?

Please tell me what [?] you made with the people in Battle Creek. How much money have you expended, and how much have you gained in educational lines? What have you still in hand of money? I think if you should go to Washington, it will be a much safer place for you to obtain an education. If you would only heed the counsel the Lord has given! It is your only safety. As I have had your case opened before me I have thought much. If you had a genuine experience in the knowledge of the truth, what a happy influence would be created in the perfection of Christian life.

Lt 292, 1903

White, W. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

August 6, 1903

Dear Son Willie,—

I thank the Lord that you are moving like men who have not a blinder before your eyes. I praise the Lord that I am in very good health. My heart is cheerful and I am pleased with the settlement of [A. R.] Henry. I hope you will carry through all matters as men under the direct influence of the Holy Spirit and unmoved by all the subterfuges of Satan to bind yokes upon God's people. The gospel ministry and pure, true missionary work clasp hands firmly; one is not independent of the other. None of us wants to be whitewashed by the interpretation of medical missionary work that is not medical missionary work at all. It is not healing; it is not saving; it is not unto eternal life in practicing. As a people we must take up medical missionary work.

Lt 293, 1903

White, W. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

August 16, 1903

Dear Son Willie C. White,—

I am very grateful to my heavenly Father that my health is quite good. While I feel the affliction again and again, my heart thanks the Lord that I am yet active and really suffer no more, as I consider, than I have all through my lifetime. I never have done more work in writing, and I have not one word of repining.

I will not be depressed, although I am not receiving much in line of means. The London office sent me three hundred and forty-seven dollars. The Pacific Press owes the London office, the London office wants Pacific Press—if they have my consent—to make some turn to pay me, and they consent to take this money. I owe the Pacific Press one thousand dollars, and this exchange will help lessen the debt. So I consent and will hope from some source to receive money for books. We are planning, I and my workers, not to lay out means, and I hope to have something come in. I sent letter to Sister Stickney or her daughter Perkins, a widow, to lend me, but answer came they had it not. She wrote me a very nice letter. I shall write the two women, both widows, again as soon as I can conveniently. I am of good courage in the Lord.

Shall not attend any camp-meeting this season unless I am especially drawn out to write Los Angeles, and I do not consider it my duty. I want to be in a prepared state when you shall arrive from your long journey, that we shall consult together and decide in regard to the publications of books. And never, never shall books go through several hands from me at any future time. I need the profits on my books and must have them, and my donation that the Lord signified I should make I have tried to do thoroughly, whole-heartedly.

I have asked H. W. Kellogg to loan me at least one thousand dollars in behalf of Edson. I have told Edson to not rush matters, but bind himself to no such propositions as have been proposed. He has had enough such work to do and suffered for it.

God knows just how we are situated, and I mean to trust in God and not disregard the light God has given me before we went to Australia, that if the parties managing the Review and Herald could get my books published and I have nothing, no protest would be made by them. I have a copy of a letter that I will send you that I wrote at that time. I am immovably fixed that I will not be controlled in this matter of price of books any longer. I have a little prospect of getting free from debt to the Pacific Press; light has been given me over and over again on this point and I shall heed it. If I am worth what I know the Lord would have me be to His cause, I must take my business in my own hands and refuse this screwing me down to the lowest sum, and I have not money to pay my workers. It cost me something more than selfish minds will take in, but I am now in good spirits, have not lost my mind, and I will not place myself under the harrow because men solicit me to. I have now come to where I will prefer to take my books to unbelievers to handle rather than to have the past experience repeated. There now, I have done with that.

I have had a talk with Elder A. T. Jones, and I have told him facts in regard to establishing a school of higher classics that the Lord has no call for whatever. The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly. We have no call, no duty to establish a college in Battle Creek. A. T. Jones came to call for money to help the acre fund and, I think, the college too. I told him plainly the Lord sent him on no such errand. If he had any zeal or interest in collecting money, let him bear in mind there was a sanitarium to be created, there was an orphanage to be established in California, there was a debt on the Sanitarium, and he might have expended his zeal in setting this Sanitarium in a better condition; but to come from Battle Creek and begin to gather up money from our churches—I protested against it, in the name of the Lord, that the Lord had never put that work upon him.

Again I told him I had been shown that Dr. Kellogg was trying to use him to oppose the very things the Lord had been trying to do, for Dr. Kellogg was in no state of mind to give that kind of education the students needed and to exert that influence that would be a savor of life unto eternal life. The man is in no spiritual condition to do the work in the Sanitarium, even, and his course of action has been of that character that God forbids our young people should be educated to study under him. He is working to have the school one year in Battle Creek, get the school there one year for the sake of their obtaining degrees; and it will be opposed to the light God has given by testimonies and the wiping out of these two great principal institutions.

I told A. T. Jones that Dr. Kellogg was not to have his way in everything he proposes for worldly policies and worldly plans in education—which the Lord had been leading us away from—in the place forming such a school now in Battle Creek. It seems Dr. Kellogg is determined to counterwork God's plans.

I have not seen A. T. Jones since. He may be at the Sanitarium. I did not go anywhere to speak on Sabbath. I felt like shutting myself away, where I would not become distracted with the confused working and counterworking at Battle Creek. I am thinking I do not know what it is best to do. I wish I had seen him. I told him Sabbath morning some plain, straightforward things, but what course he will now pursue I know not. I told him that J. H. Kellogg was acting a part in connection with the cause of God that would unsettle many souls. He has gone directly against the testimonies of the Spirit of God, and how long his brethren were to sustain him in his deceptive course I could not determine; that A. T. Jones was acting like a man with his eyes put out. That piece in the paper he would have to explain to make a consistency in his own case, and then he would put a wrong construction on the matter, and thus the matter stands. He did not come to see me again; left this morning.

I have strong feelings in regard to his coming on the Pacific Coast to raise money to build up interests in Battle Creek. I understand A. T. Jones will be in Healdsburg till the last of this week. I may decide to go to Healdsburg and read him further testimony. Oh, that our brethren would open their eyes to see all things clearly!

I was going to see A. T. Jones this day, but he left this morning.

Whatever may be decided in reference to my books, I must have not so many handling them that I get hardly any income after paying the printers and the material—but there, I have said enough. May the Lord strengthen and bless me and help me to hold fast my hope and trust in God.

When Dr. Kellogg takes the lines, he does it with a purpose. If he could only glorify God it would be well, but when it is the human agency that works without the Holy Spirit, I am agonized at the thought. Now I shall call your attention to this letter written so long ago. You see how it reads. I came across it by accident. I have another letter on the point somewhere. It may come to me as this has done. I copy the letter just as it was written.

When your work is done, please to come home. I want to see you, and we all want to see you. Be of good courage. We can pray and commit all our difficulties to God. I will not look on the dark side.

In love.

Lt 294, 1903

Magan, P. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 10, 1903

Dear Brother [P. T.] Magan,—

I received your letter. I was up [at] half-past [four] this morning and found it in my room awaiting me. I think we have sent to you some few days ago the exact thing you call for in regard to [Missionary] Acre Fund. I read it over carefully and it seems to me the right thing. And now comes the long letter from you, which I highly appreciate.

Not one word comes from Battle Creek to any of us. Why is this? I think they must know I should highly appreciate some word that gives my heart a spring of joy.

I am sad indeed for your wife, but continue to place her by faith in the arms of our Saviour and believe whatever the Lord hath said He means, and He would have us believe every word in promise.

I would say, Do let us, if possible, bury the dead carcasses of the past, and let not the enemies have anything to triumph over. I hope there will be a thorough understanding of the foundation Rock upon which we can all stand in unity. Nearly two thousand years ago a voice was heard of strange and mysterious import, because it came from the throne of God, "Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body thou hast prepared me." Hebrews 10:5. "Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of Me, I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:7, 8. We are now to understand matters aright by bringing self into unity with Jesus Christ.

I was not able to comprehend the plan in regard to helping me out of debt, but I have become so that I have less burden to carry, and now I understand better; and I will tell you, Brother Magan, I want not that one of my burdens shall rest on you. I do not think, under the circumstances, you should create burdens to bear for me or any living soul. Relieve yourself; unload; and as to my taking one gift or one dollar from the conference, God forbid.

As to putting the book Education into some such way of circulation as Object Lessons, I do not expect anything of the kind. Let this book have its course, but my books are not to pass through the many hands that they have done. I have protested against it for many years. The tract societies are not helping me, but are detracting from the profits I should have. I have not and will not consent to have any donations made for me. I will not consent for my care to come in as one bit of an item to make you rally to work for me. You have got all on your hands that you should have and can possibly carry.

May the Lord help your wife, as the Great Physician only can, and may the Lord give you wisdom to preserve yourself in your difficulties from so many burdens, and to unload every burden possible. May the Lord God give courage, but shun many responsibilities; shun all that you can. Walk circumspectly before God, which I believe you will do. Walk by faith. Cling to the Mighty One every moment and do not let go. There is a great work to be done. If you will work slowly and considerately and not become confused, then you will not work unwisely, but you will gain nothing by overloading yourself.

Lt 296, 1903

White, Emma

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 11, 1903

Dear Daughter, Emma White,—

I am very thankful to the Lord that you have returned home safely and have met with no accident and harm. I received the black headgear and wear it and shall enjoy it. I have been very, very much burdened to place things in a proper light to be prepared for the Graysville meeting, and I hope that everything will be prepared, as far as human power can do this, that there will be no exhibition of hasty spirit, whatever may come up to appear inconsistent. The grace of Christ is a wonderful soother of the nerves.

