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Lt 51, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

November 3, 1903

Dr. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

Be sure that you have a sound faith, a sound doctrine. You have virtually united yourself with those who do not keep the commandments of God. The Lord has manifested Himself to you in a remarkable manner. Was it that you should exalt yourself? No; it was that the truth which you claimed to believe might be magnified.

If you had twenty times the assurance that you now have, which leads you to repudiate those who do not accept your propositions as correct, it would not save your you. You need to feel the converting power of God. This would humble your heart. You need to heed 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.] Behold Him; for He is the One who will test your work, to see whether it is genuine. He says of you, “You are weighed in the balance, and found wanting.” [Daniel 5:27.]

Jesus of Nazareth is the great pattern medical missionary, the greatest minister of righteousness. He preached the gospel and practiced the gospel. He spent whole nights in prayer. In this world, bearing our human nature, He lived a life of unsullied purity and perfect holiness. He opened the way for all other medical missionaries to labor. When His workers take their eyes off Him to follow Dr. Kellogg’s or any man’s methods, however wise that man may seem to be, they are leaving the safe path. He works to refine and ennoble His people, to heal the wounds and bruises that sin has made in their hearts.

Lt 52, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

Oakland, California

April 5, 1903

Dr. Kellogg

Dear Brother,—

I wish to present before you some things. I have words to speak to you. Is it possible that you do not realize that Satan is playing the game of life for your soul? You are certainly in danger. You have not walked perfectly before the Lord. You have been ambitious and have opened before worldlings that which you should not have opened to them. You have made with them a confederacy wholly displeasing to the Lord.

Had you humbled your heart before the Lord, and made thorough work for repentance, in accordance with the reproof of the Lord, He would have been glorified in you, but you have vindicated your course when you have done unrighteously.

God would have you a thoroughly converted man. The work of conversion is to begin in your heart and to work outward in your life. You are no longer to exercise a kingly power, as you certainly have done in the past. Thus saith the Lord, You have made your own paths, and now the hill Difficulty has to be climbed.

Every man who, placed in a position of influence, begins his years of service with a spirit like that of Jehu will surely reap that which he has sown. It becomes men in responsible places to heed the words, "Without Me ye can do nothing." [John 15:5.]

My brother, your work is to understand why the displeasure of God came upon the Sanitarium. I have been shown that it was because of your own departure from the way of the Lord. Every word spoken in your favor is, you think, just as it should be. Those whose lips speak your praise do you decided injury, but you count all such as your friends. But you place those who differ with you in the catalogue of enemies.

You need to inquire in regard to the burning of the Sanitarium, and heed the lesson that God is teaching you. This matter is to be carefully and prayerfully studied. Unless you humble your heart before God, your eyes will never see the kingdom of God. You need to be cleansed in spirit, in language, in judgment. Your ideas are so mystical that they are destructive to the real substance, and the minds of some are becoming confused in regard to the foundation of our faith. If you allow your mind to become thus diverted, you will give a wrong mold to the work that has made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. When you permit your mind to take this range, it is led and deceived by Satan's specious views of realities that God does not design shall be spiritualized away.

[The additional material below is found in the handwritten original, but was not included in the letter when it was copied in 1903.]

This was the danger with you when you first were in service in the Sanitarium. The matter was presented to me to be presented to you. [Doctors] Fairfield and Sprague never recovered their standing. I warn you, having the word of the Lord for your counsel, not to make warfare against the true landmarks God has given us.

Had you, yes, you, J. H. Kellogg, heeded the word of the Lord, the Lord would not have permitted that sanitarium to be consumed. You would have exerted your influence to make

plants in the cities in America and then (as has been repeated to you over and over again) the many plants in different states would have had sufficient influence to have given character to the work and double forces would have created treble forces and thus the [work] would have swelled until there would have been God's memorials in many cities where they are not.

There would have been strong forces converted to the truth to work in medical missionary lines connected with the gospel to be preached as Christ after His resurrection gave His commission to His disciples: "Teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and 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). This is the work that should have been done.

You have kept the medical missionary work too much a distinct work, separate from the ministry of the Word. God is not in this peculiar phase of the work. The gospel and its ministry in medical missionary work is one work to accomplish the proclamation of the last message of mercy to our world. God has made the work one and you have not blended with the gospel ministry as you should have done.

There needs to be a decided change on both sides because of the oppression of the enemy. The Lord has given us light that should be recognized in the missionary work that is to be done united with the preaching of the gospel. Years have the warnings been coming to you line upon line, precept upon precept, but you have been breaking away from all restraint. Soon, unless you shall take heed, the Lord will say to you, "He is joined to his idols, let him alone." [Hosea 4:17.]

We hold you fast as yet. Notwithstanding, I have seen the enemy in disguise as an angel of light, bending over you and talking with you all kinds of falsehoods and theories. You do not believe the messages of truth God has given to His people but you have been walking in your own counsel. Yet the Lord has given you a chance as He did Judas. You will now in your present theories be weaving into every mind as secretly as possible your falsehoods against the truth. You are not to be considered [any] longer a believer in the faith that has made us as a people what we are.

You are losing all faith in present truth. You say you are loyal, but this is a falsehood. You act contrary to the truth. Then can you be surprised that we cannot assimilate with you? The Living Temple is a mild expression of your true bearings. You do not understand the truth. You have followed the lead of John Kellogg when I have told you the medical missionary work (as it is termed) in many things is far below that which its name implies. You are a dupe of Satan's lies and yet you are not known as this. Oft times have I seen you linked up with satanic agencies and Satan personified in humanity. He was praising you and extolling you and presenting before you subterfuges—unprincipled workings and deceptive theories. Next I have seen you carrying out the plans of Satan just as you have worked them, and he helped you. When you have opened your eyes and seen where you are, you will be surprised at your infatuation.

Your brethren do not know these things I am writing to you, but they must soon know it all. For the Lord says, "My flock, My beautiful flock, is this man whom I chose as My physician if he would heed My admonitions that have been given him through My chosen messenger. But he has had self-exaltation to do a wonderful thing, to be ambitious, to be as God. He will very soon be greatly humbled unless he will break away from the father of lies and no longer repeat the suggestions of Satan. My flock shall not be spoiled; I will take them out of his hands; I will keep them; I will appoint over them true teachers and faithful physicians. He has made it exceedingly hard for My ministers. He has brought confusion where no difficulties used to be. My vineyard has been neglected. He has worked to discourage them for many years. [Even] when he has for so long a time created dissension and strife by his own crooked course of action and presentations of methods, yet I have given increased light and evidence. But he would not heed or acknowledge Me, and reform. If his way did not succeed he would make a change, but work to the same object in a different way."

The time is come when many will be deceived by the father of lies, and some strange, principal theories will be introduced as precious heavenly truth when it is the subtleties of corrupting principles working on human minds. In regard to the marriage relation, Satan has fixed up his deceptive theories. It is spiritualizing. The theories are destructive to truth, destructive to holiness, and originated by the devil.

Lt 53, 1903

Physicians and Managers of Our Medical Work

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 15, 1903

To the physicians and managers of our medical work,—

I address you as men upon whom the Lord has bestowed great blessings. I must tell you that some of your business transactions are not pleasing to God. Some of your ways of working He cannot endorse. In order to secure advantages for certain lines of work, unsanctified, ambitious projects have been resorted to. But the carrying out of these projects will bring a heavy retribution to those responsible for them.

The Lord calls upon you to work in holy, upright lines, in every transaction following the pure, elevated principles given in the Word of God. No business that will misrepresent God and harm His people will bring a particle of honor to you or to the cause which you love. The less you have to do with plans and documents drawn up in accordance with the policy of lawyers, the better it will be for you.

In business transactions you have complied with the customs of the lawyers whom you have employed, arranging matters in a way that you think will guard the work in which you are engaged against the possibilities and probabilities that might occur. Ought you to be surprised,

then, that the watchmen that God has placed on the walls of Zion should also endeavor to fulfil their God-given responsibility, seeking to make all pertaining to our institutions perfectly secure? The word was spoken by my Instructor: "God's watchmen, who should have been wide awake, who should have understood the condition of our institutions, have been blind as to how things were being carried on by our medical missionary workers in responsible places."

God calls upon our pastors and teachers to be wide awake and not stand as blind watchmen. Let them obtain from Christ the eyesalve that will enable them to see all things clearly. Then let them examine the foundation timbers of our institutions. Not all pertaining to our work is being carried forward in an elevated, upright way. God wants His people to have a clear understanding of all the important transactions pertaining to His cause, that they may know that they are following a course that He can approve.

Business transactions should not be veiled with so many technicalities that the real bearing of the agreement is not clearly understood. For years one thing after another has been brought into the Medical Missionary Association—business propositions that are received as fair and just, but which are not. These propositions may prove to be a pit of disappointment for certain ones who did not know that there was the least danger.

There certainly must be a careful investigation of the foundation of our institutions, especially of the sanitariums. We must not stand by any unfair proposition or allow advantage to be taken of the ones whose money is received in our institutions. Better far would it be to suffer disappointment in our plans than to have means to use as we please and lose the crown of the overcomer. Better far the cross and shattered hopes than to sit with princes and forfeit heaven. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" [Mark 8:36, 37.]

We seemed to be assembled in a meeting. Our Instructor looked upon the doctors present, and said, You are not all faithful stewards, else there would have been brought into the medical missionary work only that which will build up its reputation, only that which is in harmony with its high title. Those who have the living truth in their hearts will not accept some of the documents which you have approved. Long documents, filled with blind specifications and technical conditions, may serve to place men where, if they wish to take unfair advantage, they can do a work that God cannot approve. These papers may be worded so as to be difficult of understanding, and the common people may be deceived. It may appear that provisions have been made to secure from loss those of whom means are solicited, while at the same time the means may be bound up in such a way that it cannot be obtained without great difficulty.

You have been very particular to have things securely bound about, so that no undue advantage should be taken of the institution. Is it not right that those who in good faith place their means in the institution should have just as good security on their side, that no unfair advantage can be taken of them?

The Word of the Lord is our guide under all circumstances. It points out our duty to God and to our fellow men. It is the standard for all. It is perfectly adapted to our necessities. It is the light placed in our hands to guide us to the heavenly home. It tells us that in order to be heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, we must obey the commands that God has given. Any group of men, whatever their standing or position, however high their profession of godliness, who follow practices that God disallows, cannot be approved of heaven. The Lord cannot accept the service of those who are grasping and selfish in their dealings, like men of the world who have no acquaintance with the things of God.

The Lord's people are not to follow the customs of worldly men, taking advantage of circumstances to gain advantage for themselves or for the work which they represent. Neither are they to follow an unfair course of action. Christ said: "Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. ... Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge; ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." [Luke 11:46, 52.]

God says to every minister of the gospel, to every medical missionary worker, to every other worker in His cause, Take your stand on the elevated platform of truth and justice. God will not serve with any man who draws threads of selfishness and unfairness into the web, by his example leading others astray. Our ministers and doctors are to put on the garment of Christ's righteousness. They are to wash their robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb.

He who has lost his sensitiveness of character is in danger of losing his soul, and with it an eternity of joy. God will not be trifled with. He will not sanction the least approach to underhand dealing to secure advantage for any branch of His work. The actions of our medical missionaries are to be as clear as the day. These workers are to do all in their power to proclaim the gospel message. They are not, by following a misleading, scheming course, to assure the worldly man that under certain circumstances his course of unjust dealing is justifiable and advisable. Compliance with customs founded on a false basis is to be shunned by every medical missionary.

We are preparing for a life that measures with the life of God. Never should a Seventh-day Adventist medical missionary do anything that will dishonor the name that he bears. Every medical missionary is to show to the world, to lawyers, to doctors, to the church, and to the gospel ministry that he is a Christian, bound by a solemn covenant to be upright in word and action, to follow a course free from all deception and subterfuge. His life is to be holy. He is to respect his God-given talents, using them in a way that will honor the One who gave His life to redeem humanity from all iniquity and to purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. There must be in his life no taint of dishonesty, no perversion of the holy principles of truth.

In the world men are tried by the standard of wealth and position. Men worship men who meet this standard. But is this the true standard of character? No, no. It is not riches, but purity of heart and life, that will gain for human beings entrance into the city of God.

To all our medical missionary workers the Lord says, Lift up the standard of truth higher and still higher. Hold fast to your integrity. Let your lives bear a good report regarding your Saviour's keeping power. Keep no position at the expense of conscience. Smile not at falsehood. Consent not to any dishonest practice. Say to the tempted, Get thee behind me, Satan; and say it with so much meaning, so much decision, that he will see that you have emptied your soul of every falsehood. Do not rest satisfied until you are a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Go to the Word of God to find out your duty as medical missionaries, else you are not worthy of the name. You are to be "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." [Romans 12:11.] Those who combine these three essentials are on safe ground.

Let every minister, every doctor, every medical missionary worker remember that he is not to put his conscience to the rack to favor any business transaction that is not straightforward on the part of any man. Whatever his calling or profession, a man is not a Christian unless he follows the example of Christ, by His grace holding fast to his integrity. He who works for God is to be filled with a spirit of love and humility, not of boasting and parade. His life is to show that he has accepted the 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.]