I wish to say that I am considering, since the burning of the Sanitarium and Review and Herald office, how things will now shape themselves. I feel now it is my duty to take the testimonies, some that have been printed in tract form, in warning them which warnings have been disregarded. It is a thing I have felt reluctant to do, but I think I must do it in order to clear my soul. I have been reading them over today and yesterday—the most plain matters in regard to the perverted principles in the publishing house in Battle Creek. The Lord has commenced His work of cleansing.

I have written letters to Battle Creek, and I have sent the same to yourself, W. C. White, and to the ones I thought should have them. If they will take heed to these reproofs and repent and be converted, there will be a cleansing of the temple to some purpose.

Oh, when we consider we are framing characters for eternity, what an enormity it gives to human life! And then to see what power Satan has over the churches to create discord and strife! What is coming upon our earth now is little understood. We have not as peaceable times to expect from the powers that be as would make our future a peaceful work in warning the world. May the Lord pity those who have hindered the work of advance!

The persecuting powers of Rome will unite with the Protestant powers. For years and years those who have had the light have not followed the light God has sent them, but they have preferred to walk and work in their own counsels. May they see, may they understand and prepare for what is before them.

I have much to say. I have said much. The question of the greatest importance is: Shall I be prepared to meet the issues that are coming up, and shall I have the robe of Christ's righteousness? Let the grace of God come into our hearts, and let them be full of His love. I want to see Jesus. I long to meet my Saviour in peace.

Children, keep the windows of the soul open heavenward and the windows closed earthward. We are praying for you every day, that the Lord will lead you both in straight paths. Press your way through every difficulty, trusting in the Lord.

Lt 297, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 5, 1903

Elder Daniells,—

I have your letter. I sent some yesterday and will send some today and will have to take time to collect matters, but I think this will suffice for the present.

I have expected this for some time. Dr. Kellogg has been repeatedly warned that he would represent Nebuchadnezzar; if he exalted himself God would humble him. If he has not been doing this what can he do more? He has been faithfully warned not to keep the medical missionary work exalted above the gospel message, but he pays not the slightest heed to the testimonies that have been coming to him over a period of years. He has been steadily marching on in self-exaltation till he would order and direct everything, as one competent, when he has divorced himself from the position of being one of God's denominated people before unbelievers; but he denies saying the very words to unbelieving reporters [that he did say] and making the very expressions he made. When he is worked by the satanic agencies, he does not know what spirit has got hold of him and controls him. He has been disloyal to the truth for some time.

I have hoped and prayed, and continue hoping, that he will break with satanic agencies, and from being a tool in the hands of Satan, but I have little hope now. This boldness and exaltation and kingly power that have been rebuked by the Lord, that would come in among our people, are developed in him in the very largest measure. He is deceived and considers he will ride high; and the more concessions that are made, the worse has been the influence upon him. He feels he has the power in his human hands, but let me tell you I am now convinced that we must move standing in the light of heaven.

Brother A. T. Jones assured me he received and believed the testimonies. He is under the power of a satanic delusion; and now for the sake of the people of God we must all move calmly without excitement, but solidly and surely, giving no encouragement to any of our people to sustain him in the documents and binding up with the cords to his devisings and his propositions. Now the stand must be taken. God has true, sincere, devoted gospel medical missionary workers. We must now pray and believe and follow the convictions of our own consciences. Do nothing, say nothing that will irritate if you can avoid it. Let him make his speeches, then go right forward on the platform of truth we have ever maintained. If you shall speak words that he can make a handle of, he will do his worst, but our people must be called now to see who will stand on the Lord's side. He will make it as hard for the people who are desirous to do right as possible, by mistaking, misapplying [remainder missing]

Lt 298, 1903

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 18, 1903

[W. C. White,—]

I am unable to be free in mind. I think I should be at Healdsburg and have an interview with Brother A. T. Jones. But the much writing must be done, and I do not know how to get the matter satisfactorily adjusted. After much trouble and anxiety of mind, I am decided to start out and try it, if I cannot go farther than Calistoga.

August 19

We left with our two working farm horses and our large covered carriage, and we were very comfortable. We left at five o'clock. Designed to leave at four o'clock. I was up at two o'clock. We rode to within twelve miles of Healdsburg, then halted and fed the faithful workers, Stormy and Dolly. We ate our simple lunch of fruit and bread and enjoyed our refreshment. Traveled one hour and a half, and we were all refreshed. Arrived at Healdsburg at eleven a.m. Our room is up in the third story. We enjoy being where we can look out on the landscape and mountains. I endured the journey well, and I slept while riding several miles.

I have spoken this morning to a few students, about thirty. I tried to tell them a few things of what constitutes true education. The words were such as to lead them to think and act as responsible moral agents. Romans 12. God will never fail. He will act His part; and if the human agent will, in humble meekness, act his part appointed him of God, he will be a “laborer together with God.” [1 Corinthians 3:9.] The weak human agency is to submit to the divine, yet act his part. “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” lest you shall not act becomingly in co-operation with the divine helper. “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [Philippians 2:12, 13.]

We are to pray much. We need to appreciate the scattered rays of light, blend every precious ray with each succeeding ray, and let it shine in and let it shine forth to others. Truth appreciated will be an abundant consolation. It is the bread of life to the hungry, starving soul. Truth, ever fresh and with increased force, will be plainly revealed. This is your course—to ask, to believe, and to receive by faith the heavenly grace. The golden grains of truth are scattered all through the precious field of the gospel.

But I find the mail goes soon, and I have had no time to write you. I have had two talks with Brother Jones, and he understands the situation. Clarence will write. If the letter does not come to you in this mail, it will soon—the next mail. But do not any one talk or make any movement in reference to the school at Battle Creek. We are not to let the medical students or any parties be left to the temptations and snares of the enemy if we can prevent it.

I have had things presented to me. As faithful watchmen we must guard the sheep and lambs that they shall not be led astray. We must secure every chance to preserve the youth. [Some] do not know and understand the dangers that beset us on every side. I shall write you more tomorrow. The Lord is not going to have His cause and work extinguished and those who love and serve Him distressed and afflicted. There are men who must be on the ground at Battle Creek and take advantage to fish and hunt for souls—to uphold the truth before the multitudes. So we will take the very best view of the situation from our standpoint.

A. T. Jones, I think, will guard the fort. He says that is all he goes to Battle Creek for—to present our position, straight and plain, from the Bible, and when he cannot do this he will not remain. But it is best that every advantage shall be laid hold of to reach the worldlings anywhere, and there will be true-hearted Christians to reach and the poor, unsuspecting medical missionary students be helped. All these must be helped and every ray of light shine forth. The truth must stand as truth, Bible truth, and Dr. Kellogg himself may come to see his spiritual defection. This was the way the matter should be tried and everything tested.

Let all keep silence and make no movement of their own human self. God works, and no man can hinder Him. Looking unto Jesus, we have a Friend at court.

I felt at one time I could not endure the thought of the presentation. But we are to labor together with God, to defeat the enemy and change the presentation. I may have to go to Battle Creek, but I mean that that medical missionary company shall not be ensnared, for the Lord will help us to do His work in a way that will be recognized of heaven.

I will write tomorrow. In love.

Lt 299, 1903

White, W. C.

Healdsburg, California

August, 1903

Dear Son, W. C. White,—

I have just read the little pamphlet issued from Washington, D.C. Elder Daniells sent me a copy of a letter sent to you. I am very much gratified to read it. He wrote me one page which I appreciate. I send this letter with the one before it to you. I do not care to copy for it is hardly worth copying. All that I have written to you is correct, that the enemy has come down in great power, but he put on angel garments; and some who have persistently followed their own devising will not recognize the companion whose arm he has accepted. For this reason there must be a counterworking.

I shall furnish some one in whom I can trust with copies of the very things essential for them to have, that all may not voice the words of Dr. Kellogg and all accept his influence. We need

watchmen upon the walls of Zion to keep guard resolutely, determinedly, and not be found sleeping at their post of duty.

I had a conversation Sabbath morning last with A. T. Jones. I told him if he would at any time allow his own mind to take in all the Doctor's propositions, he would find himself ensnared. Well, I had much to say, and I have continued to pray for Dr. Kellogg. He may after a time be afflicted bodily, and if he is it may be the salvation of his soul.

I have felt at times a swelling indignation that we are obliged to be so perplexed to understand how to deal with him. I shall never venture to speak one encouraging word that he can use to lift himself up, whatever may be my opinion of Brother John Kellogg. The last encouragement I gave him filled his poor weak soul with vanity. We stand where I fear one word of appreciation would have the [same] results. May the Lord just help me to express myself in few words, if I have to speak with him and converse with him.

I have not an idea that the doctor can understand what is genuine truth, for his heart is unrenewed with grace. The mind, heart, and moral principles of the man have been revealed so fully that it is impossible for me to speak words in his favor, but that he should flourish himself about and threaten the law of men that he supposes will say something in reference to him; [all this] evidences that he is not a Christian, whatever he may profess; and unless he shall greatly humble his soul before God and repent, his candlestick will be removed out of his place. God forbid we should [see] any more exhibitions of his poor, human, foolish self.