One is our Master, even Christ. We have pledged ourselves to live to His name's glory. God grant that the veil that separates us from Him may be drawn aside, and that we may accept Him as our Companion and Teacher. We are not to look upon ourselves as gods, able to carry out our own will, our own devising. We are to remember that in order to be successful in our work, we must be sustained by God, we must have the power that Christ gives to all who believe in Him—the power to become sons of God. We are faithfully to discharge the duties enjoined on us in the Word of God, shunning everything that would make us in character like the archdeceiver.

Lt 54, 1903

Those in Council at Battle Creek, Michigan

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 16, 1903

To those in council at Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Brethren,—

The members of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association and the responsible men of the General Conference are now to act in concert in regard to the work to be carried on. All must now awake and seek the Lord, lest the powers of the enemy shall obtain the victory. There are much greater depths of spiritual truth to be reached by experience. Christ will lead us to higher and still higher planes, where spiritual perception and spiritual action shall enter into unquestionable discoveries, and where the sacred truths of the gospel shall be understood in all their bearings.

As God's Word is received as food for the soul, the character in spiritual lines will correspond to the truths of the gospel that have been eaten and digested. Thus our spiritual strength will be refreshed as we become partakers of the divine nature, having overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust. The nutritious properties of the heavenly food may be compared with the strength-restoring properties of the leaves of the tree of life, which are for the healing of the nations. Seek for unity, and seek it in faith. Faith we must have, in order that we may walk by faith.

My mind is deeply impressed by the Spirit of God. Instruction is given to me in clear lines. Our work is not left in the hands of finite men. God rules, and He will turn and overturn. He will not allow His work to be carried forward as it has been. His medical missionary work is not to be ruled, controlled, and molded by one man, as for some years it certainly has been. The exercise of such a power, if continued, will mar the work and will be the certain ruin of the man exercising control. God will work with the men entrusted with large responsibility, if they will take the Lord's way as humble, obedient servants, waiting wholly upon Him. But if any man sets himself up as being above God, and takes the work under his finite supervision, the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion must discern the danger and take heroic action to save the man and the cause.

Yesterday I read the following incident: "A notable painter was adorning the frescoes in the dome of a cathedral. When a certain portion of his work was done, he stepped backward upon the small scaffold of planks on which he stood to admire the effect of his skilful craft. Suddenly a comrade who was with him rushed forward to the picture and with the brush in his hand smeared and spoiled the delicate work so painfully accomplished. Rushing forward, the artist cried angrily, 'What is that for?' 'Look,' said his companion, 'one more step backward, and you would have fallen, bruised and mangled on the pavement far below.'" The artist was thankful that his life was spared. Will our brethren in peril consent to be saved from the dangers they are in?

In no case does God require His servants to bear burdens that He has not given them. He does not require them to gather to themselves more responsibilities than they can patiently and successfully carry. Those professing Christians who do this dishonor the name they bear and lower the standard of Christianity.

By the managers of the Sanitarium, and the leaders in the medical missionary work, there has been a binding up with the world, which has led to entanglement. There has been much working upon a wrong policy. One man has embraced so many responsibilities that it is impossible for him to give to each the proper thought that a careful performance of the Lord's work requires. Men who will carry forward in right lines the work for this time should rally around the leaders of the work, sharing the responsibilities that they are now carrying, and thus encouraging them to stand as counsellors with their brethren, bringing all their plans before their brethren for consideration. Whenever one man devises plans and seeks to carry them out in a manner so determined that his work savors of oppression, there is need of bringing into connection with him other minds that will keep uplifted the high standard suggested by the name we bear.

Many plans have been devised that God has not ordained. The root from which these plans have sprung is the mind of finite man. God's watchmen have been blind. They should have been wide awake to see that one man's mind, one man's judgment was becoming a power that God could not and would not endorse. To invest one man or a few men with so much power and responsibility is not in accordance with God's way of working.

There must be a reorganization. Supreme power must not be vested in a group of men connected with a few large institutions. At the General Conference of 1901 the light was given, Divide the General Conference into Union Conferences. Let there be fewer responsibilities centered in one place.

Let the work of printing our publications be divided.

The principles that apply to the publishing work apply also to the sanitarium work. Students should not be crowded into Battle Creek to receive an education in medical missionary lines. It is not best to encourage the gathering together in one institution of so large a company of people as have been gathered together in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Let medical missionary plants be made in many places.

The youth who desire to become medical missionaries should not be brought in large numbers to Battle Creek. Provision should be made that they may receive an education out of and away from Battle Creek, in places where there is a different religious atmosphere. By fire the Lord removed the great argument in favor of gathering many students to Battle Creek. He swept away the Sanitarium to prevent the carrying out of the idea that Battle Creek was to be the great center for the training of medical students. To carry out this idea would be out of harmony with the work for these last days and with the plans of the Lord.

God works by means of instruments, or second causes. He uses the gospel ministry, medical missionary work, and the publications containing present truth to impress hearts. All are made effectual by means of faith. As the truth is heard or read, the Holy Spirit sends it home to those who hear and read with an earnest desire to know what is right. The gospel ministry, medical missionary work, and our publications are God's agencies. One is not to supersede the other.

But you have sought to make the medical missionary work the whole body instead of the arm and hand.

Let the living gospel be taught in our schools. Let students be educated in its principles, that they may be prepared to impart the truth to others. Let them learn to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of those whom they will meet in their work. By the ministry of the Word, the gospel is preached: by medical missionary work, the gospel is practiced. The gospel is bound up with medical missionary work. Neither is to stand alone, bound up in itself. The workers in each are to labor unselfishly and unitedly, striving to save sinners.

Lt 55, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 15, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I wish to write you some things that are greatly burdening my mind. I could not speak of your dangers in open conference. And I can not now say all that I have to say. Three times during the conference, after passing sleepless nights, I decided to present some things, not all, to the conference and to you in as careful a manner as possible; but when it came to the time to speak, I could not say what I had thought I must say, because I feared that some souls would not understand, and therefore might stumble over what I would have said. Some would have talked with one another unwisely in regard to things that they could not understand and that I had not spoken of. I must now write to you; for I dare not keep silent any longer. You should do earnest work to make matters plain and straight and to place the Sanitarium in the clear, safe position where it belongs. I hope and pray that you will do thorough, faithful work in this matter.

What can I say that will in any way affect you? In some respects you have been pursuing a strange course during the last two years. This cannot continue. You must not longer remain in the attitude in which you have been standing. The Lord will not again send you such a message as He sent you before the General Conference of 1901. What a strange position I was placed in at that meeting! I was bidden to bear a public testimony that would show the churches where they had made their mistake and lead them to appreciate your value and the good you had done. You had received messages showing where you had erred.

If at that meeting you had fallen on the rock and been broken, you would since that time have had a much deeper spiritual experience. But since that Conference things have continually been occurring that show that your mind is far from being free from evil. Had you obtained that deep

religious experience that every medical missionary should have, you would have followed a course different from the course that you have followed.

Yesterday I read the following incident: "A notable painter was adorning the frescoes in the dome of a cathedral. When a certain portion of his work was done, he stepped backward foot by foot upon the small scaffold of planks on which he stood to admire the effect of his skilful craft. Suddenly a comrade who was with him rushed forward to the picture and with the brush in his hand smeared and spoiled the delicate work so painfully accomplished. Rushing forward, the artist cried angrily, 'What is that for?' 'Look,' said his companion, 'one more step backward, and you would have fallen, bruised and mangled, on the pavement far below.'"

This artist was proud of his work far more justly than you can be proud of your work since the last General Conference in Battle Creek. Upon reflection, tracing your work since that Conference, can you look up to heaven, and say, "It is well with my soul"? In many of your ways God takes no pleasure. He has been displeased with those developments in your character which have led you, in word and act, to misrepresent His character. These developments in your character have made you subject to the temptations of Satan. Your food business, which has been your great pride, has also been your snare. God takes no delight in many of your plans and movements regarding the food business.

It has not been well for your own sake nor for Christ's sake that the line of work with which you are connected should bear so much of your individual impress. Were you worked wholly by the Spirit of God, there would be a showing altogether different from that which now exists. If you continue to weave yourself into the work, you will have less and less of the companionship of Christ. I greatly desire that your soul shall be saved. You should no longer feel that your individual judgment is to be the criterion by which others are to be guided in carrying forward the medical missionary work. It has been your desire to have this work ever carried on as a great whole, but this is not the way of the Lord.

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Your religious teachings are not to be depended on or accepted as a "Thus saith the Lord." It has been unwise for the people to rely upon you as they have done; for you are not a safe guide in spiritual matters. You have planned too much labor and responsibility for yourself in endeavoring to grasp and direct the whole medical missionary work. You must not continue to do this; for God forbids it. The work must be set in order, after the divine similitude.

My brother, I beseech you to give heed to the messages that for many years have been coming to you, admonishing you to walk and work in the counsel of God. Let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread. Will you not take time to stop to consider that by your ambitious course you are surely not exalting the medical missionary work? Will you dishonor this work by leaving your imperfect human mold upon it?

Some feel that those who question your judgment and your plans should be severely reproved. This is not right. You have so long supposed that it is your place to carry the responsibility of many things and mold them largely according to your own judgment, that you have become lifted up. I greatly desire that you shall understand your danger. The Lord would have no man presume to exercise the power and the responsibility that you are assuming, by bringing the various interests of the medical work under your personal supervision, as if you owned the work.

The enemy is frequently working your mind. He has endeavored to implant in your mind the same desires that he cherished when in the heavenly courts he occupied the position of covering cherub. Christ is the express image of His Father's person, and the angels could see in the Son a perfect representation of God. Lucifer coveted the honor and glory given to Christ. He became so self-exalted that he supposed that he could do anything he desired to do because of

his high position as covering cherub, and he tried to obtain for himself the position given to Christ. But Lucifer fell. He was cast out of heaven; and now he works on human minds, tempting them to follow in his footsteps. He strives to fill minds with feelings of self-exaltation and to lead them to dishonor God by turning from their allegiance to the truth and inventing many things not after God's order.

O why did you not at the last General Conference at Battle Creek humble your heart and heed the admonitions of God, putting aside your way for God's way? Does not the sweeping away of the Sanitarium by fire mean much to you? Such a manifest token of God's displeasure should lead you to most earnest self-examination. In this God has given you an admonition in order that every soul connected with the Sanitarium work may take heed to this expression of His reproof. Study to find out why this punishment has come. Allow not this rebuke to pass by unheeded, lest it be followed by still sterner punishment. Discern wherein you have departed from God. Be zealous, and repent.

I say to you as a messenger from God that the things which belong to your peace are strangely neglected. They are pushed from their proper place. Are you not leading many astray by your example? You have no right to load yourself down with so many burdens. You have no right to become absorbed in so many schemes, some of which should never see the light of day. A man for whom the Lord has done so much should honor Him in every word and act. All his transactions should be pure, considerate, and just. He should not do or say anything that he will be loath to meet when he stands before the Judge of all the earth.

You have wrapped yourself about with many business entanglements and objectionable plans. You have formed plan after plan, reaching further and still further. The ends of the earth seem not too remote for you to reach. But, my brother, there is a work for you to do between God and your own soul. Men have looked to you for religious guidance and for a correct example. Does your development of character make you a safe guide? God expects you to be strict and particular in all business matters, not following the maxims of the world, not swayed by cupidity. But if you follow the policy that you are tempted to follow, you will be led to dismiss the Word of God from your councils. Unless you make a decided change, the word of the Judge of all the earth to you, in the last great day, will be, "Weighed in the balances, and found wanting." [Daniel 5:27.]

Will you continue to follow the strange course in which you have been pressing on, driving and rushing matters as you have done? You need to move more steadily. Your lips and your tongue need to be sanctified, that you may make correct statements only. You need to ponder your ways, and to remember that God's servants are to use in His service only the sacred fire of His own kindling.

Those who have linked up their interests with you have not always been faithful to tell you the truth. There are those who have done you an injury by receiving your exaggerated statements and by failing to speak words of caution. You may be tempted, because of what I say to you, to

present me in a most unfavorable light to those whom you are leading. Yet I dare not let you go further in your strange course without speaking to you in warning. Will you not make a determined effort to break the spell that is upon you? You have been binding yourself up with the great deceiver. Can it be possible that you do not understand this? Can it be possible that you do not discern your danger? Will your associates continue to be silent in regard to your strange devisings, allowing many things to pass unquestioned?

What has been done to you, that you should think to revenge yourself to doing that which will ruin your soul? What excuse can you give to God for working out Satan's plans? Will it pay to follow the course that you are planning to pursue? Will it gain for you the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant"? [Matthew 25:23.]

Throughout every department of His work God will vindicate His honor, His righteousness. Will you not stop right where you are, and consider diligently your ways? The Lord cannot endorse your spirit or your course of action. His hand is on the lever. Your plans are not His plans. Do not make others err by leading them to harmonize with your ideas and carry out your plans for the supremacy. Now is your time to repent. Lose not the opportunity. Cherish principles of the purest integrity. Then your spirit will change. You will be upright in your dealings with your fellow men because you are upright in your dealings with God.