We need men now who are truly converted, then all the wonderful secret working will end; conniving and double-dealing will come to an end. There are those who act very much as Lucifer acted in the heavenly courts, who boast of being rich and increased with goods and having need of nothing. I do not wonder that Christ pronounces them poor, wretched, blind, and miserable and knowing it not. They are full of knowledge and satanic craft and art; they are neither cold nor hot. Christ says, "I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth." [Revelation 3:15, 16.] He will not [take] such names on His lips.

Oh, how verily blind are the souls who are pompous and demerit the good and the true and the righteous! They cannot appreciate true virtue. God wants the souls He has purchased with His own blood to be in every respect valuable according to the purchase money paid. "Ye are not your own." "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.] Every provision has been made. "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir;" that is, every man who will submit to become, through the grace of God, refined, ennobled, sanctified. [Isaiah 13:12.] If he chooses his own defective, objectionable traits of character, the devil will surely be accepted and honored as his god. His schemes, his intricacies, his resentment—if all his propositions are not entered into as the superior wisdom, and if opposed—the wicked one will

be sure to reveal himself as one who has knowledge and has power, but not the wisdom to use his smartness, abusing it and making him disgusting to the Lord Jesus.

“I would,” Jesus says, “thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and nether cold nor hot I will spue thee out of My mouth.” [Revelation 3:15, 16.] This condition represents the Laodicean Church. And the representation is correct, for Christ Himself hath given the description. Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon to drink of the murky, befouled waters of the valley? Will human beings care so little about their behaviour as to threaten taking them before Caesar’s judgment seat? And if their case is not so disgusting to the heavenly [Father] that He takes life away, he will in that great day never know how he cast himself wholly on Satan’s side. But they who will do the opposite of this man will have the overcomer’s reward. A soul converted, unless he stay converted, will be left outside of heaven. The Lord says He would be mind and judgment, for even the mind of God and the Lord has no place for him. He would, if in heaven, educate himself to be an accuser of his brethren, and this class will never, never enter heaven to spoil the happiness of the whole heavenly host.

I must now stop; only I will say, Talk about Jesus, for His life will shine. He has goldened every page of the Word of God to aid the soul in partaking of the water of life. I must stop for I cannot hold my eyes open. Will write more soon. This must stop now if it goes into the mail.

Lt 300, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 16, 1903

Dr. Kellogg,—

I have read your letter. It makes my heart very sad to consider the way you are placed before me, and this is the reason I have not for a time felt that I could write to you. My heart is very sad over your case. I cannot possibly answer your letter.

I hoped very much for you after the General Conference. I tried in every way to encourage the brethren to do all in their power to remove everything possible from your path and to co-operate with you; but I am very sorry now that I labored so unremittingly to place your case as one who would place your feet on the right platform and would yet see where you have made your mistakes in the past. As long as you sustain yourself in your actions, you are only planning more extensively to set your food business in operation in every place. You will work by wrong methods, and commercial things will be your ambition. You will carry your own way, when your way is not God’s way.

I have been instructed that when you shall be worked by the Holy Spirit will be when you have a new heart and are born again. I supposed that the conference meeting in Battle Creek would be the time of your entire conversion, but your heart is not right with God. The Spirit of God is not

working you. You need now not to rush and drive, but to be converted. You are not sound in the faith. The work which is essential to be done for our people, our youth, is to educate them to believe the truth that has made our people what they are in numbers and in strength. This is the work for this time and is to be acknowledged and not denied as you have and are denying the faith.

You are not sound in the truth. Your statements made to believers and unbelievers misrepresent us as a people who have not changed the truth for error. They detract from the influence God would have us possess before the world in revealing in plain, unmistakable language that we are true to the principles of our faith and that we hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end. We are strictly denominational. We believe in 1903 the same truths we did believe when we established the Sanitarium and the College in Battle Creek, and we know that we had no ifs or ands about this matter.

While you have told the things that you have and made the statements you have before unbelievers, my heart has been sad indeed. You have evidenced that you have departed from the faith. The very statements you have made before worldly men of influence, as the papers have reported your words, have been presented to me distinctly from your lips as you have spoken them. We cannot labor to give you influence as one whom we can trust with the sacred work connected with our institutions, for you need first to be converted and led.

You are not sound in the faith. I have stated this in my diary months ago. You have certainly placed the people of God, whom the Lord has led step by step in the ways of truth and placed upon a solid foundation, in a false showing before unbelievers. Some have departed from the faith and will continue to misrepresent the work God has given me.

The sanctuary question is a clear and definite doctrine as we have held it as a people. You are not definitely clear on the personality of God, which is everything to us as a people. You have virtually destroyed the Lord God Himself.

Why should you take the liberty to make the statements which you have made, as though you had authority for thus stating, when they are falsehoods? You have made the facts of our faith of none effect before unbelievers, and the truth which should ever be kept prominent and exalted with this people you have virtually denied and ignored in your many statements. How dared you to do this? It necessitates us now to present our true position which constitutes us Seventh-day Adventists. Whatever influence God has given you in the past has been in mercy to you, letting the light shine upon you.

We cannot for a moment have any misrepresentation upon these solemn and important subjects of truth which have been the faith of our people since 1844. This means much to us. The Lord would have me say to you that the enemy has, through his specious deceptions, placed his unbelief in your mind, and you have been working it out. All who receive your presentations will enter upon strange paths if they connect with you. You are bringing in strange, common fire, but not the fire of God's own kindling; and now I must speak plainly to

our people that the Lord has led us step by step and shown us clear light upon the heavenly sanctuary in the most holy of holies where God revealed Himself to His appointed ones.

Now I cannot state half that I wish, but we must have no controversy with you. God has brought out a people, and His Holy Spirit has opened to them His Word, clear and conclusive. We are to be lightbearers to the world. All are to be a unit and follow step by step as led by the Lord. We are not to go back, denying our past experience, but to press forward and upward and make straight paths for our feet lest the lame—the weak in faith—be turned out of the way.

Lt 301, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

April 5, 1903

Dr. Kellogg,—

It has been presented to me that we are not to become represented to the world as a people forsaken of God. They will put the worst constructions upon our people now, if there is not the wisest management. We stand before the world, Dr. Kellogg, as you have misrepresented us as a people; and our leading brethren will not be clear until they have given the facts, that the work and cause of God have been greatly misrepresented by those who have placed the grand soul-testing message as nothingness, as without weight.

The Lord inquires, Who has given you this work to do? Our brethren would have felt called upon to do something in this line had I spoken long ago the things I knew. I supposed you would rally yourself and make matters straight, but I have been instructed that we must correct this error and this false light in which you have placed us as a people before the people who know not the truth.

There was one by your side working you. It was the one who was the prince of the power of the air, and you were represented as linked up with him—your arm in his, his mind molding your mind, and putting us, the remnant people of God, in a false light before Seventh-day Adventists and the world, while representing yourself in a false light as the great power of God. This stands against you in the books of heaven. “False, false,” said the heavenly messenger. You were weighed in the balance and found wanting. When any message and warning has been unheeded, your excuses have been framed by one who was by your side. The specious, scheming representations of God in nature carry their charming, soothing influence as a peace and safety pill to give to the people in the spiritualistic views that Satan has instituted in your theories.

These words were spoken with great force, in a loud voice, “What is the chaff to the wheat?” [Jeremiah 23:28.] The churches need now the winnowing process, the cleansing of the soul

temple from all these pleasant pictures Satan has been devising, ready to frame in the imagination.

I am now to lift the note of warning and give the trumpet a certain sound. Wake up, brethren; wake up from your peace and safety attitude and seek the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is now nigh, in every church, with fasting, with confession and true repentance of heart. I am instructed to say that those who, "being often reprov'd," hardeneth their hearts, "shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy," meaning that there will be no chance for repentance, no chance to redeem the past. [Proverbs 29:1.] They are passed beyond the time, and the word is given, "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone." Hosea 4:17.

It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." Matthew 21:13. This is applicable to many of the devisings and plannings under the suggestions of the power of him who is called the prince of the power of the air. As God sends warnings, and these warnings have had no influence, then the prince of the power of the air has some wonderful, successful thing to present in beautiful pictures and soft, smooth sayings—words that please the fancy of the human mind. Nought but the clear discernment of the Holy Spirit of God can perceive the genuine track of truth. Solid, eternal truth is our only safety now from specious errors dressed in the angelic robes of science.

April 7, 1903

St. Helena

I have many things to say. The track of error lies close beside the track of truth, and at first sight many feet will be led astray, supposing they are in the very exalted way cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in; but that deceptive track widens more and more until all kinds of makeshifts and delusive, beautiful things, professedly called the truth, enter upon it.

The Lord presented before me one year ago that even in the medical missionary work Satan will weave in his specious devising, seeming to be very plausible and beautiful. The instruction given me was that this very thing has been taking place, and the warning was given: Ye shall be cast out, smitten and taken unawares, all ye that say, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." [Jeremiah 7:4.] All those fine angel garments that clothe the errors in splendid representations will I strip from them, and they shall appear in their true characters, for deception and apostasy will certainly be developed unless the people are warned.

April 28, 1903

St. Helena

I could not close my eyes to sleep until half-past one o'clock. Scene after scene passed before me in the night season, the 26th, and my sleep, although it was more than my usual hours, seemed to do me no good. I was talking to our people in Battle Creek and labored most earnestly in relating the positive dangers that would come upon us. I seemed to have no rest. I rode out, hoping the change would help me, but it did me no good. I was not able to sit up, for in the carriage I would fall asleep; but when night came there was no sleep for me until half-past one o'clock. The scenes I had passed through, the labor in prayer and in bearing my testimony, were so oppressively before me that I could not sleep.

I was writing on some things through the day. Last night again I was in conference meeting with my brethren and laboring most earnestly. One said in our midst, You suppose you have gained great victories but you will certainly have severe conflicts, for you have an opposing force that you have taken great pains to establish in the confidence of the churches.

Dr. Kellogg was making propositions to establish food factories in many places, and here again mistakes would be made. This matter, as a commercial business, will be carried in worldly policy lines. Our overworked men will be fastened in this business, drawn away from higher work—from teaching the truth and canvassing for the books that are to go forth to the world—by the offer of higher wages. This is Satan's plan that will take men who have had a hard time to be bought and sold.

The end of all things is at hand. The Lord is looking upon all these plans and says, Beware lest business matters shall entice men—who should now be working for the Master as evangelists and canvassers and ministers, or qualifying themselves as physicians or to fill responsible positions in our printing plants—and tempt them to neglect the work of presenting the truth for the last days. Ministers are needed to enter new places. Dr. Kellogg, your plans may change somewhat, but in some respects the same hay, wood, and stubble will be piled upon the foundation as have been for years; and the work Christ has ordained to be done will be left, through your temptations, for better commercial, business advantages to secure gain.

Watchman, what of the night? Watch unto prayer. Men who are and have been doing a good work in their positions of trust will have obtained an experience to do a work for God's name and glory. The Lord has sent messages to them to fit them up with a experience, but if they carry out the policy that will be brought in, the work of the Lord will be far behind what it should be in the year to come. Now let all our leading men, gospel ministers and medical missionaries, consider that the work of reformation does not consist in cooking and eating and drinking.

Dr. Kellogg was addressed. The word spoken to him was that he must consider he had not been making straight paths for his feet, and any wonderful outspread in the line of restaurants and food stores, as he shall outline, must not be. He is not in the light. Snares and pitfalls will take many souls.

Should the work be carried out because Dr. Kellogg places it in a favorable showing, where men have started food stores by the hardest effort to accomplish a standing, let them now understand that this may become altogether too absorbing, as some other enterprises have been. There is too much business and too little solid principle. This is not the great missionary work for this time, and the very work which would prove a benefit if rightly handled may become a real decoy, a curse, unless believers are wide awake and shall be most thoroughly baptized with the Holy Spirit. This is their only safeguard for these last days.

Lt 303, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

August 29, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear Brother,—

Recently I have been wrought upon by the Spirit of God to say to you some things that I did not say at the General Conference in Oakland because I felt that that was not the proper time or place to mention them. I have hoped that you would give heed to the messages borne to you, and humble your heart before God. But you have not done this.

Last Tuesday, in the early morning hours, your case was presented before me in such a way that now, for your own soul’s sake, I will mention some things, but not all. I am instructed to bear a message to you, and to our brethren who claim to believe the truth as revealed in the messages that Christ came to the Isle of Patmos to give to John while this apostle was in exile—the messages portraying the events that will occur in the last days of this earth’s history. John was directed to communicate these messages to the churches.

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John.” [Revelation 1:1.] “Which must shortly come to pass.” If at the time these things were revealed, it could be said that they would “shortly come to pass,” they must be very nigh now. It is of far greater importance to us that we understand this solemn revelation, which concerns our temporal and eternal interests, than that we study Latin, or Greek, or the science of drug medication. We do not need these branches of learning. If we had needed them, the great Medical Missionary would certainly have given us some instruction in regard to the matter.

At this time, when the inhabitants of the whole world are being worked with an intensity by Satanic agencies, we are to gain an understanding of the one thing needful that will make it possible for us to secure eternal life. The one thing positively needful now, in this last remnant of time, is that we should love God supremely and our neighbors as ourselves. When practical godliness of this sort shall come into the church, Heaven’s signature will be attached to the

work done to reveal to the world the true Medical Missionary. Christ came to this earth to ennoble and refine and sanctify humanity. By His words and works in behalf of the fallen race, He evidenced to men and women what they can become by cooperating with their Creator.

The desecrated and defiled order of beings, united with the great deceiver, work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness. Satanic agencies, working through human minds, devise and plan wonderful things that are not acceptable to God nor in harmony with His purpose.

We see Satan's work constantly growing in intensity, as manifested in increasing deception, violence, and crime. How can the false and cruel work of apostasy and rebellion be dealt with, both for the destruction of evil and the restoration of the evil-doers? During the entire experiment the remedial agencies must stand forth pure and undefiled.

All our medical missionary work is to bear the marks of heavenly, denominated power. It is to be free from stain and corruption and defilement. When Christ was engaged in medical missionary work, He declared to His disciples, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." [John 4:34.] If this was His plan in doing this line work, if the Lord of life and glory thus resigned Himself in conformity to the divine will in order to give to the world an example of self-denial and self-sacrifice, how it does put to shame our human preferences, our human exaltation!

If man will not accept Christ's terms and reform, the seeds of rebellion will take root, spring up, and bear fruit, whereby many will be deceived and defiled. Rebellion will never cure itself. God alone can conquer it by reproof, by correction in righteousness, through His appointed agencies. But some will not be cured, for they will never confess their sins and become vessels unto honor.

Our adversary, Satan, will work in every conceivable way to prevent erring, sinful man—especially one who occupies a leading position of responsibility—from making straight thorough work for time and for eternity.

The Lord has entreated, reproved, encouraged, invited, and drawn by the cords of His love, the erring ones; but they change not their course. "Come unto Me," He says, "that ye might have life, and through humiliation and repentance have it more abundantly." But the adversary to God and man has exercised his power over these experienced leaders, and wrought through them, doing many things contrary to the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, and Satan will hold them captive as long as they have any inclination to continue in his service.

Let us obey the Captain of our salvation. His title is, The Lord of Hosts. By His sufferings and humiliation He has purchased every soul. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." [Revelation 3:21.] These are the terms of salvation. And may God forbid that poor, weak, erring, finite man should build up barriers around himself to maintain his dignity, for such a man, and

all who follow his example, will lose everything of value in this life, as well as the eternal weight of glory granted to the overcomer.

Never will the human family—redeemed by the example of the Sent of God, the only begotten of the Father—understand and fully comprehend the terrible conflict waged with deceptive, alluring power and concealed, deadly hatred by Satan against our Lord when He lived among men. After the battle of the great day of God shall take place, when the power of rebellion is forever broken, and Christ's mediatorial work in its magnitude is represented so plainly that all the redeemed of God's family shall with clear comprehension understand the mission of His Son as the mediatorial remedy to make of the fallen race a repentant, humble, meek, reclaimed order of beings—then there will be seen developed the difference between that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

Rebellion will exist in our world until in heaven are spoken the words, "It is done." [Revelation 16:17.] Rebellion in the church is caused by its members feeling opposed to God and to His terms of salvation. Man wants abundant room to express himself and to attract attention. He does not know or understand that he is working out the plans of Satan. If he refuses to see and to become enlightened, if he refuses to be instructed, he rejects the mediatorial remedy that has been given to save the sinner not in his sin but from his sin. For the express purpose of saving sinners, was the remedial work of Christ planned.

When Christ first announced to the heavenly host His mission and work in the world, He declared that He was to leave His position of dignity and disguise His holy mission by assuming the likeness of a man, when in reality He was the Son of the infinite God. And when the fullness of time was come, He stepped down from His throne of highest command, laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, clothed His divinity with humanity, and came to this earth to exemplify what humanity must do and be in order to overcome the enemy and to sit with the Father upon His throne. Coming, as He did, as a man, <to meet and be subjected to> with all the evil tendencies to which man is heir, <working in every conceivable manner to destroy his faith>, He made it possible for Himself to be buffeted by human agencies inspired by Satan, the rebel who had been expelled from heaven.

As the head of humanity, Christ lived on this earth a perfect, consistent life, in conformity with the will of His heavenly Father. When He left the courts of heaven, He announced the mission that He designed to fulfill. "Lo, I come," He declared. "In the volume of the book it is written of Me, I delight to do Thy will, O My God." [Psalm 40:7, 8.] Always uppermost in His mind and heart was the thought, "Not My human will, but Thy will, be done." [Luke 22:42.] This was the infallible principle that actuated Him in all His words and works, and that molded His character.

Born in poverty in a stable, reared and trained in seclusion in the humbler walks of life, the Saviour of mankind was not recognized as a superior being, but He who was the Majesty of heaven, the King of glory, uttered no complaint in regard to His humble station in life. He was

reproached even by His own brethren, because He would not take part with them in their sins. He conformed His will to the will of His Father, as all the human family should do.

Christ Jesus our Lord was a faultless character, a perfect example of heavenly grace and lowliness. From His birth to His death He gave us an example of what men and women must be, if they are accepted as His disciples, and hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end. In the first period of His human existence, He did not deviate from what every child should be educated to be. He preserved His honesty, truthfulness, and integrity. He was a specimen of heaven here on the earth—an example of what every child, every youth, may be in the family home in the manifestation of tenderness, kindness, love, perfect obedience. Angels of heaven are appointed to watch over every child that comes into the world.