My brother, do not feel that it is below your dignity to make a decided change. You must place yourself at the feet of Christ as a learner, else you will surely fail of obtaining the overcomer's reward. Lay off your commanding, kingly authority, and become one of God's little children. Until you are willing to study and obey God's will, you will be overcome by temptations and led to do strange things, which will disqualify you for filling a position of influence. Will you not repent and be converted? Will you not act every moment with the realization that you are under the divine scrutiny? Will you not make God your companion in all your work? His holiness, His justice, His truth should purify your words and actions.

You need to stop and consider that there is a God. He has spoken good in your behalf, and He will be much displeased if you deal unjustly with His heritage. He calls upon you to turn to Him with full purpose of heart. Pray, for your soul's sake, pray; for you have been so many times self-deceived and led by deceptive influences, that you are tempted to regard with favor those who will flatter and extol you and with disfavor those who would point out your errors and dangers. Many times you have almost gone over to the wrong side; but before the throne has stood your Saviour, the prints of the nails in His hands, interceding in your behalf. Pray for yourself, in the name of Christ. Pray earnestly, fervently, sincerely. I hope that your life may be spared and that you may give yourself wholly to repentance. Come to the Lord, and surrender all to Him. You must, or you will be taken captive by the enemy.

I cannot but write these words; for One of the highest authority has made this appeal to you.

Lt 56, 1903

White, J. E.

Des Moines, Iowa

May, 1901

Dear Son Edson,—

I speak to you because I feel an intense interest in the Southern field. That neglected vineyard of the Lord must be cultivated. The fields in the South need faithful, persevering workers, not merely preachers, but those who can minister. It is not depth of reasoning that is to be productive of the most good; the world by human wisdom knew not God, but holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

No amount of reasoning or explanation can tell the whys and wherefores of the creation of the world. It is to be understood by faith in the great creative power. By faith we must believe in the mighty-working creative power of God through Jesus Christ. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (are not present to the eye). [Hebrews 11:3.] This is a matter that can be stated, but mere reasoning will never convince one of the truth of the statement. Reasoning we must have. It is one of the great masterly talents entrusted to the human agent and is a great advantage at every step we advance from earth to heaven. The faculty of reasoning, trained and cultivated as a precious entrusted gift, will be taken to heaven with all its improvements and sanctified abilities, to be perfected more and more in the heavenly school above.

Paul reasoned out of the Scriptures. Jesus reasoned with His hearers out of the Scriptures. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." "As it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God." [1 Corinthians 1:21; 2:9, 10.]

This is the faith, that although we do not see, we believe His Word and sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. He speaks as One having authority—"It is written." He Himself was the Author. The motive power of the gospel is the science of penitence, love, faith, prayer, obedience, hope, and the joy of Christ in the human soul.

The Word

The possession of the Word is a talent, a treasure house of knowledge; and in all who believe, it creates a responsibility to impart. Receive the seed in good soil, and then let it spring up, first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear, then the harvest. You may have much work before you, but go no faster than you can move solidly. Teach the Word in the very simplest way possible. You will need to illustrate to the colored people with cheap pictures. This

will be a necessity. If they had been educated to read, then the illustrations would not be necessary. May the Lord help you, my son, to walk and work, trusting in Jesus Christ.

But the fact must be understood that the Scriptures do not depend upon a process of reasoning in bringing souls from darkness to light, from sin to repentance, but it is faith that accepts the divine, God-given testimony that the Scripture is the great power of God expressed. Many things are affirmed. (John 1:9[-12]): "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him (by faith as the Son of God), to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

Believers are to be developed. This is the mission of our publishing work. There is much to be done in this line, especially in some parts of the country. The matter—Bible truth—must go forth as a light that burneth. Gather up the rays of light, put the truth in its simplicity, and carry on your publishing in the Southern field as the ignorance of the people demands. You have the facilities and therefore can do this. It needs talent that has been engaged in making books. You understand this. Brother Palmer has a quick mind. You know what you need to meet high and low. Well, take hold like men that have souls before you to save, and God will help you.

I will write you this before I leave Battle Creek. The Lord give you wisdom and great grace is my prayer.

Edson White, I must urge you to be exceedingly cautious. You have men of capability, men to plan. The Lord has entrusted to them talents. If they will honor God, God will honor them. Now work in the name of the Lord God of Israel. I speak to these men my message, Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Who is the mighty Satan? He works with all his determined interest. Now work, now pray, now watch and work. Souls are to be saved. You cannot afford to be trammelled as you have been by any printing plant. It has been used as God never desired it. God will not have ways and openings closed because selfishness enters, and men devise and plan without seeking counsel of God.

In regard to the printing matter in the plant that has already been established to handle publications in a limited manner, if the publishing house will give you any fair show, take over the books, do with them all you possibly can, whether you gain a dollar's advantage or not, and leave your endeavors with the Lord to help you dispose of these books. You will not meet with a great loss, but as you have not yet even a beginning to work with, you must in this taking-over business count the cost, for you are in no condition to waste anything. You must seek the Lord in prayer. Tell the Lord all about your purposes. Give your whole hearts—Brother Palmer, yourself, and all connected with you—to the Lord with kindly hearts. Bring all tenderness and compassion into your work. Be true, be clean in principle. You cannot afford to saddle on you a debt, unless your chances are favorable to meet it. Watch and pray. You cannot depend on

human wisdom. God will lead you if you fully trust in Him. He will never leave nor forsake a soul who trusts in Him.

Lt 58, 1903

Brethren in Council at Battle Creek

St. Helena, California

April 17, 1903

To our brethren in council at Battle Creek,—

Some way must be devised in which our medical institutions shall be helped. According to the light given me, the Lord will institute ways and means by which the Battle Creek Sanitarium can be helped. When our watchmen shall recover from their blindness and reason from cause to effect, God will help them to devise ways and means for the relief of our medical institutions.

If we put our trust in the Lord, if we walk in His ways, the Battle Creek Sanitarium can be placed on vantage ground. When the Sanitarium is placed on its proper foundation; when our people can see that it stands as when first established; when they can understand that the institution belongs to the work of the Lord, and can see that no one man is to have control of everything in it; then God will help them all to take hold with courage to build it up.

Our leading brethren, the men in leading positions, are to examine the standing of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, to see whether the God of heaven can take control of it. When, by faithful guardians, it is placed in a position where He can control it, let me tell you that God will see that it is sustained.

God wants His people to place their feet on the eternal Rock. The money that we have is the Lord's money; and the buildings that we erect with this money, for His work, are to stand as His property. He calls upon those who have received the truth not to quarrel with their brethren, but to stand shoulder to shoulder, to build up, not to destroy.

The light that God has given me is that there are proper ways that the Conference shall devise to help the Sanitarium in Battle Creek. I wish that a portion of the work of this institution had been taken elsewhere. But the Sanitarium has been erected in Battle Creek, and it must be helped. God will institute ways and means by which it can be helped. But He does not wish His people to invest their money in bonds.

One night it seemed to me that we were assembled in council with the leaders of the medical work at Battle Creek. One of authority rose and holding up a long paper read from it many things that perplexed me. Neither I nor many others could discern the meaning of that which He read. Then He who read from this paper said: "These are men who have allowed this paper to pass as a legal piece of business, as a security for the issuing of bonds to secure money. That

long list of conditions is not necessary, but they show unsafety for those who invest their means.”

This is not the kind of work that should be placed before those who have the utmost confidence in the men bearing responsibilities, supposing them to be faithful, intelligent guardians of the people. Many things will be managed after this same order unless a reorganization shall take place.

There are those who will have nothing to do with the bonds issued, but there are many who will accept them without criticism, because they have confidence in the medical missionary association as being loyal to the high principles that it advocates. They will not question the things that they cannot understand, because they have faith in the original Seventh-day Adventist Medical Missionary Association.

No document should be accepted which is so worded as to make it possible for the medical missionary workers in office so to manage affairs that injustice will be done to those putting confidence in the Medical Missionary Association. These matters must be carefully examined into by the men in position of responsibility in the Medical Missionary Association and the General Conference. There is a snare in these documents, and I am to say, Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The standing of the Sanitarium and its relation to the cause of God is to be ascertained. Everything regarding its organization is to be closely examined, that Seventh-day Adventists may know the true standing of the institution.

Lt 59, 1903

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 19, 1903

Elder A. T. Jones

Dear Brother,

I am sending to you three manuscripts to be read to the brethren assembled at Battle Creek in council. These I desire that you shall read to the brethren when you discern that the time has come. You know my anxiety regarding the work—my desire that everything possible shall be done to establish unity and drive out dissension. We must do all in our power to save Dr. Kellogg and his associates from the result of the mistakes they have made, and to help them to see and understand the way of the Lord.

Last Friday I sent you an article addressed to the physicians and managers of our medical work. I hope that you have already found opportunity to read this. There was also sent an incomplete copy of an article addressed to those in council at Battle Creek. I have added some things to this and now send you a complete copy. Please return to me the one sent Friday.

Today there will be sent to you still another manuscript addressed to the brethren in council at Battle Creek. This follows the other two and should be read at the first favorable opportunity.

I am also sending to you a copy of a letter that I have written to Dr. Kellogg. In it there are very many plain admonitions. Some of these it may be difficult for the doctor to understand. I have not yet sent him a copy of this letter, nor shall I do so at present. My wish is that you shall talk and pray with him, and then read the letter to him when you think that the time has come.

I greatly desire that he shall see his danger and turn to the Lord, for there is peace and power for him if he will walk humbly before God. If he continues to carry things as he has done, his brethren must seek the Lord for wisdom to know how to carry forward his work intelligently, in accordance with the light given in His Word.

I could not speak of his dangers in open conference; for there were some present who would have misunderstood and stumbled, making an unwise use of any statements made that were unfavorable to him. Please read carefully what I have written to him, and take your position wisely as a friend of the medical missionary work who feels a proper burden to see that work put upon a basis that will bear the endorsement of God.

I have been shown that Dr. Kellogg has had papers drawn up by lawyers, the wording of which was such that few would see beneath the surface and discern their final influence upon the work. Neither the managers of the medical work nor their legal counsellor have taken upon them the responsibility of studying in a correct light the wording of the specifications and conditions of these papers. The leaders in the medical missionary work have failed to make sure that the wording of the legal papers pertaining to the business of the Battle Creek Sanitarium is so clear and decided that there is no danger of the property's being lost to its original owners.

Our Counsellor said to the doctors: "You need to learn to be as true as steel to principle. Watch carefully and truly, and guard your brother, that he shall not sell his birthright in order to carry himself to the highest point of influence."

Then the Speaker turned His eyes with such a look of sadness and sympathy upon the doctor, and said, "Repent now, while you have opportunity, lest soon you become so laden with business entanglements that you will care little as to what is your record for eternity. You are defrauding your own soul. The business transactions and opportunities which are presented to you are becoming so numerous that they prevent your giving your earnest attention to the momentous concerns of eternity. Only a little longer will mind and body bear the strain that you are imposing on them. You now hold only a fragment of religion. The business transactions that you mingle with your medical missionary work are so great a temptation that you seem to have no power to go from the snare. The name medical missionary can be applied only to a part of your work, but the Lord desires that the sanctified wisdom of heaven should be diffused all through and through your work.

“True godliness is obtained by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. Thus we are made partakers of the divine nature. No enterprise, no devising, that will not bear the signature of heaven will be of the least value in this life or in the life to come. Inquire while you may, Am I not sinning against my own soul and against the God who has done so much for me?”

Brother Jones, study these statements, and read them to Dr. Kellogg if you think best.

Lt 60, 1903

Rice, Brother and Sister [J. D.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 19, 1903

My dear Brother and Sister Rice,—

I am glad you are engaged in the work in Berkeley. The Lord has opened before you a work in that place. He would have you come before the people with His message, relating encouraging experiences and preparing the way for the Lord’s coming. Brother Rice should educate himself to speak right to the point, and not at too great length. Sister Rice can then share the time with him. The Lord has given her a work to do in connection with her husband. She can be a great blessing.

Very many souls are in the darkness of error. There is abundant work for all who know the truth. Approach the people in a persuasive, kindly manner, full of cheerfulness and love for Christ. Christ is ever passing by with grace and power to enable you to present the gospel of salvation, which will bring souls out of the darkness of unbelief into His marvelous light. Reach out after the souls ready to perish. Call the attention of the people to the “Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” [John 1:29.]

No human tongue can express the preciousness of the ministration of the Word and the Holy Spirit. No human expression can portray to the finite mind the value of understanding, and by living faith receiving the blessing that is given as Jesus of Nazareth passes by. Many have a deep sense of need—a need that earthly riches or pleasures cannot supply; but they know not how to receive that for which they are longing.

The gospel of Christ is from beginning to end the gospel of saving grace. It is a distinctive and controlling idea. It will be a help to the needy, light for the eyes that are blind to the truth, and a guide to souls seeking for the true foundation. Full and everlasting salvation is within the reach of every soul. Christ is waiting and longing to speak pardon and impart the freely offered grace. He is watching and waiting, saying as He said to the blind man at the gate of Jericho: “What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?” [Mark 10:51.] “I will take away thy sins; I will wash you in My blood.”