Throughout His experience, during the thirty-three years He spent on this earth, Christ was beset with all the temptations wherewith the human family are tempted, yet He was without a stain of sin. He was mocked, derided, spat upon, crowned with thorns, crucified. At the close of His dying agonies on the cross, He had finished His work triumphantly.

Christ sacrificed Himself in order that He might rescue man from the penalty of sin. “He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” [Isaiah 53:5.] And yet, notwithstanding the Redeemer’s work in our behalf, there are among us today some spiritual leaders who are in need of being led, leaders who are corrupting their way and leading others into false paths through the presentation of perverted principles. Some who have long walked in various forbidden paths will not humble themselves before God, repent and be converted, that their marked errors, their many sins may be blotted out. But God will not be mocked. He cannot, will not, bear much longer with those who make such a showing.

“God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.] Ought not the human family consider what the Father and His Son have done to save the human family? And, considering all these things, ought they not to be ashamed of their self-willed indulgences, their self-exaltation as leaders, when at all times they should have pointed away from themselves to Jesus Christ as their Leader, their Redeemer? Oh, that the curtain could be rolled back, and poor, sinful mortals could be enabled to endure the seeing of Him who is invisible! Proud, self-exalted, sinful human beings would change their attitude decidedly. Their wicked boasting would appear in all its contemptibleness; they would understand that their disgusting representations have made Christ ashamed to call them His disciples. And yet they glorify themselves as leaders above Christ and turn away from the example of humiliation that He has given them. They desire not to practice the self-denial and self-sacrifice that He practiced. They will not eat of His flesh and drink of His blood—His Word. They fail to learn the lessons that He desires to teach them.

Christ's life was one of continual trial in our behalf. Divinity was hidden under the garb of humanity. But how many poor, sinful mortals endeavor to climb to the highest pinnacle of self-exaltation! Christ turns away in grief. With quivering lips and with weeping He says, "Ye will not come unto Me, that ye might have life." [John 5:40.] He knows that unless these erring ones reform, they must perish. He has paid a heavy ransom for their redemption; but still they refuse to represent before the world, in word and deed, the meek and lowly Saviour.

I am instructed to say, It is not now too late to make thorough work for repentance and reformation. There is no excuse for any man to choose to rule others and to exercise a controlling power over human minds. The will of such a man needs to be broken and changed. True leaders are willing to be led in the Lord's way because they feel that the responsibilities they are carrying are so fearfully solemn, and the results of following a wrong course so terrible that they dare not choose their own way or carry out their own devising, which would be liable to encourage a condition of things that would place them on the side of the great fallen rebel.

I call upon all who have any desire to be saved: Turn ye, turn ye, for why will you further provoke the wrath of an offended God? Why will you be companions of those who love not the truth and the Word—those who never submit their wills to God's will; those who in words and theories and worldly maxims deny the faith, and give heed to seducing spirits, misconstruing, yes, perverting, the truth? Are you not afraid of the next reproof from God? Who will now, while it is called today, while Mercy's sweet voice is still heard calling, repent of their evil course, and follow Him who has said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

Man can brace himself in stubbornness and rebellion against the truth. He can exalt himself in sinful acts, as some have repeatedly done. Every such an one needs now to make a determined effort to cut himself loose from Satan's chariot-car, and no longer do his will.

The Lord has a controversy with His people. There are some with whom He has borne long, marking out before them again and again the course that they should pursue. And while these may have made some changes, they do not make thorough work because they receive not the love of the truth, that they may be saved. Therefore, very soon the Lord will send them strong delusions, that they should believe a lie.

Oh, may God forbid that these souls in peril should continue to rebel against the truth and to take pleasure in unrighteousness! Oh, how can so many spoil themselves by their own deceptions!

All can see that the day of peril is now upon us. No man's life is secure. Men will be imbued with the desire to kill, and anyone that crosses their track is unsafe. In the closing days of this earth's history, Satan seems to have things arranged in his own way. As it was in the days of

Noah, so shall it be when the Son of man shall be revealed. Consider the forbearance God manifested toward the Sodomites and their final punishment.

The Lord lays grave responsibilities on the men who have stood at the head of the rank and file of His people. My brethren, He is trying to call your attention to your own peril. He invites; He presents motives. Who will continue to reject His overtures of mercy? Who will still choose to serve the enemy? If you resist longer, will the Lord God touch your hearts after you have had a more extended experience in regarding your own ideas as supreme? Many of these ideas are brought to the mind by the father of lies and deception.

The cross of Christ, with all its record of the Saviour's humiliation, stands before you. Saith Christ, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Mark 8:34.] To all such will He give grace and strength. He will be unto them as One who is compassionate and lovely. He it is who gives the invitation, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." [Isaiah 27:5.]

Lt 304, 1903

Hughes, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

August 1, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Hughes,

I have some things to write to the Huntsville School.

I am hoping, Brother and Sister Hughes, that you will not become discouraged, but let your persevering, patient efforts continue, line upon line. Now, this school in Huntsville is to be a school that shall have special advantages which it does not have now. Everything must be taken up with a determination to bring in with the studies practical lessons of refinement. There must be colored schools that shall be in buildings a representation of what can be done for the colored people—plain, solid, convenient buildings.

As far as advantages and surroundings are concerned, every effort should be put forth to make all the advance possible in true, straightforward lines. I felt very much pleased that you could take up a work in a school for the colored and not leave the impression on minds that anything will do for the colored race. This is not the mind and will of God. Let the work be marked with a determination that the whole class of the colored race shall be cared for, particularly to redeem the past as much as possible, leading them to work not in a loose, coarse, slovenly way.

Now, I would say to all in that school, as managers [and] teachers, reach upward in expectation. While you must do nothing to spoil the colored students and helpers with too much indulgence, but let the white teachers be sure you have them learn to be cleanly and to have good, wholesome, durable clothing. How pleased I was at Vicksburg to see those assembled on the

Sabbath dressed in neat, cleanly apparel. Let the Huntsville School be a sample of how all colored schools should be. There are many of the colored race that can and will be gaining an education in preparation to enter the field as teachers. If they see their teachers have encouragement in them, being able to teach them [so] that they may become young men and women who will fill their place in God's plan to become teachers, a great work is done for this depressed race and their degradation is not of their own creating. God designed no such thing.

Then let all labor to come back to God's design, and while schools for the white class are having superior advantages, I have a message to bear that a decided influence shall be constantly going forth in Huntsville. As presented to me [it] will make its mark under correct [guidance], kindly but forcibly. I have a message to bear that our white teachers shall encourage the black students in every way possible to have hope of themselves in making this place all it should be, and that it is not the color of the skin that will spoil their record [or] that the Lord will make a special heaven for the whites and another for the blacks. All will receive their reward according to their cleanness of heart.

If Christ makes the colored race clean and white in the blood of the Lamb, if He clothes them with the garments of His righteousness, they will be honored in the heavenly kingdom as verily as the white, and when the Lord Jesus' face shall shine upon the righteous black they will shine forth in the very same complexion that Christ has.

But now, Brother and Sister Hughes, hold fast your courage. We all shall have to be tried to see what material we are of. But I speak to you: Keep your eye single to the glory of God. You are to have a cleanly, uplifting, ennobling faculty to teach the colored people, and they will be what you will make them. There must be no neglect of human beings because of color line. Teach these [that] their souls can be made all white and clean in the blood of the Lamb.

I have had this matter so presented to me that I would not venture to show that I despised one of these little ones. They need good, wholesome food such as white people have. They may not have been accustomed to it but it will have all the advantages upon brain, bone, and muscles as upon those of the human family whose skin is white. I tell you it is a white, clean heart that is of value with God. Well now, I have said all I will say at this time on this point.

There are to be schools established in the South for the whites and blacks—separate schools in the South because of the particular prejudice. I will say to every church member, be careful how you keep human minds in a species of slavery because they have a black skin. Will any of you despise the workmanship of God, and depress and trample down those you should try to help up and prepare them through education to have clean, pure souls? We are to call upon all who love God and keep His commandments to unite in Christian Endeavor Societies (even a few in different localities) to see what may be accomplished for the blacks, as a special work God requires to be done.

The Lord would have His people who love Him to know [that] the converted colored men and women who love God and try to do His will are His property, of as much value in His sight as the

white who have not endured the same embarrassments that the colored race have, however educated and talented they may be. Let the white people who ignore the color of the skin be sure to show their appreciation of the same by making their own peace [and] gratitude offerings to God, and by teaching those who are not so highly favored that they will help, that they will restore to them as far as they can what has been lost through the years of privation and slavery.

But let no Bible-believer think they are doing God service by treating with contempt one who has a colored skin given them of God. They are not responsible for their colored skin. You reproach God. They cannot change or alter their color [even] if they would. The irreligious are prejudiced against color, and they show their ignorance of God's mind and His work by showing contempt to the human race because [of] color.

Now, I have other words to say. It is not a proper thing to do to be in defense that the white and black shall intermarry, entailing upon their offspring difficulties their children should not be obliged to carry. Be decided on this subject. And let not, considering the prejudice that exists in the Southern field and with many in the Northern field, the colored field [think] that the color line shall be obliterated. Should this be managed indiscreetly, it would make the work exceedingly hard to manage, and close the door whereby the help should come to the colored race.

While this is the case existing, we must treat the case judiciously. We need to deal with both parties, white and black, as it is, and act intelligently, with great consideration. We must guard any premature movements, and there should be commencing work where there is the least prejudice, lest that work shall be rudely and abruptly blocked and so treated that there cannot be work done in the places where the white people have created in their own minds and hearts a most decided prejudice against the colored race, and have made their lot so exceedingly hard that oppression and reckless cruelty is the result. And these places, such as Vicksburg and all like unto it, can be worked only by the greatest precautions. Nashville will be a more favorable field (and outpost localities), and yet it is plenty hard enough to get hold.

The truth should have been proclaimed years ago in the Southern states, from city to city. Health institutions should be arranged in a way that it [the South] will not be so distressingly barren of facilities as in Huntsville. Our people who have a knowledge of how meager were the preparations in some places ought to have done the very things in that locality to raise means to place them in a much more favorable, encouraging situation to work. Why has this not been done? Because of lack of means which they should have had. The Lord has graciously sent Brother and Sister Hughes to that locality, and the softening influence of these workers will put their mould on the work, as it should be in every locality if they have help where work is taken hold of in the South.

It [Huntsville] is to be an object lesson, and the hope and courage is not to be taken out of the hearts of an abandoned people, but hope is to be inspired by those who have not been

educated to consider [that] the colored race will not appreciate the refining, uplifting efforts made in their behalf. It requires patient, earnest, persevering, God-given energy to carry the work forward, step by step, here a little and there a little, and lifting at every step this people to consider that they are not to be treated as if shut up in themselves with no hope of a change in their condition.

Those who believe Bible truth for this time will consider that there are men to be educated to work for their own colored people as missionaries, and they are not to feel that their sphere of labor must be for the whites, for they are to be educated and trained [to] become missionaries in their own borders. And the very difficulties these people have to contend with, to many of them will seem insurmountable. Yet many will not give up. All who will conscientiously, in the fear of God, set about the work of education of the colored are to be encouraged and helped.

I mean to devote any book in the future, that will be the most suitable for the school purposes, to sustain the school for colored people. I am to act my part, and I call upon those who have a sense of duty to act your part and show by your works a faith in God and His promises to go forward and lift the banner high and encourage—but not one discouraging word where the work is the most discouraging. Let the workers who have a mind to work be sustained and built up and helped in every way possible. If the white people who have sympathetic hearts will undertake this kind of [work], many will frame excuses why they should not do the work. If others will not [work], do not ease your own conscience by complaints that should never be heard from sanctified lips and from pure hearts who are dependent upon the very same Redeemer that every white and colored soul is dependent upon in order to be saved.

There is talent in the colored race that will be developed where least expected. [There should be] a softening, subduing influence brought into the school by teachers in all their habits of dress, to be neat and tidy always, because the colored people need this example before them and they are great imitators.

I am instructed of the Lord that ministers, colored laborers, often are in need of Bible education, to be kind in their own family, and never to practice slavery customs used by slavery masters in harsh speech and their own disorderly habits. Do your best to expect you are to change your own ideas, colored fathers and mothers, if you expect the white to treat you with compassion and sympathy and affection. Put away, ministering colored brethren who have wife and children, your harsh, authoritative practices, for the Lord will not accept your work; but consider “I am now a member of the Lord’s family and I am to sample His family in this world in having my lips [and] manners sanctified, my speech without passion. I am not authorized to be a tyrant because I have witnessed so much tyranny in those masters who have considered the slaves were [their] own flesh, heart, mind, soul and body, when God is their Owner.”

All who shall feel at liberty to practice their ingenuity of torture of the body upon those they call their property [must remember that] the one God who created them will deal with the

master as He would with the ignorant slave, for they are through education better able to comprehend God's justice and mercy for all His created subjects.

The Lord, He is God, and those who shall look on and see families of the colored race exercising taste in dress and refinement of manners should never feel that this is to be rudely dealt with. Never, never, for this shows that the black world of human beings may be cultivated, improved, elevated, ennobled, by change of treatment and change of diet, and everything is to be carried forward with decency and in order.

Missionaries will be able in the fear of God to help both classes, the colored as well as the whites that are themselves degraded to a level with the colored race. What injury will it do a white sister to sit in church beside a colored woman? Is her heart washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb? Then why should your hereditary tendencies be cherished after you are sanctified and cleansed, and your colored sister sanctified and cleansed?

The judgment is so near, when every case will be decided for life and for death, and I will say to the Lord's missionary workers, make up your minds [that] if you are criticized because you will be laborers together with Jesus Christ to educate and train the very ones who need this work done for them, [you will] not let the criticism that shall work be at all trying.

When men and women will attend to their own souls' salvation, and greatly fear lest a promise being left them any should seem to come short of this great reward, there will be more praying, more watching unto prayer. There will be more sincere, earnest, medical missionary work done than now bears the name.

How shall we labor? If some of these are preparing to be medical missionaries to conduct, after thorough training, the sanitariums for colored people, give every advantage possible to those who are capable of expressing talents of living carefully, [being] instructed [and] encouraged. If these institutions shall be established and a good work accomplished, talent will tell in this work.

The assistance of white medical missionaries will be needed in many cases, but the Lord God of Israel will be exalted. White teachers in schools are often essential, and why? Because many of the colored have been accustomed to see the cruelty practiced upon the colored. They have it printed in their own minds [that] they must act as they have seen white masters act, with greatest severity. Can you be surprised at this showing? Does it seem that with all the training they have had in brute force exercised upon them that the class of education of brute force will be entirely eradicated? They will manifest something of the same in church membership. The whole mind will have to be changed by the working, moulding influence of the Holy Spirit. And the human mind of a colored person is not particularly different from a white person, and according to their advantages the enemy will work upon human minds to carry out his work of confusion in the minds of the ones who have the best opportunities and do not improve them to the glory of God.

[In] all the education given in any line to the black class [it] should be ever kept before them by the teacher that they [are] seeking to act their part as the Lord's missionaries to prepare them for a place in the Lord's family above, and the Lord would have them act properly according to His ways, and politely because they are to be the members of the royal family and children of the Lord Jesus Christ, their heavenly King. Keep this before the students every day in your schools, and when you do this you cannot speak harshly to them, neither can you be coarse and rough, because you could not harmonize your actions with the Bible principles.

Brother and Sister Hughes, I have more, much more, written which I will try to look up and send you, for you need all you can get along this line if you [are to] keep heaven and Christ, who has purchased them with His own blood. I am sure you will impress upon the students to do their very best, for God's eye is upon them. Work as the Lord has specified. They are required to glorify their Redeemer. This you may class [as] a branch of higher education as you advance. I think candidly [that] the [black] leaders are truly determined to do the will of God if they see the meaning of this exemplified in the life and in the character of their teachers. We shall see an excellent work done in the future, after [a] Christlike order. All the time keep before them the neatness and order which is specially to be cultivated by all who shall come into the Lord's heavenly kingdom. Keep [their] minds hopeful that they can be Christians in words, in deportment, and in all service, and you will gain souls. Tell them, oh tell them, of the love of Jesus, that He taketh away all their sins.

May the Lord help you, my missionary brother and sister, is my prayer.

Lt 305, 1903

Brother

Circa 1903

I now address you _____:

You are not keeping the seventh commandment and you have led souls astray. God has a reckoning with you. Do you not know how your wife at times has nearly lost the balance of her mind because of your course of action with more than one? You are standing guilty before God. Every work is to be brought into judgment; and you, standing at the head in a sanitarium, you will take the lead in leading the ones who suppose you are true and good and righteous.

But what shall I call it—taking advantage of your girls and pretending they need treatment and taking them into your office and what kind of treatment did you give them? Now I am so distressed at the scenes that have been presented to me that at Oakland I would not trust myself to give a public rebuke, for I did not want the world to know the things I do know.

You are acting as a wolf in sheep's clothing. Are you surprised that I did not give the whole history of your diseased life? I know your course of action and shall, when I can be free, say the things you do not think I will venture to say; but the time will come when they will understand.

Lt 306, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

Circa 1903

[To Dr. J. H. Kellogg:]

To regenerate yourself—[that] you cannot do. That God must do if you will obey the commandments of God. Much of your labor has been in vain, for God would not present you to embrace that work [which] you had no fitness or qualifications to do. The money you have misapplied you cannot take in and account for, because you have supposed yourself a perfect whole in undertaking and doing a work that was not appointed to you. [You] have had no orders or directions from Christ. If you had fulfilled the part the Lord had given you to do, that embraced enough without your trying to carry so many things and finding fault with others because they did not help you to accomplish the things God never gave you to do. Your Saviour has not told you to do only that which God could do.

Your labor has indeed been in vain to carry the business of the documents you have invented that were not given you of the Lord. You have mistaken your duty, and did not learn that you do not have qualifications as financier and designer of plans. You have found your labor has been in vain. Your Saviour did not tell you to do it. You have mistaken your duty in a large degree.

Christ came not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill. The Lord does not give you grace to make void the law as you have done repeatedly in leaning upon worldly lawyers. The Word is very explicit in forbidding it. For one jot or tittle to depart from the principles of the law of God to fulfill your own natural propensities is not establishing the law and making it honorable.