In all the highways of life there are souls to be saved. The blind are groping in darkness. Give them the light, and God will bless you as His laborers.

Since coming home, I have had nervous prostration, and even today have been very weak, but I thought I would write to you not to be discouraged. God will help you in your efforts to save the lost.

In love.

Lt 61, 1903

Kellogg, M. G.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 18, 1903

Previously unpublished.

M. G. Kellogg

Dear Brother Kellogg,

Sara told me that you called yesterday while I was lying down. I am sorry that I did not see you.

She tells me that no work has been assigned to you. I am sorry for this, but I shall not let the matter rest as it is.

Just now I am so weak and prostrated that I can do but little. I have been writing some things for the Council at Battle Creek and have also written some letters. At the Conference it was necessary for me to preserve my strength for important matters that I alone could handle.

Have courage in the Lord, my brother, and do not, I entreat of you, lose faith. Some work will open up for you. You could do evangelistic work in San Francisco or in other places. You can speak to the people. Let your talks be short and frequent. Do not speak of things that they cannot understand. Give them the simple truths of the Bible, and the Lord will bless and strengthen you.

I will do something for you as soon as I am able. I will lay your case before the brethren. In those great cities there is surely something you can do, or the Lord will open some other door for you. Did not your brother John have some suggestion for your work?

You are having a trying experience with your eyesight. But looking unto Christ, believing in Him who is the Light of the world, will bring you comfort and joy and peace. If today Christ were among us, as when He, the great Medical Missionary, walked the earth, you would go to Him for comfort and healing. Today no curious multitudes flock to the desert places to see and hear the Christ. His voice is not heard in the busy streets. No cry is heard from the wayside, “Jesus of Nazareth passeth by.” [Luke 18:37.] But this word is true to us today. He walks unseen through

our streets. We are to realize that Christ is in our world, a practical Worker. With messages of mercy, He comes to the homes of those who will receive Him. Thank God, He stands ready to be found of every one who humbly and earnestly seeks Him. He will breathe the Living Spirit into every hungry heart.

Be of good courage in the Lord, my brother. Wait patiently, and the Lord will open the way before you. I send encouraging words to your wife and her mother. Do not despond, but hope in the Lord. I am thinking of you, and I will pray for you all, as well as for myself.

In faith, hope, and courage, I write these words to you. May the Lord be your Helper and your Strength is my prayer.

Lt 62, 1903

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 21, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I have a deep interest in you and in your family, and I pray for the prosperity of your work. I have words to write to you cautioning you about employing Sister Tuxford in a position where she might unconsciously exert an influence to lower the standard and introduce rich, unhealthful dishes and expensive provisions into your vegetarian restaurant. When I first heard that Sister Tuxford was connected with you in your work in the restaurant, I was glad. In the past she had given as an excuse for not being a thorough-going health reformer the reason that she could not cook, as she otherwise would, on account of her mother's being unable, because of her age and feebleness, to make a change in her diet. This reason no longer exists, and I hoped that Sister Tuxford would make a thorough change in her way of cooking and eating.

Should her advice be followed as to the food that should be provided for those who patronize the restaurant, there is danger that the restaurant will become a consumer instead of a producer. When it is seen that an enterprise is running behind, a change should be made so that money enough will be brought in to cover expenses. If this cannot be done, it would be better for the enterprise to be closed.

Be very careful that unhealthful, rich preparations of food are not presented as a sample of health-reform cooking.

You have said that you are a dyspeptic. I see no reason why you should be thus, if your preparations of food are wholesome and if you eat at the right hours. I ask you to look carefully into these matters. I appreciate you most highly, my dear brother and sister. But I must tell you that you have lessons to learn in regard to your eating that you have not yet learned. I advise you to study closely into these things, and then give the stomach the best of care. For thirty-five

years I have made it a practice to eat only two meals a day. Occasionally when travelling, I have eaten irregular meals, when I have been thrown out of line by not being able to get my meals at the regular time. I am seventy-five years old; but I do as much writing as I ever did. My digestion is good, and my brain is clear.

Our fare is simple and wholesome. We have on our table no butter, no meat, no cheese, no greasy mixtures of food. For some months a young man who was an unbeliever, and who had eaten meat all his life, boarded with us. We made no change in our diet on his account; and while he stayed with us he gained about twenty pounds. The food which we provided was far better for him than that to which he had been accustomed. All who sit at my table express themselves as being well satisfied with the food provided.

Both you and Sister Burden need to be careful. God will help you to do the work He has given you. But the starting and conducting [of] restaurants to provide food for the public is not your special work. You have a work of soul-saving to do. In your work in connection with the restaurant, have you been able to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth? God would have you stationed where the influence of every one in your family will be exerted on the side of soul-saving. I do not want your earnest efforts to be lost. I do not want you to be weighed in the balances and found wanting. I entreat you and the other members of your family not to follow the example of any one who in Christian experience is a short pattern. In no case are you to measure yourselves by the world or by the opinions of men. Neither are you to place yourselves where you are so tied up that you can not give yourselves to the work of saving the souls ready to perish. It has been my thought that you could do a good and acceptable work in connection with the Sanitarium at Wahroonga.

In regard to the health food work, I will say that I have received no light that would warrant the establishment of a health food factory in or near Sydney.

Lt 63, 1903

Brethren at the Medical Missionary Council

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 19, 1903

To our brethren at the Medical Missionary Council,—

I speak to our leading brethren, to our ministers, and especially to our physicians. Just as long as you allow pride to dwell in your hearts, so long will you lack power in your work. For years a wrong spirit has been cherished, a spirit of pride, a desire for pre-eminence. In this Satan is served, and God is dishonored. The Lord calls for a decided reformation. And when a soul is truly reconverted, let him be rebaptized. Let him renew his covenant with God, and God will renew His covenant with him. My brethren, show true repentance for departure from God. Let angels and men see that there is forgiveness of sin with God. Extraordinary power from God

must take hold of Seventh-day Adventist churches. Reconversion must take place among the members, that as God's witnesses they may testify to the authoritative power of the truth that sanctifies the soul. Renewed, purified, sanctified, the church must be, else the wrath of God will fall upon them with much greater power than upon those who have never professed to be saints.

Those who are sanctified through the truth will show that the truth has worked a reformation in their lives, that it is preparing them for translation into the heavenly world. But so long as pride and envy and evil surmising predominate in the life, Christ does not rule in the heart. His love is not in the soul. In the lives of those who are partakers of the divine nature there is a crucifixion of the haughty, self-sufficient spirit that leads to self-exaltation. In its place the Spirit of Christ abides, and in the life the fruits of the Spirit appear. Having the mind of Christ, His followers reveal the graces of His character.

Nothing short of this will make men acceptable to God. Nothing short of this will give them the pure, holy character that those must have who are admitted to heaven. As soon as a man puts on Christ, an evidence of the change wrought in him is seen in spirit and word and act. A heavenly atmosphere surrounds his soul; for Christ is abiding within.

"Verily, verily I say unto you," Christ declared, "he that believeth on Me hath everlasting life." [John 6:47.] O how few there are who reveal in their lives the principles of this life! They profess to believe the most sacred truth ever given to mortals, but in their lives they dishonor God. "He that 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." [Verses 54-57.]

Do you believe these wonderful statements? Do you receive the words of Christ? I tell you that when in truth you receive them, you will practice the truth in accordance with the teachings of Christ. But as surely as you do not avail yourselves of the privileges presented in these words, so surely will you misrepresent Christ by a half-hearted religious life. So surely you will set before the youth you are educating an example that will not be safe for them to follow, and you will bear the condemnation of their unchristlikeness.

My soul is burdened day and night; for I fear that I have not been as explicit as I should have been. In the night season I pray, "Lord, help me; Lord, teach me. Have compassion on the sheep and the lambs of Thy pasture. Abandon not the unsanctified, unholy, professing Christians in Thy church to their own perverted, corrupt way."

A few nights since, I dreamed that I was praying in a meeting. O how earnestly my heart was drawn out in supplication! "Lord," I pleaded, "let not this people claiming to believe so sacred a truth follow on in their mistaken ideas until their names are blotted out of the book of life and recorded among the names of the unjust. Help them to see that by their unlikeness to Christ they are greatly dishonoring the Lord."

I call upon the people of God to awake to a realization that their condition is plainly marked out in the message to the Laodicean church. Those who are striving to overcome will while on this earth be pursued by satanic agencies. The enemy will tempt them to corrupt the principles that they must maintain if they would reach the high standard that God has set before them. We can overcome only in the way in which Christ overcame—by whole-hearted obedience to God. Real virtue of character cannot, will not, act by halves. The Christian graces, all cherished, form a beautiful, symmetrical character. True religion is obedience to all the commandments of God. Obedience brings salvation; disobedience, ruin.

It pays to examine the whole conduct of the life. What manifestation do we give our fellow men as God's medical missionaries, teachers of the gospel? What evidence do we give that we are Christ's medical missionaries, imbued by His Spirit? Do we show that we are preparing for a life that measures with the life of God? With the opportunities and privileges that we have had, we should be in advance of any people in the world. But what spirit are we bringing into our work? Are we bearing witness to the world to the blessedness of bringing the life of Christ into our individual lives? Do we fear lest, after a promise being left us of entering into God's rest, some of us should seem to come short, because we do not love Him?

The lives of medical missionaries should be in harmony with the name they bear. Their words and acts should be an interpretation of all that the name embraces. The world has a right to expect from those who claim to be medical missionaries a course of conduct corresponding to all that the name signifies. In this present life God's servants are to give to the world an example of the preparation that those must make who obtain eternal life. But many of those claiming to have advanced knowledge of the Word of God have given to the world a sample of character that He cannot approve.

It behooves us to live in the fear and love of God. God is supreme, and He co-operates with those who represent Christ in life and character, those who are kind, thoughtful, self-denying, and self-sacrificing. Christ says, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24.]

Make your life preparation for eternity. You have not a moment to lose. Do you keep God's commandments? Do you fear to offend Him? Do you feel your dependence on Christ? Do you realize that you must be kept every moment by His power? Is your life filled each day with submission, contentment, and gratitude?

Medical missionary workers are acknowledged by Christ, not because they bear the name they do, but because they are under the guardianship of the Chief Missionary, who left heaven to give His life for the life of the world. He says, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments. ... He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me, and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and manifest Myself to him." [John 14:15, 21.]

Then, as witnesses for God, give proof that you are under the discipline and training of the great Medical Missionary; that you have placed yourselves in His hands, to manifest His Spirit, to shew to the world the sacred character of His great work, and to reveal to unbelievers the advantage of being under His guardianship. A medical missionary is not of value to the cause of God unless all the principles embraced in the name that he bears are developed in his life. The gospel of Christ is to be brought into the daily life. We are to make our life in this world an example, as far as we possibly can, of what the life in heaven will be. This Christ expects of all who claim to be medical missionaries. They are not to cherish one principle that bears a taint of selfishness. They are to stand before the world as followers of Christ, partaking of His self-denial and humiliation, and heralding His coming.

Christ might have astonished the world by a display of His glorious divinity. But He concealed this, to place Himself at the head of humanity. He was tempted in all points like as we are, that He might know how to succor those who are tempted. He requires His followers to submit to no inconvenience and self-sacrifice to which He did not submit. He might have come escorted by ten thousand times ten thousand of the heavenly host; but no! He clothed Himself in the habiliments of humanity. He made Himself of no reputation. He humbled Himself at every step. "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.]

It is possible for us to represent Him. We need not by wilful, unsanctified lives continually deny Him and by unprincipled actions put Him to open shame, while claiming to be medical missionaries. May God have mercy upon us, bestowing repentance and healing; for if we continue to dishonor His great and holy name, refusing to humble our hearts, refusing to heed His admonitions, and bracing our souls in pride and self-sufficiency, His judgments upon us will be repeated.

Monday, April 20, 1903

This morning between twelve and one o'clock, I awoke from sleep calling upon the Lord in prayer, both in my own behalf and in the behalf of my brethren. I felt a wonderful nearness to God. These words were sounding in my ears: "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." [Luke 18:37.] "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me whole." [See Matthew 8:2.] In my hand and arm there was a feeling which I did not at first understand, a feeling of freedom and power for service. I continued the prayer that I had been offering in my sleep and then arose and dressed. The exhaustion from which I had been suffering since the Conference in Oakland was gone; my head was rested and my mind was clear. The day before, I had felt deeply burdened, and in the afternoon I wrote thirteen pages in my large diary. As fast as my pen could trace the words I wrote the first part of this, and other things to our brethren in the medical work, who have been holding responsible positions in our institutions. I thank the Lord for healing, and for strength necessary to the performance of the work He has given me to do.

In our institutions there has been a departure from pure, holy, sanctified principles in business management, and the Lord has come near to His people in rebuke and judgment. He sends to them the messages:

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for My name’s sake hast labored and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”
[Revelation 2:1-5.]

“And 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. 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 in 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.” [Revelation 3:1-5.]