You have spent your labor in vain, grasping responsibilities you had no capabilities to carry. You are to keep in mind what you have no talent to accomplish and learn what you ought not to do, and not spend your powers in vain and in a haphazard way. You are not [to] suppose you can do God's work and undertake it as you have done again and again. He does not give grace to you to make void His law by tyrannical actions and suppose you are doing the work you should do, for it is a work that you know not how to accomplish.

When you are pure in heart, mind, and soul, and devote time to study your Bible [while] consuming your magical books that treat on science to perfect your education, you make a great mistake. The Lord holds you accountable for binding about minds to fulfill your will and accomplish your designs whatever the outcome may be. You pass [right] on after doing wrong and your faculties of repentance and confession have never been cultivated. There is only one way for you to save your soul now: take the yoke of Christ. Begin now in His service and consider it is your business to serve—not rule—others' minds and convert others' minds.

J. H. Kellogg, go to your closet and make diligent work for repentance, and on your bended knees repent and continue to repent and reform, for it is your only hope. This would [be] learning lessons that would lead to confession and reformation. Your covenant that you have been [making] for years—that others should pledge themselves to perform—now take that burden on yourself and make a covenant with Christ that you will burn your magical books which has spoiled your mind for the faithful discharge of Christian duties. Begin this work now, bewildered fellow-sinner, for this you are decidedly. There is to be [no] metaphysical mummery about this matter, for it is a life and death question with you to be an honest man in obedience to the law of God. There is [to be] no jargon, no clashing. Should your will be allowed to predominate makes you a tyrant. The Lord has mercy on you.

The years you have been studying your science that suited your mind to obtain power over minds—all that time you needed—is time you should have spent in most earnest prayer to God. Now give yourself over to Jesus Christ, for you will never learn what is God or what is Christ as you have represented in The Living Temple, for it is a farce Satan has created in your mind. Take Christ's yoke; adopt His service; break away from J. H. Kellogg.

I warn my brethren to stand aside and not bolster you up in your own mistaken ideas of yourself, and to give you a chance to stand before the Judge of all the earth. Your path is plain, your work is simple. Break away from J. H. Kellogg. Take the yoke of Christ. Become meek and lowly of heart. You have thought yourself to be something in Christ's estimation. In your present standing you are nothing but an offense to Him. What is Truth? This is to be your study if you ever see the kingdom of heaven. Put away your sophistries with which you have tried to influence human minds. Test your own character by the Word.

You are saying to your soul, Peace, because you have been the subject of religious impressions and you flatter yourself that you are a Christian. You have not an earnest, true, spirit of prayer. You take little heed to the commandments of God in your dealing with His work, and in your devisings self has the intriguing faculty. You do many things that lead your brethren to suppose you are honest and true in word and deed, when it is a falsehood. You are performing many things that you suppose are laudable and hold fast the corner of piety, but your mind is constantly active in your ordinary business transactions. Do you have the garments of Christ's righteousness in your ordinary business contracts?

In your negotiations of the loans of means to the Sanitarium do you pay all your contracts? The book of God has a statement of the monies that have passed through your hands. Have you done the honest and just things in all your payments? What will the estimate be in all these private transactions? Do your heart and life respond to the justice, the mercy, and the love of God? Bear in mind the commandments of God holds its claims upon you. God calls you now to put yourself in His scales and be weighed. How stands the measurement? Are you weighed in the balance and found wanting? Do you refuse to comply with the conditions of God's commandments? Do you inquire day by day, How is it with my soul? The fabric of your hope today is but a bubble. Be not deceived; God is not mocked. If you take not Christ's yoke, if you

put not out of your life every thread of your scientific strategies, your salvation will soon vanish like the mist of the morning. Now, just now, fall on the Rock and be broken. This is your only hope.

I have not given you up, for hope revives in your behalf. But your pronouncing sentence upon all who do not serve you is not just and cannot be conscientiously done. It [is] a work you have practiced for years, but I cannot and will not deceive souls to hold you up as a man that can be trusted. I know the time is now when the wicked prevail. Many things transpire which [are] positively productions of evil. But the truth is effectual. The truth will bear away the victory. We know that all things work for good to those who love God and keep His commandments.

I tell you in the name of the Lord, unless you be born again, you will never see the kingdom of God. I write these things for your soul's sake, for this is a life and death question for you. If you will now be a converted man, peace, hope and the love of God will take possession of your soul. But if heaven is worth anything to you, lay hold of the Almighty arm of Jehovah.

If all your associate physicians shall bolster you up as a man that loves and obeys the truth as it is in Jesus, I should tell them their estimate of you is defective and if one deceives you on this vital question he has participated in the loss of your soul. I have things sealed up concerning the death of my husband—things that transpired in his treatment—I hope I shall never have to reveal. But I have hoped you would make decided movements to save your soul before it is forever too late. Some sins confess to God alone, for it will not be best to tell how far Satan has led you with his arts. But I have had the words spoken, Let him alone.

Lt 307, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

St. Helena, California

March 1, 1903

Dr. Kellogg:

I am much troubled in regard to your case because I know that from the light given of the Lord you have not, neither are you now, making straight paths for your feet. Read Hebrews chapters 1-4. "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; but Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted and proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest.)

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; while it is said, today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the day of provocation. For some, when they heard, did provoke. Howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see they could not enter in because of unbelief.” [Hebrews 3:4-19.]

I am deeply interested in your case, but all I can do is to pray for you. You are my brother in whom I am deeply interested and concerned, for I know and testify to you in the Lord that you are going over the same forbidden ground and you are not pleasing the Lord in your course of action and in your business transactions. You are not instructed of the Lord in your course of action. You enter into business that God has not appointed you. There is crookedness in your management and it becomes you for your own soul’s present and eternal good to repent and be converted. You need to stand on a different platform than you now occupy. But I will now say for your own soul’s sake, humble your heart before God. I know the perils of the last days are just before us, when everything is to be shaken that can be shaken, but you do not believe this. You are binding up with the world and will receive the reward that will be judged with them unless you shall come out from the world and be separate.

I write you this because the Lord has instructed me concerning this matter. Dr. Kellogg, the Lord has been your helper in many ways in times past when you walked in His counsel. But you have brought in strange things and what will the outcome of this matter be? You have borne a testimony that the Sanitarium was undenominational. Take that back; you have no right to say such a thing. The disciples of Jesus are the living members of one body and being mutually joined together, united in Christ the living head, mutually dependent upon each other so that if one member suffers all the members suffer with it. Or if one member be honored, all the members are honored, enlightened and rejoice with him.

Christ is the head and life of each particular member “from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [Ephesians 4:16.] Then ye cannot say of the hand, I have no need of thee, because every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ, for the perfecting of the saints. We all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God (mark the words) unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of Jesus Christ. It is impossible for God to accept your works, my brother, for you have a crooked character. You have not joined in your heart and spirit with the people who [do not] know and understand that God has a people, chosen and precious whom the Lord will bring through trial.

Your attitude toward anyone who will not come into perfect agreement with you is a matter which has created of itself discord and strife. The same evils will increase as your mind is not under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is an introduction of the evil leaven which, unless it is cast out, will ruin your soul and the souls of those who have confidence in you unless they shall repent. The triumphing in any wrong action you may undertake is short. You have come into friendship with the enemies of God, and the peculiar and holy elevation of God's people is only for those who come out from the world and are separated from its contaminating influence of your own self.

There is much to be done, and if the watchmen had not been like men blindfolded we should have been in a far different position than we now are. But God lives and reigns and will teach us as a people lessons that will be of advantage. There is no safety in trusting in any man's wisdom. One man—finite, full of inventions, of schemes and plans, but unconsecrated, unsanctified—becomes the sport of Satan's gratifying temptations.

Having a clear and decided confidence in the leadings of God that have brought us out step by step from the world upon the platform of Bible truth, and [that He] is our leader still, everyone should be clear to say, "He that keepeth Israel" [Psalm 121:4]—His individual, personal Israel, that has become grafted into the tame olive tree—will bear fruit of the genuine tree, which is Christ Jesus. His watchcare is continual. His providence embraces all our ways, and looking unto Jesus we shall become like Him. All who will learn of Jesus will have an intelligent faith in the good and perfect government of God. Let no one charge God foolishly, as some are doing, for they will have to give an account, for every deed is written in the books. Let no one man, nor a score of men, dare to take the judgment seat as many have done, and will continue to do, when they lose sight of their own imperfect character and press their own discontented words on their brethren, passing judgment on the ways and works of Christ in the person of His saints.

There are many fields that appear to be true golden grain, but when the sickle is put in there is found only pretense, it is worthless—no grain in the cluster, straw without meat in the kernel—and it is cast aside as worthless and obnoxious. The great Husbandman is never deceived.

"All who will come after Me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." [Mark 8:34.] We are amid the perils of the last days.

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Belden, Frank

1903

Frank Belden

My dear Nephew,

I commenced a letter to you March 1, acknowledging the receipt of your letters, but I was not in a condition health-wise to handle them. I waited to understand better what I should do. I

could not understand. If I read any matters in letters, they may refer to standing difficulties, and then the report will be: "Sister White has been informed in regard to these things." The very ones who brought the letters will say many things when they are reproved—that someone has told Sister White. But here is a large amount of matter, and as those who claim to believe the truth have no more faith in the Testimonies than their works and walk and attitude reveal, I am instructed to not take on this burden.

There have been deep wrongs in business transactions. God is highly displeased. After accepting the job of my two books, Great Controversy and Patriarchs and Prophets, which were in the field, they issued a book that was gotten up by several writers and cost a meager sum. They consulted together what they would do—put all the influence possible on Bible Readings—and take the position [that] one book shall occupy the field. They let Patriarchs and Prophets lie on the shelves when a promise had been made that if I would come down from twenty cents to ten, they would push the books most significantly, and I accepted the proposition.

Then the remark was made they hoped I would say eight cents in the place of ten. I refused to do this but told them I had not rest day nor night because the instruction was given me that these two books would make a very great difference with the sentiments of the people in regard to the exalting of the Sunday law and making Sunday to take the place of the Sabbath. I urged, I entreated, that the books must come to the people.

Then the Lord presented to me I was not to place my publications in the power of the men who could repress the word of the testimony of the Lord as though it was to have no more force than any other productions, that all this was dishonoring to God. There were thousands that had my testimonies in the large gatherings at our camp meetings and had heard me relate the very positive light given me in these Testimonies.

Those in the Review and Herald Office handling the books with the distinct, important matters that had been revealed to me who came to me and wished me to suppress, cut out, those things that show so plainly they were received in a vision. I said, No; it is that very point that God would have appear. It would restrain the pen of many who have heard me from signing documents that otherwise they would sign, for there were men so deeply impressed with the relation of these things they have heard from me in public, that the angels of God had impressed upon their hearts. Angels of God would be close by their side to impress their needs.

In having these books come to the people, [and their] reading them, a far greater work would be done for the one reading by the angel who had given me the light and bid me write them out quickly; for the enemy was having an influence upon minds that had not investigated the Bible to see what positive [instruction] the great I AM had given to His people in the Word. Exodus, chapter 20. The Lord Himself came upon Sinai's mount and spoke in awful grandeur His law; again He gave directions that Moses should give to the people. Exodus, chapter 31, verses 12-18. And what could be more positive? Well, these two books were in vindication and

magnifying of the law of God. The attention of the people would be called to this subject, and angels of God would impress the minds just as minds have been impressed with the book, Christ's Object Lessons.

Recently, I could make no more impression on these men than if they were chiseled out of granite. I went to camp meetings and was asked why the canvassing agents had instructed presidents of conferences and churches and canvassers to handle only one book. This was a fraudulent transaction, but men had the power in their hands. When, in agony of soul, I was talking most earnestly and showing Captain Eldridge that they were closing up the way, that the light God had given should not come to the people, he turned from me as Captain, saying, "I will see you when [you] feel better." I considered this language to me an insult against God in the person of one who had been giving light in testimonies to His people. For two or three years this work was done, and meanwhile, the very work was being done in obtaining signatures for a Sunday law.

If these books had been in the field, many signatures to those documents would never have appeared, because Bible truth, presented in a clear light, would have occupied their due place. Many testimonies were borne how wonderfully the Lord had blessed them in canvassing, presenting the books that had been shut away from the people by the devising of human agencies, putting before human minds their plans against God's plan. At that time some things were opened to me. "Not long," said a voice, "will God permit these officers to handle the books which they do not appreciate and will close their ears and hearts, refusing the precious Testimonies sent of God. They acted the spoiler, and I will spoil them, that they will not practice and prosper. They have an account to settle with God."

While my books were lying dead upon the shelves, I sent to draw some money from the Review and Herald Office and the messenger came back with a refusal. Brother H. K. Kellogg took a roll of bills and pressed them into my hands, and tears were running down his cheeks. I said no, but afterward consented to receive the loan of money. One night a messenger from heaven came to me and said, "You will have to take your books and cut away from all those who believe not the testimony of the Spirit of God but claim that the voice of the General Conference is as the voice of God. No! Now from henceforth shall it be said, 'The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we.' [Jeremiah 7:4.] Wicked works are carried on, and you will have to remove your books. Take them under your own charge, for there is not strict principle and justice and righteousness." God sees; God knows. If I had then uncorrupted men to venture, I would have done this work we are now trying to do.

I was instructed that there were those who made no profession of truth who would do more righteously and justly than the men who claimed to be empowered to act. I did not at that time understand as I now do that had I moved then just as it was presented to me, there would have been a crisis that would have changed all the features of the work, but we kept hoping against hope. The last General Conference in Battle Creek, the Lord presented to me, would be to many an opportunity to discern the movings of the Spirit of God. The Lord's hand should hold me up,

the Lord's words would be put in the lips of His servant, and decisions would then be made for eternity. Rev. 2:1-5; Rev. 3:1-5, verse 14. Never would there be any greater evidence given than on that occasion. All who did not improve that opportunity would be more and more blinded by the enemy to do strange things. And there will be a new order of things.

"I will turn and overturn. I will prove and I will try the people who have been following their own pernicious ways, by whom the truth has been misrepresented. I will humble those who have falsified principle if they harden their hearts as did Pharaoh. I will come near unto them in judgment and they shall not know what hour I shall come upon them. I require truth in the inward parts—all the phases of experience that have been contrary to My Word, contrary to the Testimonies I have given. Have no controversy with them. Their strong spirit will wax stronger, their blindness will increase."

The gospel ministry has been depreciated. Every additional truth which the Holy Spirit has revived and brought to the front is to develop additional principles of the Word and the kingdom of God. It is a fresh air time, increasing light in opening to minds the principles of holiness and fresh elements of virtue. It is the bringing upon the highest platform a power of medical missionary work bound up with the gospel ministry. The pride of physical and medical science will be bound up in the gospel, and the Holy Spirit will be the subduing agency through the gospel ministry in a variety of methods of healing, which leads those who will be on the Lord's side to separate from sin and sinners. It is the power of God unto all who believe. And this power is not in name, neither is it bound up in companies and written vows and pledges and doctoring. It gathers grapes from thorns, and figs from thistles, because of the transforming power of God's grace.

The Lord will be revealed, the sick will be healed, and the wrath of man [turned] into a song of praise worthy to awaken the minstrels of heaven. It will pass by the scientist, it will take no notice of the capabilities and arts and skill of man, but it takes the common people and gives them interpretations of principle that closes the mouths of those who have exalted themselves. It is the great power of God unto salvation. The weak shall be as David. The way of obedience is the only path and royal road for the redeemed to travel. There will be those who sit in darkness who will see great light and then the Lord will be magnified by all who have kept the beginning of their confidence firm until the end. The gospel of God unto salvation rescues the wretched from vice and sin and the human agencies who have had the least rays of light become instinct with capabilities and the power of God. The gospel of God unto salvation retains all its original power of development and practical virtue.

Any soul would understand the word "principle" is no mixture, it is truth, pure and unadulterated, that has been waiting to develop intensity—earnestness—that is of a value above the pure gold of Ophir to fill the world with the wonders of grace. Do you admire the representation, the practical utility of the Holy Spirit's working?

Christ turns to His humble ones and with deep compassion and love repeats, “Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him to a wise man who built his house upon a rock and the floods came and the storm beat upon the house and it fell not because it was founded upon the rock.” [Matthew 7:24, 25.]

The character of the Christian who practices the truth of the Gospel will be in his simplicity, [representing] monumental truths commemorative of the great saving message for these last days. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” [John 14:15.]

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White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1, 1903

Pastor Willie C. White,

Your mother wishes you a happy New Year. If we act our part in willing obedience to our Lord’s requirements, we can but have his happy assurance in our hearts. What great grief it must have been to our Lord Jesus Christ to be misunderstood, misinterpreted—for often the words had scarce gone out of His lips but that a wrong interpretation was placed upon His words, emphasizing some words and misconstruing others so that there was a wrong impression left upon minds.

Well, it is for us that Jesus lived and walked on earth; therefore in His human life He knew by experience [what] all who live will have—an experience that was, in our behalf, of exceeding value to us. He did not take the words of men as verity and truth. No lie is of the truth. When the Lord Jesus sees and hears the speeches of even church members in regard to complaints of each other, it is an encouragement to us that not any man’s supposition or statements will be received by the One who knows, unless it is clean truth, and that when the truth is spoken, the Lord Jesus endorses the truth. Let, then, no false lips utter falsehoods against the truth and let all be glad that [this is] so.

Oh, how willing would Christ be to cleanse away from every soul all that shall offend! We are living for time and our endless hereafter. If faithful and true to our Redeemer, our influence will exert for good, not for evil. I am more than ever convinced—I am certain—that we must find rest and peace in Christ Jesus, which, if we all should have more communion with God and less selfishness to carry our own points, we should have greater blessings.

The Lord Jesus Christ, before leaving His disciples, did not think of Himself, but He thought of the helpless, discouraged, disappointed ones He was leaving. But He knew after all His suffering and the result death, there would be a resurrection to life. When He remained with them for forty days, how tenderly He looked upon them. He was to leave them alone, yet not alone, but

now Jesus has assured His disciples that He would be with them in their labors, in their gospel ministry, confirming the word spoken by them.

Oh, let us think of these things. Even the weakest and most helpless disciple is not friendless. Christ is with them if they will be with Christ. I am glad we are so near home. Our work will soon be ended in this world, and we must wait and watch and pray and trust His living word, saying, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). We may claim the promise, and oh, we may have such rich feasting upon His word.