Keeping daily guard over ourselves, over thought and word and act, facing God’s law as we face a mirror, seeing if we are true to God’s requirements—this is the part we are to act. And when we discover an inconsistency in our life, we are to repent before God and correct the wrong, else our whole experience will be leavened with evil. We are not to forget the revelation of the divine mirror. We are to remember that nothing that the Lord declares impure or false can help to make our lives more fit for the kingdom of God. We are not our own, and we are to search the Word of God diligently, that we may know what are the duties enjoined by that word. That which God expects of His children here below is plainly outlined and urged upon us in the Word. His instruction is sustained by promises scattered all through the Word, from the beginning to the end. The Lord knows how to deal justly and truly with the members of His family.

In all your councils and labors, remember that nothing is to be done through strife or vainglory. God will surely call to account any one who treats a member of His family in an arbitrary or unkind manner.

The words of the Psalmist are strikingly definite: “Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh

the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour." You may not have originated the reproach, but even taking it up brings condemnation upon you. "In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved." [Psalm 15:1-5.]

Those who violate the principles of heavenly origin, and disregard the plain injunctions of God; those who do not respect the rules of God's family government, who in this world of test and trial do the opposite of what He has told them to do, determined to follow on in an evil course, could not be received as members of His heavenly family. They would create the same disturbance in the heavenly courts that they have created here below. They would stir up a second rebellion. So the Lord gives human beings their trial in the lower apartment. Those who will see His face, those who will be admitted to the glorious courts above, must here live the Christ life.

"If ye forgive men their trespasses," said our Saviour to His disciples, "your heavenly Father will also forgive your trespasses. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses." [Matthew 6:14, 15.] The Lord's requirements are plainly stated, and they are without a flaw. At the day of judgment, no one will have any excuse for saying, "I did not understand." The duty of dedicating all to God is clearly enjoined in His Word.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." [Romans 12:1.] Our all is the measure of the consecration that God accepts. He claims the service of those whom He has redeemed, whether they give themselves to Him or to the enemy. But He does not force them to obey His call. Each one must choose for himself whether he will receive or reject the Saviour, whether he will have eternal life or eternal death.

Lt 64, 1903

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 22, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

At times I have a great desire to see you and talk with you, but this I cannot now do. I can talk to you with my pen only.

The General Conference is in the past. It pleased the Lord to give me strength to attend this meeting. He is very merciful and gracious. Although I had many perplexing questions to consider, I was strengthened to bear my testimony. If after presenting to our people the words that God gives me I could have sure evidence that these words are received, I should be relieved of a heavy burden. But I greatly fear that the watchmen, whose business it is to be on guard, who should be quick to perceive the dangers before the people of God and to take every possible means to prepare them to withstand the temptations of the enemy, are some of them blind.

In all our institutions watchmen of experience are needed to guard every post of duty, lest the enemy steal in and cause an influence to pervade our institutions that will do injury to many souls.

I plead with God, in the name of Christ, to help his people not to continue to occupy the position pointed out in the message:

“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.”

[Revelation 3:14-17.]

Shall this continue to be the condition of the people claiming to be Seventh-day Adventists? No one need remain in this condition, which makes men so abhorrent to the Saviour that He cannot take their names on His lips. God is weighing the actions of men. Will His people continue to slight His messages of mercy. Will those who claim to be leaders of His people mistake the path that He wants them to follow? Christ says, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.]

God sent to the church at Sardis the message: “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.” [Revelation 3:2, 3.] Wherein was their deficiency? It is shown in the words, “I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” [Verse 1.] They had a name to live, but as far as exerting a saving influence is concerned, they were dead. They had a form of godliness without the power.

There are today in the flock of God shepherds who do not discern their spiritual need, who do not keep the pure principles of truth uncontaminated by worldly influences. They are careless in regard to their own spiritual standing. To them comes the urgent message, “Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die; for I have not found thy works perfect before God.” [Verse 2.] Remember how you have received and heard the truth. Receive the

messages of warning brought by the Lord's ambassadors. Let not these warnings become dim in your memory. "Hold fast and repent." [Verse 3.]

Jesus declares that the Father is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him than parents are to give good gifts to their children. The Holy Spirit understands man's every necessity. He will bestow upon the earnest seeker that for which He hungers and thirsts. The blessings that God has to bestow are unlimited. We cannot comprehend their height and depth and breadth. All heaven is at the command of those who, realizing their lack of wisdom, come directly to the source of all wisdom. To such ones God gives liberally and upbraids not. But let them ask in faith, nothing wavering. "For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed." [James 1:6.] The one who receives wisdom from on high is the one who holds fast to the promise, the one who feels his need and will not be turned aside.

Divine grace can be forfeited by a misapplication of the rich treasure. Every teacher in our schools, every medical worker, every shepherd of the sheep and lambs is in positive need of the Holy Spirit. Let God's servants work in sincerity, with humility and with purity of purpose. God has spiritual power in store for every diligent seeker. There is power for all who will seek for it with an intensity of earnestness. These will become partakers of the divine nature; for they have cooperated with God.

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." [Philippians 2:12.] All self-sufficiency, all desire to dictate to others, all pride and selfishness, must be cast out; these things belong to the enemy's stock in trade. All may have hope who desire to be laborers together with God in His great plan for soul-saving. "For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." [Verse 13.] Spiritual influence is given to them to be increased by a right use. They will be given an enlargement of power proportionate to their desire to do the will of God. The influence given them will greatly increase their usefulness, unless they forfeit the blessing by selfishness by a misuse of the entrusted gift.

The Lord is greatly dishonored when wrong practices are carried on by the ministers or the lay members of His church. These wrong practices arouse a spirit of alienation and strife and faultfinding. God sees beneath the surface. He reads the heart of every one who is following evil ways. He says to all, "I know thy works." [Revelation 3:1.] How many times those misusing the precious gifts of heaven read these words and yet make no change in the life. We must arouse from our spiritual slumber. We must be born again. There is a lamentable decay in religious experience. A truly godly life is rarely seen. The sins of the church are charged upon the church by One who never makes a mistake. The sins of a wrongdoer will remain upon him until he clears his soul from the impurity and falsehood and makes straight paths for his feet.

"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." [Verse 4.] What higher honor could be bestowed on human beings? "They shall walk with Me in white; for they are worthy." Because of their faith this honor is bestowed on them. In this life they did not boast or lift up their soul unto

vanity. With intensity of desire, with a pure and holy faith, they grasped the promise of eternal riches. Their one desire was to be like Christ. Their earnestness was proportionate to their intensity. Ever they kept the standard of righteousness uplifted. To them is given an eternal weight of glory, because on the earth they walked with God, keeping themselves unspotted from the world, revealing to sinful human beings the righteousness of Christ. Of them the Saviour declares, They shall walk with Me in white, in robes of honor and glory, in the world that I have prepared for them. "He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels." [Verse 5.]

Christ is their Redeemer, the Captain of their salvation. He leads them to the Father, saying with triumphant joy, "Here am I and the children whom Thou hast given Me." [Isaiah 8:18.]

"And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with Him an hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder; and I heard the voices of harpers harping with many harps, and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders; and no man could learn that song, but the hundred and forty and four thousand which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile; for they are without fault before the throne of God." [Revelation 14:1-5.]

"After this, I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood 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. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen: blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever." [Revelation 7:9-12.]

Lt 65, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 19, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I wake in the night, and my heart is drawn out after you. I ask myself, "Should his life end suddenly, would I be guiltless if I do not now do all in my power to lead his mind away from the

world?" I find myself sitting up in bed, sending heavenward the petition, "Lord, open his eyes, that he may see wondrous things out of Thy law. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." [See Psalm 119:18; 19:7.]

I have a sense of your danger, and you need to have a sense of it. If we should sustain you in a wrong course, we would ourselves be committing sin. You may have the confidence and approval of men, but the praise of human beings is no evidence of the approval of God. It furnishes no evidence that they see as He sees. Those who trust to the praise and approval of men will end their lives without having obtained a preparedness to meet God.

My brother, I have the deepest interest in you, knowing the value of the human soul, and I entreat you to turn to the Lord with full purpose of heart. In the night season I am pleading with you to heed the Scripture, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" [2 Corinthians 13:5.] I am waiting and longing to hear from you in regard to your individual experience. It is not feeling, but genuine faith and works, that lay hold upon unseen realities. True faith is substantiated by a sure "Thus saith the Lord," by the word, "It is written."

The instruction that Christ gives in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew is the very best education that you or I can ever obtain. "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto Him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." [Verses 1-4.]

Who needs, then, to err? Who needs to be in darkness, when Christ has spoken words so simple and so easily understood? Will you not show, in your daily experience, that your dependence is in God? Will you not show that you are not seeking to be first? Will you not esteem others better than yourself, because the word of Inspiration declares that you should do this? It is not by taking the position that Christ has declared we should take that you will give evidence that you are a true child of God.

You are inclined to exalt yourself, to cherish a spirit of censoriousness. You show contempt for those who are chosen of God and precious, because they differ with you in some things. It is in the order of God that in some things they should differ with you. But because they do not agree with all your plans, you sometimes feel that you want nothing to do with them. Do you realize the danger of despising Christ in the person of His saints? God is light, and when He gives instruction to human beings that does not please them, shall they regard with scorn and contempt the messenger who, as a faithful steward, has had the courage to speak to them the truth? Will you, my brother, become the enemy of the Lord's messenger, and say many things that are untrue of the one who has told you the truth?

O that you would sit as a humble learner at the feet of Christ! Then you would reveal a character that God could approve. What a change there would be in the atmosphere surrounding your soul! You need so much the softening, subduing influence of the Holy Spirit. It is for your present and eternal good that you become soundly converted, through the sanctifying influence of the truth as it is in Jesus. Examine and prove yourself. Do not let any man deceive you. However highly a man may appreciate you, he cannot read your heart. Pray now, without delay, that you may not deceive yourself or be deceived by others.

I tell you the truth; I lie not. You need a renewed heart. Pray that your eyes may be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve, that you may discern the true character of your religious faith and experience. Have you that faith which works by love and purifies the soul? Are you striving to reach the standard that God has set before you? If you choose, you can make the Word of God of no effect to many souls, leading them away from the safe path. But I want you to stand on vantage ground before God. I want you to sit at the wedding feast clad in the wedding garment—the righteousness of Christ.

You have had many, many opportunities to become acquainted with the truth as it is in Jesus. Will you not hold the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end? Will you not look to Jesus as your pattern in character building? Then the structure that you rear will not be weak and imperfect, but solid and symmetrical. Study carefully the life of Christ. Constantly compare your way of viewing things with the way in which they are viewed in the Word of God. Do not in character misrepresent the character of Christ. Never, never depart from the way of the Lord; for “what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” [Mark 8:36, 37.]

There are many who dishonor Christ by their unsanctified lives. But there are men who have lived with their eyes fixed on the Saviour. There are faithful ones who have served the Lord with uprightness of heart. Their lives have borne witness to the truth of the words: “The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold; yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.” [Psalm 19:8-10.]

One who knew by blessed experience the value of God’s law thus expressed his thanksgiving: “How sweet are Thy words to my taste; yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!” “Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee?” “Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous, and shout for joy, all ye upright in heart.” [Psalm 119:103; 73:25; 32:11.]

This may be your experience if you will separate from you all that is marring your character. I beseech you to make an unreserved surrender to God, and to make it now, just now. When you make this surrender, you will have an experience entirely different from the experience that you have had for many years. Then you will be able to say with the apostle Paul, “I count all

things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ." [Philippians 3:8.] "I delight in the law of God, after the inward man." [Romans 7:22.]

Every privilege is opened before you. Christ presents His loveliness of character for you to copy. When you make Him your example, your pride and self-assurance will be removed. You are becoming weak in spiritual power through cherishing an unforgiving spirit and indulging wrathful feelings that place you under the control of Satan. These things are bearing sorry testimony against you. When you are converted, your masterly spirit, which leads you to judge and condemn and censure, will be changed.

Will you not accept the 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.] Christ's life, from beginning to end, was a life of meekness and humility. He was the Majesty of heaven, yet He came to our world to take His position at the head of the fallen race, and in human nature to reveal the character that all must form who are admitted into the city of God. He came to show the power of the sanctification of body, soul, and spirit that we must possess if we gain the life that measures with the life of God.

Christians must exemplify before the world, before angels, and before men the keeping power of the grace of Christ. You are intelligent in regard to the capabilities of body and mind and in regard to the victories that may be gained over the appetites and passions. You are a prominent member of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association. What you say and do carries a weight of influence. This influence should ever be exerted on the side of obedience to Bible truth. You should ever point the way heavenward, giving those whom you seek to educate the gospel remedy for pride and self-exaltation. This you can do by exemplifying in your life the virtues of Christ, the great Healer, the Medical Missionary sent by God to reveal the power of the grace that God's tried and tempted children can have in this life, preparatory to entering into the city of God, to take their place as little children in His kingdom. We are given opportunity to be learners of Christ here below, that we may be His students in the courts above, learners of Him through the ceaseless ages of eternity.

Lt 66, 1903

Jones, A. T.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 22, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Elder A. T. Jones

My dear brother,—

I have written another letter to Dr. Kellogg, which I send to you, with the request that you read it to him at the first favorable opportunity. I greatly desire that every effort possible shall be made to encourage him to listen to the warnings, the counsels, and the encouragements which the Lord has given to me for him; and I know that if this letter falls into his hands at a time when he is weary, or worried and perplexed, its true spirit and meaning may not be understood. If you seek a suitable opportunity to read it to him, and your prayers and entreaties are mingled with the words of entreaty which the Lord sends through me, there may be more hope of a lasting impression for good.

Tomorrow I will send to you two testimonies which ought to be read to our brethren assembled at Battle Creek attending the Medical Missionary Council. Several copies will be sent to you, so that after the MSS. have been read, copies can be placed in the hands of those who ought to have them. Single copies will also be sent to Elder Daniells and Dr. Paulson. It will be well for you to counsel with them as to when and how these matters should be brought before the Council in the way that will do the most good.

I appeal to you, Brother Jones, to bring forcibly before the leading medical men the necessity of their doing thorough work at this time in the matter of investigating the true business standing of our medical institutions. Let there be no superficial work. It is also the duty of our medical men to study into the reasons why the managers of the Boulder Sanitarium have not made payment to the General Conference Association of a portion of the indebtedness of that institution.

If in the management of the medical missionary work there has been a grasping spirit to receive as much as possible from the General Conference, and then to hold every advantage without consideration of the financial condition of the Conference, our medical men in responsible positions should not close their eyes to it, or consent to have this condition of things continue.

After the Conference, I was very weak; but the Lord is giving me strength day by day to write the things which I am sending forward to the Council. I pray that there may be a humbling of proud hearts before the Lord; that there may be confession of sins and a turning to the Lord.

I shall be glad to hear from you when you have time to write.

In much love.

Lt 67, 1903

Brethren at the Medical Missionary Council

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 23, 1903

To our brethren assembled at the Medical Missionary Council at Battle Creek,—

The work committed to us by the Lord will advance rapidly only when we labor in unity. In unity there is a life, a power, that cannot be obtained without it. United with one another, working together in harmony for the salvation of men, we shall indeed be “laborers together with God.” [1 Corinthians 3:9.]

“Yes,” says one, “this is exactly what I believe in—consolidation.” But Christian unity is not what the world calls consolidation. Unity among brethren results in consolidation with Christ and with the heavenly angels. Such consolidation is heavenborn. It is that for which Christ longed when He prayed for unity among His disciples.

Last July, in the night season, it seemed as if I were speaking to a large company of brethren and sisters. Before me were some who had superior tact and ability to reach souls—men and women who, if consecrated, could have awakened many of the careless, the indifferent, the godless. But these church members had lost their hold on Jesus. They desired to command, not to serve. No longer were they united with love for one another and for perishing souls.

While I was speaking, a heavenly Messenger came forward, and said: “Have you forgotten the scenes of Gethsemane? Christ passed through His last terrible trial in order that you might not perish, but have eternal life. ‘Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.’ [1 John 3:16.]

“By your failure to work in harmony, you are greatly dishonoring God. The enemy of your souls delights to see you working at cross-purposes with one another. You need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If you could draw aside the curtain veiling the future, and see the result of your present course, you would surely be led to repent. By repentance you can save yourselves much sorrow.

“Would it not be well for you to seek the Lord as the disciples sought Him before the day of Pentecost? After Christ’s ascension, His disciples—men of varied talents and capabilities— assembled in an upper chamber to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. In this room ‘all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.’ [Acts 1:14.] They made thorough work for repentance by confessing their own sins. Upon them was laid no burden to confess one another’s sins. Settling all differences and alienations, they were of one accord and prayed with unity of purpose for ten days, at the end of which time ‘they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.’ [Acts 2:4.]

“The Holy Spirit cannot be revealed to you while dissension and strife exist. Would it not be well for you to lay ‘aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,’ and ‘as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby’? [1 Peter 2:1, 2.]

“If you would unitedly put away your unchristlike, hereditary and cultivated traits, and work together, the Lord could work through you. But souls will not be convicted and converted until

you come into unity and Christian fellowship. Lose sight of self. Keep your eyes fixed upon the Redeemer.

“The representation that you make before believers and unbelievers is one of variance and strife. Clear away this rubbish. Press together. Be satisfied with nothing less than a thorough work of humiliation and repentance. Work as for your lives to overcome every evil trait of character. You are not placed in the Lord’s vineyard to create dissension and alienation. Sweep away the evils that have crept in. ‘Consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.’ [Hebrews 10:24.]

“The Lord designs that all His children shall blend in unity. Do you not expect to live together in unity in the same heaven? Is Christ divided against Himself. Will He give you success before all the rubbish of evil surmising and discord is swept away; before the laborers with unity of purpose devote heart, soul, mind, and strength to the work so holy in God’s sight? ‘As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.’ [1 Peter 1:15.]

“In Christ’s prayer for His disciples He petitioned His Father: ‘Sanctify them through Thy truth: 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.’ Who is being sanctified through the truth? ‘Neither pray I for these alone,’ He 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, 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 17:17-23.]

“The prayer of Christ is not yet answered. There is a work that still remains undone. Although engaged in the Master’s service, many laborers are envious, full of strife, destitute of the love that should be in their hearts. Those who claim to be Christians but who reveal the characteristics of worldlings are dishonoring the name of Jesus. Will you not consider the representation that you are making before unbelievers? Will you not seek for the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that you may answer the prayer of Christ? Would it not be well for you to pray that you shall not disappoint the Lord Jesus by failing to be His instrumentalities? When in word and deed you answer His prayer, putting away all variance, His Spirit will bear witness that you are His instrumentalities, and the world will take knowledge of you, that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him.

“The Lord calls upon those now working in connection with His cause to repent and be converted. Many, standing in their own light, are wasting precious opportunities. There is great need of coming together with deep humiliation and sincere repentance because of the lack of unity and brotherly love that has been manifested. In the Word, Christians are instructed not to neglect the assembling of themselves together. If need be, come together with fasting. Make

most diligent search for the cause of your soul-sickness, which must be healed. Until in every sense of the word you are Christians in your association with one another, until you love as brethren, how can your efforts for unbelievers be acceptable to God? Your first work is to be converted yourselves.”

God says, “If those who have allowed a wrong spirit to control them will come to Me in repentance, and will confess their sins, I will hear their prayers and will pardon them. But if they do not come to Me, if they consult human agencies, and allow themselves to be leavened with the leaven of human malice and evil surmising, they will surely be separated from My work.”

The stubborn and hardhearted, unless they repent, will be separated from the work. The Lord Jesus cannot accept the labors of any man who has left his first love. He may have the capabilities essential for the work, but unless the love of Christ is burning on the altar of his heart, the want of that love will be seen in all his work, and Christ will be misrepresented.

How thankful we should be that the Lord is willing to accept every one who manifests repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ! Let us never place bars in the way of any soul, so that he will not have the courage to engage in the good warfare against Satan’s temptations. Instead of criticizing one another, let us deal sternly with self. With the closest introspection let us examine our peculiar temperament and weaknesses of character. Let us deal decidedly and bravely with our perverse disposition, so that we shall not dishonor God. Let us remember that we are all members of one body, and that among these members there is to be no crowding, no judging, no measuring of one gift by another.

God calls for light-bearers who will fill the world with the light and peace and joy that come from Christ. God will use humble men, men who will cherish a sense of their weakness, who will not think that the work of God depends on them. Such men will remember what the service of God demands from them—the propriety of speech and action that God calls for. They will reveal that Christ dwells in the heart, imparting purity to the whole being.

My brethren, will you not realize that there is much at stake? Will you not conduct the work in so healthful and wholesome a manner that all the threads now tangled and knotted will be straightened out? Forget not to “consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” [Hebrews 10:24.] If you will now draw nigh to God, many of those who are in serious perplexity because of their self-confidence will confess that they have manifested an unchristlike spirit and will turn to Jesus, placing their confidence in Him. Realizing their own weakness, they will wear Christ’s yoke and learn of Him. Receiving His strength, they will become sons of God.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those

things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." [Philippians 4:8, 9.]

Lt 68, 1903

Butler, Hiland

May 1, 1903 [typed]

Dear Brother Hiland Butler,—

I am sorry that any one has written to you disparagingly of Brother W. O. Palmer. Why should this be done? No one is free from mistakes. I might present many things in criticism of those with whom I associate. But what would be gained by this?

I know that there are many who cherish feelings of criticism toward Brother Palmer. But I have been instructed that in the sight of a holy God his case is not one-tenth part as injurious to the cause as the cases of some to whom God has given great light and many opportunities, but who refuse to walk in the light if it does not suit their own ideas.

There are those who are doing what the Lord calls a strange work. They need the divine enlightenment. They need to be converted. Their testimony should not be allowed to lead to the rejection of those who are striving to serve God. They are not living in the light of God. They are not obeying His commands. Between them and Him there is a barrier that cannot be removed without a complete change of heart. Only by such a change of heart can they be brought into right relation with God.

There is but one path to heaven—the strait and narrow way. Of those who enter this path the Lord says, "Ye are My witnesses." [Isaiah 43:10.] Those only who love God supremely and their neighbor as themselves can walk in this way. Christ says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." [Matthew 5:48.] We are to follow Christ in everything, conforming our lives to His teachings.

It is the duty of all to press toward the light, ever keeping in view the perfection of Him whose words and works bear the impress of divinity.

Paul writes, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind,

and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” [Philippians 3:7-14.]

That righteousness is of no real value that goes no further than external form. It was in this righteousness that the religion of the Pharisees consisted. Upon this they relied for salvation.

“Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.” [Verse 15.]

By the counsel of His grace He will show them their mistakes. They must receive the truth in the meekness of holiness. Pride and self-importance must die.

The child of God is to reach out for higher and still higher attainments. He is to confess every sin, that by his example others may be helped to confess their sins and to cherish the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. He is to be constantly on guard, never standing still, never turning back, but ever pressing on toward the mark of the prize of his high calling in Christ.

There is a crown of immortality for the children of God to win. He will give them power to conquer in the strife with evil. When danger comes to them, angels are beside them, to help them; for the angels are “ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation.” [Hebrews 1:14.]

Watch vigilantly, swerving not to the right hand or to the left. Never give up to despair. “Whereunto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same things.” [Philippians 3:16.] “God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. ... As many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.” [Galatians 6:14, 16.]

A man is not one whit the safer because he occupies an exalted position and has been given great privileges. He is exposed to Satan’s attacks and is liable to fall into grievous sins and to make serious mistakes. Knowing his weakness, he should be very kind, very compassionate in dealing with others. In tenderness and love he should strive to reclaim the erring, doing nothing that will drive them away from Christ. When he sees a fellow worker in danger of making mistakes, he should not draw away from him, allowing him to stumble on in darkness. This would be revealing a selfishness most abhorrent.

Let men beware how they use their God-given talents to magnify the wrongs of others and to vindicate their own course. It may be that their own faults are more grievous in the sight of God than the faults of those they criticize.

Those who turn from the counsel of the Spirit of God, to follow their own counsel, counterwork the efforts of the Holy Spirit to guide their feet in the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord. They will surely lead other souls astray. God will place them among the chief of sinners. They had great light and many opportunities, but they exalted themselves to their own ruin. When

sentence of condemnation is passed on them, they will have no one but themselves to blame. Seeking earthly distinction and advantages, they lost the crown that fadeth not away.

A man may distinguish himself by doing many praiseworthy things when it is agreeable to his feelings to do them, and then again may use strange fire which comes not from heaven, and which he has been forbidden to use. Men clothed with holy vestments may greatly dishonor their Creator by exalting the human above the divine. Unless those who do this repent, the wrath of God will come upon them.

This life is our time for eternity. The good seed that day by day we sow, because we believe in Christ and receive Him as our Saviour, will spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life. We shall be given power to become sons and daughters of God.

Those who are created anew in Christ do not live to themselves. They do not aspire to do some great thing that will bring them before the world. They are filled with a longing to practice the lessons of Christ. They pray constantly for conformity to His likeness. And not only do they pray; they work.

Every day we should test our motives and opinions and course of conduct by the Bible rule. As we do this, bringing our wills into harmony with God's will, He is glorified in us. He rejoices in the evidence of purity and self-denial that appears in our lives. Those who walk as Christ in His humanity walked, revealing His meekness and lowliness, bear with them that which makes them light in the world. They obey the word, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 5:16.]

Lt 69, 1903

Van Horn, Charles

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 23, 1903

My dear brother,—

I have words of encouragement for you. Jesus loves you. He gave His precious life that you should not perish, but have everlasting life. Then lift your eyes to Him. Look on the bright side. It will do you no good to look on the dark side. Be patient, come what will. You may gather strength from Jesus, for in Him all fulness dwells. When despair would sweep over your soul, continue to look to Jesus. Cast your helpless soul upon Him. He ever liveth to make intercession for you. You are precious in His sight. He who looks with interest upon the little, brown sparrow looks in love and pity upon His tried, afflicted child.

It is for our present happiness and our future good that God subjects us to discipline. The greatest blessing that His children have is the discipline that He sends them. He never leads

them otherwise than they would choose to be led if they could see the end from the beginning and discern the glory of the purpose that they are fulfilling as workers together with Him.

The divine Worker spends little time on worthless material. Only the precious jewels does He polish after the similitude of a palace, cutting away the rough edges. The process is severe and trying; Christ cuts away the surplus surface, and putting the stone to the polishing wheel, presses it close, that all roughness may be worn off. Then, holding the jewel up to the light, the Master sees in it a reflection of Himself, and He pronounces it worthy of a place in His casket.

Blessed be the experience, however severe, that gives new value to the stone, causing it to shine with living brightness.

My dear brother, look ever to Jesus, and bring heaven into your life here below. The road to heaven is narrow and the gate strait; but all who will may pass through the gate and walk in the narrow path. If we reach heaven at last, our heaven must begin here below. The more of heaven that we bring into our life here, the greater will be our happiness in the home above.

Let your mind dwell on the goodness of God, on the great love wherewith He has loved you. If He did not love you, He would not have given Jesus to die for you. His everlasting arms are underneath you. In all your afflictions He is afflicted.

“Strong is the strength that God supplies, through His eternal Son.”

Lt 70, 1903

Walling, Addie; Walling, May

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 27, 1903

Dear children Addie and May Walling,—

I have written once or twice to you lately, but as I have received no reply, I fear that my letters must have been misdirected. I will write only a few lines now, but will write more when I know that you are receiving my letters.

My strength was severely taxed while at the Conference, but the Lord sustained me through the meeting, and by His blessing I am recovering from the strain. I could have borne the work of the meeting very well, had not many perplexities arisen to describe which would require the pen of a ready writer. While in Oakland I contracted a severe cold. Sara gave me thorough treatment, and this broke it up; but it still comes and goes, as colds often will.

During the first week of the Conference, rain fell nearly every day, but for some time the weather has been very pleasant.

The prospects of the Sanitarium here are more encouraging than they have been for some time. The patients are well-to-do, and all the higher-priced rooms are taken. The patients who have recently come express themselves as being well pleased with everything about the institution. Some who have travelled much say they never before saw such beautiful scenery or so fine a location. They roam over the hills and are enjoying their stay very much.

Dr. Evans and his wife are the chief physicians. Both are pleased with their work and are well thought of by others. Dr. Winegar is connected with the institution. She has lately married a Mr. Simpson from Battle Creek. Dr. Zelinsky and wife are also connected with the institution. The interest in religious lines seems to be good. Elder Taylor, the chaplain, is a faithful worker, and all seem to like him.

Brother Hicks was buried last Sunday. He died from a hemorrhage of the lungs, having been confined to his house only a short time. We shall miss him. Ever since the Sanitarium was built, he has shown an interest in its work.

Brother and Sister St. John live in a home of their own. Their daughter Hattie and her three children live with them. Mary Chinnock Thorpe, with her husband and his mother, live on the hillside.

Sarah Peck and her mother live in a small cottage near our house. We intended using this building for our workers, but it proved to be too small for the office work, so I built a plain, neat structure with eight rooms for our workers.

Sarah Peck teaches the Sanitarium church school. There are about forty pupils in attendance. Sister Peck has the reputation of being an excellent teacher. Her discipline is good, and all are well pleased with her work. The school house is built among the trees and rocks on a piece of ground at the foot of the Sanitarium hill a little removed from the road. All think it a delightful location. I was unable to give money to help in starting the school, but I have given the land for as long a time as the church may desire to use it for school purposes. When they wish a larger building, if I am able, I will take the present one off their hands.

Ella May White has been canvassing in Sacramento for the Desire of Ages and has sold a good many books. Our people in that place are well pleased with the spiritual influence she has exerted, and put her in as superintendent of their Sabbath School.

Mabel is not well all of the time. The doctors say she cannot endure the confinement of a school room and must not use her eyes in reading or studying. Some doctors fear that she may become blind if her eyes are taxed too severely. This has been very discouraging to her. She attended the Conference in Oakland and helped in the dining tent as waitress. She received four dollars a week and her board. She has a very good address, and the Food Company desired her to remain and help them in restaurant work. However they have not opened a new restaurant in Oakland as they intended, and Mabel came home yesterday. For a year or two she

has been working in the Food Factory here, but its noise and its atmosphere were very disagreeable to her; and she has been desirous of getting work somewhere else.

The twins are hearty boys. It is difficult to distinguish one from the other. Grace, the baby, is a strong, healthy girl with a good disposition. She is now nearly three years old.

Brother James, who has charge of the work on our farm, occupies a cottage near us with his family of eight children. They are a nice family. He is assisted by a faithful, intelligent man from Australia.

I have quite a company of workers with me. W. C. White takes charge of the business of my book work. He uses excellent judgment in deciding what shall be published. His brethren have wanted him with them in council meetings, and in the past I have let him go. But I have decided that he can help the cause of God more by assisting me in my work than by attending council meetings.

Marian edits the books that are prepared. Maggie Hare and Clarence Crisler prepare the articles for the papers. Miss Helen Graham does the typewriting. Dores Robinson, a son of A. T. Robinson, has lately come to help in the work.

Marian is sick at the Sanitarium. One evening while at the Conference in Oakland, she visited the Observatory. Not having sufficient wraps, she took a severe cold. We sent her up to the Sanitarium, and ever since she has been sick in bed. A nurse has been with her night and day. She has had a very severe illness, and at one time we feared she might die. I have been sick myself, and I was unable to go up to see her until last Friday when I went with W. C. White. Her room is on the fifth storey, and I had to tax my strength severely to walk up the last flight of stairs. We had a season of prayer for her.

Sabbath was a hard day for me. I could not sit up, and my head troubled me much. I feared that I would have to give up my work and go to bed. But yesterday morning, Sunday, my head was better, and I was thankful to be able to do some writing.

This morning, Monday, I am up early writing these lines to you. I should be tempted to go away somewhere for a change, but the change might make me worse, and besides, I must be with my workers to decide what matters shall be published. I want to make my time count for as much as possible while I have the strength to help.

I have several books in anticipation. I want to get out a book on the acts of the apostles, to follow the life of Christ. I have much matter written that I wish to put in book form. I sometimes fear that a fire will come and I shall lose much of the precious matter that I desire to print.

I can say but little in reference to the Conference at Oakland. It was a profitable occasion, and the Lord certainly helped us in the meeting. Some serious questions which arose were left to be decided at the meeting of the Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association in Battle Creek, which is now in session. We have been waiting with intense interest for news from them.

April 28

This morning a telegram came from Dr. Kellogg and Brother Daniells, saying, "Peace established according to Ephesians 2:14-22." We are very grateful for this. We have prayed most earnestly and have tried to exercise living faith that a work might be done in Battle Creek which would establish unity. But until this morning we had received no word from the meeting. The Lord is good. I praise His name that there is unity in place of dissension.

I would like to hear from you often, for I am interested in you both. I thought that perhaps you would come to Conference, but perhaps it is as well that you did not. I would like to see you, but many miles separate us. God be with you, and bless you.

Your Aunt.

Lt 71, 1903

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 24, 1903

Dear brother and sister Haskell,—

I expected to see you at the Conference in Oakland, but I have not a word of reproof to give you for not coming, because the Lord knows what is best.

All through the meeting, from the beginning to the end, I carried a very heavy load. Since returning home, I have been able to write some important matters to the brethren assembled in council in Battle Creek, and to Dr. Kellogg. These letters and manuscripts I sent to Elder A. T. Jones to read to Dr. Kellogg and his fellow workers. There must be an altogether different showing in many lines. Matters must come into an altogether different shape. I believe that the Lord will work. I lie awake at night, praying that at this time the Lord will manifest His power in all our institutions.

The Lord desires us, His little children, always to be learners in His school, meek, lowly, and obedient. Then He can say to us, "Ye shall find rest in an experience that daily brings you nearer heaven." His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

We are living amidst the perils of the last days. As God's children, we have been given a higher, nobler work than disparaging one another. To disparage others will surely place us where we shall be disparaged in the courts of heaven, because we know not the things that make for our peace.

I entreat you not to be discouraged. Let people say what they will. If what they say is not in your favor, say, "I will not please the enemy by allowing these words to stir me up to retaliation or to depress me. The enemy's work shall be a failure as far as I am concerned. I will prove his words false. I will not be disturbed."

Then the Lord will draw near to you and will give you a rich measure of love and peace and joy so decided, so divine, that even in the midst of the trial of your faith, you will be a witness to the truth of the word of promise. You have a sense of the divine presence. You know that the Word of God is no cunningly devised fable. Your mind is moved by the Holy Spirit and enlightened by heavenly truth. The eyes of your understanding have been opened, and the truth that at times you have seen but dimly you now see clearly. The quickening influence of the Holy Spirit is to you as precious as fine gold. You can tell the story of the cross with a deep appreciation of the Saviour's love; for this love has melted and transformed your heart. You bear about with you in the daily life the sign that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory.

But I must stop for the present.

April 28

For several days and nights the Lord has been giving me special experiences. In the future we are to pass through very strait places, and we shall understand the value of having some workers who have been through the giving of the first, second, and third angels' messages. The voices of these workers are to be heard in distinct utterance, saying, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." [1 John 1:1-4.]

During the past night many things were presented to me. While I was calling upon the Lord to reveal His grace and His miracle-working power among us as a people, I fell asleep, and I was in conversation with several of our ministering brethren. I addressed my remarks to W. C. White. I told him that we must begin to work in a way different from the way in which we had been working in regard to the precious light that God has given us in the testimonies of His Spirit. I said, "As a people we do not show sufficient appreciation of this God-given instruction. We do not make the best use of the light given. The matter that has been brought before the people must be brought before them over and over again. The articles that are printed in our papers are soon forgotten by the readers. They must be brought together, reprinted in book form, and placed before believers and unbelievers.

"There will be those once united with us in the faith who will search for new, strange doctrines, for something odd and sensational, to present to the people. They will bring in all conceivable fallacies, and will present them as coming from Mrs. White, that they may beguile souls. The

light that the Lord has given me should be in the hands of our people, that they may see that the reports made are false, that there is in the testimonies nothing of what these men declare to be in them.

“The precious light that the Lord has given in reproof and warning is to be given to His people. Errors will be corrected by the messages given to the erring. The Spirit of the Lord will be in the message, and doubts existing in many minds will be swept away. The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the message given. Many will read with eagerness the messages reproving wrong, that they may learn what they must do to be saved. From all directions will come the cry, ‘What must I do to be saved?’ [Acts 16:30.] Light will dawn upon the understanding, and the Spirit of God will make an impression on minds as Bible truth is clearly and simply presented in the messages that since 1846 God has been sending His people. These messages are to find their place in hearts, and then transformation will take place.

“The spiritual growth of many has been dwarfed. They have not brought forth in their lives the fruits of righteousness and peace and joy, but have been as the fruitless fig tree. If those who have received the light will appreciate and respect the testimonies of the Lord, they will see the religious life in a new light. They will be convicted. They will see the key that unlocks the mysteries that they have never understood. They will lay hold of the precious things that God has given them to profit withal and will be translated from the kingdom of darkness into God’s marvellous light. The messages that have come to them will be to them as a voice speaking from heaven. The light will shine forth line upon line, precept upon precept, as represented by Isaiah in the words, ‘Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, here a little, and there a little.’” [Isaiah 28:9, 10.]

This morning, after I had talked with Willie, we received from Elder Daniells and Dr. Kellogg the following message, “Peace established according to Ephesians 2:14-22.” I am so thankful to our heavenly Father that the Holy Spirit has wrought to bring about unity and love.

I must stop now. I cannot write more today, but at another time I will send you more upon the same subject upon which I have written in this letter.

Lt 72, 1903

Watson, Addie S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 28, 1903

Mrs. Addie S. Watson

Rome, Maine

My dear sister,—

I have received your letter telling of your discouragement. I write to tell you not to look on the dark side, not to think or talk unbelief. Study the following Scripture:

“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? ... Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance. ... Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy waterspouts; all Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me. Yet the Lord will command His lovingkindness in the day time, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto God my rock, Why hast Thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.” [Psalm 42:1-3, 5, 7-11.]

My sister, our Saviour is a present help in every time of need. Do not distrust Him. Do not take your troubles to human beings. Take them to the Lord. You may think that others should sympathize with you in your downcast feelings, but you will sometimes be disappointed. Jesus never disappoints one who comes to Him for help.

Are you one that makes mistakes? Go to Jesus, and ask Him to forgive you, and then believe that He does. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” [1 John 1:9.] Ask the Lord to pardon your errors. Then rejoice in Him. It will not help you in the least to keep mourning over your defects. Say, “Lord, I cast my helpless soul on Thee, and Thee alone. I will not worry, because Thou hast said, ‘Ask, and ye shall receive.’” [John 16:24.] Believe that you do receive. Believe that your Saviour is full of compassion, full of tender pity and love. Let not little mishaps trouble you. Small mistakes may be ordered by the Lord to save you from making larger mistakes.

Act your part in helping yourself, as all must do who would be blessed. Believe that Christ helps you. Refuse to speak a word of unbelief. When the enemy tells you that the Lord has forsaken you, tell him that you know He has not; for He declares, “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” [Mark 2:17.]

Jesus says, “Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.” [John 6:37.] Then, my sister, dismiss the enemy. Tell him that you will not dishonor God by doubting His mercy, His goodness, His love. Never argue with Satan; for he has wonderful powers of deception. If, when he went to Adam and Eve, they had kept repeating the words of God, saying, “He hath said, and I believe His word; I will not distrust Him,” they would not have been overcome.

Instead of bemoaning your weakness and talking unbelief and feeling that you are hardly used, begin to sing. Talk of the mercy and love of God. To all who labor and are heavy laden Christ gives the invitation, "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.] This is the lesson that Christ desires you to learn, and in learning it you will find rest.

When discouraging words are spoken to you, do not reply unless you can return a pleasant answer. When you are tried and tempted by unkind words, do not retaliate. Say to yourself, "I will not disappoint my Saviour." Every man who is a Christian is a gentleman; and every woman who is a Christian is a gentlewoman. The law of kindness is ever on the lips of the Christian woman. She utters no hasty words. To speak gentle words when you feel irritated will bring sunshine into your heart and will make your path more smooth. A school girl, in answer to a question, said, "Meek people are those who give soft answers to rough questions." Christ says, "Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth." [Matthew 5:5.] They will be fit subjects for the kingdom of heaven, because they are willing to be taught.

You say that your husband is not yet converted to the truth. Show him in your life the advantage of taking Christ at His word. By patience, forbearance, and kindness you may win your husband to the Saviour.

In the power of God's grace you may obtain most precious victories. You are not to treat your life as a romance, but as a reality. You are to be a laborer together with God in forming a character that He can approve. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Does the charge end there?—No, no, thank God! "For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." [Philippians 2:12, 13.] You are to be a co-worker with Him in the saving of your soul. You are to will to do the will of God. Then do not spend your time and strength in murmuring, in talking unbelief and finding fault with God. Encourage confidence in Him. Speak kindly of Him. 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.]

Be sure to perform your smallest duties in the fear and love of God, with faithfulness and cheerfulness. God declares, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." [Luke 16:10.] Faithfully discharge your home duties, and then leave yourself with God, saying, "I commit the keeping of my soul to Him. I will not take the ordering of my life out of His hands. I will leave myself in His keeping."

Study the life that Christ lived while on this earth. He did not disregard the simplest, smallest duty that fell to Him. Perfection marked all that He did. Look to Jesus for help, and this will enable you to perform your daily duties with the grace and dignity of one who is seeking for a crown of immortal life.

We dwell much on the grandeur of Christ's life. We speak of the great things that He accomplished, of the miracles that He wrought, speaking peace to the tempestuous waters,

opening the ears of the deaf, raising the dead. But His attention to small things is even higher proof of His greatness and His compassion. Listen to Him speaking to Martha as she comes to Him with the request that He bid her sister help her with the serving. He entreated her not to allow the cares of her household to disturb the peace of her soul. "Martha, Martha," He said, "thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." [Luke 10:41, 42.]

Listen to the words that He spoke as the weary mothers brought their children to Him to be blessed. The disciples, unwilling that their Master should be disturbed, were sending the mothers away. But Christ said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 19:14.] And taking them in His arms, He blessed them. Could the future of these children be opened before us, we would see the mothers recalling to their minds the scene of that day and repeating to them the loving words of the Saviour. We would see, too, how often, in after years, the memory of these words kept them from straying from the path cast up for the ransomed of the Lord.

Think of the wonderful words that Christ spoke to one woman in Samaria. He was sitting by Jacob's well as this woman came there to draw water. Christ asked a favor of her. "Give Me to drink," He said. [John 4:7.] He wanted a cool draught, and He wanted also to open the way whereby He might give to her the water of life.

"How is it," said the woman, "that Thou being a Jew askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus answered, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water. ... Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." [Verses 9, 10, 13, 14.]

How much interest Christ manifested in this one woman! How earnest and eloquent were His words! When the woman heard them, she left her water pot and went into the city, saying to her friends, "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" We read that "many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him." [Verses 29, 39.] And who can estimate the influence that these words have exerted for the saving of souls in the years that have passed since then?

My sister, this same Jesus is your Saviour. Have faith in Him. He is acquainted with your every trouble. Take your burdens to the Burden-bearer, and leave them with Him, knowing that He will carry them for you. He is the Christ, the One who bears the sins of the world. I say to you, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [John 1:29.]

In obedience to God there is a converting, sanctifying grace that makes a wicked man a Christian. God asks us to believe in Him as One able to save from all sin. And He asks us to bring into our lives the grace that will keep us from sin. There is no limit to the measure of grace that

Christ is willing to bestow on us. He can give you grace that will enable you to show to the world that Christianity is a divine system which uplifts and ennobles human beings.

All that God expects of you and all other Christians is that you live out your profession. Show that Christ's word is true, that He can keep human beings from sin. Conform your life to His pure, beautiful, holy life. Obey His commandments. This will bring you practical godliness.

Do not dwell upon the hardships of the Christian life. Do not talk of your trials; for if you do, you will become more and more inclined to complain of God. Talk of the love of Christ, bringing it into your heart and life. Be thankful that the Lord has spared you, that you have not been cut off without having gained a preparation for entrance into the heavenly kingdom, where there is no sin, no sorrow. You have only one life in which to perfect a Christian character. If you reveal the grace of God in your character, if the law of kindness is ever on your lips, if you constantly thank the Lord for His goodness to you, you are preparing to praise Him in the home above.

My sister, the Lord asks you to speak no unkind words of your Saviour. Come to Him in faith and trust. Be cheerful. Bring all the sunshine possible into your life. Jesus is your helper. Trust Him all the time. Leave with Him all your perplexities. Do not speak one despondent word; for such words please Satan. When he puts into your mind thoughts of discouragement, talk of Christ's goodness and tell of His power. Words of trust and hope and thankfulness are as easily spoken as words of distrust and complaint. Close the windows of the soul earthward, and open them heavenward. Put away all repining, and rejoice in the Lord; and then write me another letter, telling me whether you do not feel His light and love and joy in your soul.

Your sister in Christ.

Lt 73, 1903

Brn. in the Ministry and Medical Missionary Work

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 24, 1903

To my brethren in the ministry and in the medical missionary work,—

Since returning from Conference I have been almost prostrated by a severe cold contracted in Oakland. For a time there seemed to be a sleepy lethargy upon me, and although I slept more than the usual number of hours during the night, yet during the day I would fall asleep pen in hand.

Ever since returning from the Conference, there has been upon me a burden that I cannot find words to describe. At night time and during the day, by myself, and at family worship, I have prayed most earnestly that God would show me what to do. About a week ago I was instructed to leave my case, with all my perplexities and difficulties with the Lord.

During the years that my life has been devoted to the work of God, from my first experience in it, the Lord has been giving me special light. By His Spirit He has given messages of warning and reproof, consolation and uplifting, to preserve in the earth the principles of heaven and to magnify the distinctive features of true godliness. That which has been presented to me from time to time, here a little and there a little, is of the greatest consequence to the people of God. Much of this instruction is in manuscripts, and much that has been published in our periodicals is not accessible to those who need it. I have been instructed to gather up the precious testimonies that God has given to correct evil and publish them in book form, in the least expensive way, that our people may have them for study and reference, and that they may become better acquainted with the way in which, these many years, the Lord has been directing His people.

As the testimonies of warning and reproof are brought before our people, they will be a savor of life unto life to many who have not known of them. They will help them to avoid making mistakes. Many of our people are ignorant of the way in which the Lord has tried to save our institutions from corrupting influences and from the false judgment of men who have refused to be converted. God will be honored as the testimonies are presented which show how plainly He has spoken against the principle that He cannot endorse, and how decidedly He has exalted the pure, sacred principles that are in harmony with His Word.

The articles that from week to week are printed in our papers are soon forgotten, because there are so many things to divert the minds of the readers. These articles are to be gathered together, reprinted in book form, and placed before believers and unbelievers.

While at the Conference in Oakland I suffered the most intense mental agony. At times it seemed to me that I could not live, to think that the cause of God bears so much the imperfection of human minds, and that I must open before the world the faulty character of much of the work done for the last twenty-five years. I thought, What will be the result of doing this? Then the word came, You have a message to bear to the churches. It is not possible that the dishonor that has been brought upon the cause and work of God will escape the notice of the world. The reproofs and warnings that God has given must be published, that it may be seen how elevated is the position that He designed His cause and work to occupy in the world. The instruction of the past and of the present, which God has given to make His people pure and keep them pure, must be placed on record. The Lord is greatly displeased by the manifestation of pride and selfishness that for years has been seen in His work. He is dishonored by the low ebb of piety and sanctified ability. Soon every possible effort will be made to discount and pervert the truth of the testimonies of God's Spirit. We must have in readiness the clear, straight messages that since 1846 have been coming to God's people. There will be those once united with us in the faith who will search for new, strange doctrines, for something odd and sensational to present to the people. They will bring in all conceivable fallacies and will present them as coming from Mrs. White, that they may beguile souls. The light that the Lord has given should be in the hands of our people, so that they may see that the

reports made are false, that there is in the testimonies nothing of what these men declare to be in them.

Those who have treated the light that the Lord has given as a common thing will not be benefitted by the instruction presented. There are those who will misinterpret the messages that God has given, in accordance with their spiritual blindness. Some will yield their faith and will deny the truth of the messages, pointing to them as falsehoods. Some will hold them up to ridicule, working against the light that God has been giving for years, and some who are weak in the faith will thus be led astray. But others will be greatly helped by the messages. Though not personally addressed, they will be corrected and will be led to shun the evils specified. Their errors will be reprov'd by the warnings given to the erring. The Spirit of the Lord will be in the instruction, and doubts existing in many minds will be swept away. The testimonies themselves will be the key that will explain the messages given, as Scripture is explained by Scripture. Many will read with eagerness the messages reprov'g wrong, that they may learn what they may do to be saved. From all directions will come the cry, "What must I do to be saved?" [Acts 16:30.] Light will dawn upon the understanding, and the Spirit will make an impression on minds, as Bible truth is clearly and simply presented in the messages that since 1846 God has been sending His people. These messages are to find their place in hearts, and transformation will take place.

The spiritual growth of many has been dwarfed. They have not brought forth in their lives the fruits of righteousness and peace and joy, but have been as the fruitless fig tree. If those who have received the light will respect and appreciate the testimonies of the Lord's Spirit, they will see the religious life in a new light. They will lay hold of the precious things that God has given them and will be translated from the kingdom of darkness into God's marvelous light. The messages that come to them will be to them as a voice speaking from heaven.

Lt 74, 1903

Brethren in Battle Creek

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 1, 1903

To my brethren in Battle Creek,—

I am bowed down and greatly troubled. I am in sore distress. My whole being is full of pain. At times it seems to me that I can not live. The thought of the terrible spiritual destitution among our people presses heavily upon me. God's judgments have fallen upon our institutions in Battle Creek; but how little has this done to move hearts to repentance! Must the rebuke of God still continue to be felt, and will it still continue to be without effect? I am amazed at the apparent indifference of many who should see and understand. I know not what to say or do. Seeing that the judgments of God have made so light an impression on the minds of those

occupying important positions, fear and trembling takes hold of me as to what will be the next revelation of God's displeasure.

Men have dishonored God by choosing their own way. They have brought into His institutions principles that He has condemned. They would not change the ways and works that displeased Him and belittled the testing truth for these last days.

Those who have disregarded the messages of warning have lost their bearings. Some, in their self-confidence, have dared to turn from that which they knew to be truth, with the words, "Who has told Sister White?" These words show the measure of their faith and confidence in the work that the Lord has given me to do. They have before them the result of the work that the Lord has laid upon me; and if this does not convince them, no arguments, no future revelations would affect them. The result will be that God will speak again in judgment as He has spoken heretofore. When for years His messages of warnings have come to institutions and individuals, and no special heed is taken, what power will convince them? Only the power of God revealed in judgment. Yet His hand is stretched out still to save, if thorough repentance is shown.

We need to watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation. On one occasion, as Christ was returning to Jerusalem from a missionary tour, He was speaking to those with Him about the personal salvation that all must have who enter the kingdom of heaven. His words were becoming decidedly personal and very pointed, and one present, wishing to change the subject, said, "Lord, are there few that be saved?" Then He said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us; and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence you are; then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in Thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets. But He shall say, I tell you I know not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last." [Luke 13:23-30.]

In the great day of God, to many who make the entreaty, "Lord, Lord, open unto us," the answer will come, "I know not whence you are, depart from Me." [Verses 25, 27.]

There is a right way and a wrong way, and in one or the other each human being is following. Those who truly believe in Christ live a life of holy obedience. They are sanctified through the truth. Their piety is not a pretense, but a reality. They have a sanctified Christian experience in holy living.

Let us make sure that we are perfecting Christian characters through belief of the truth. We cannot be too particular in regard to this. If we fail here, our life work will bring us no reward.

Those who believe in Christ and give up their will and their plans for God's will and God's plans enter upon a life of Christlikeness. This is the only way to gain salvation.

Lt 74a, 1903

Christenson, C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 5, 1903

Mrs. C. Christenson

Sebastopol, California

Dear Sister,—

I was glad to receive your letter of April 29 in which you told me of your interest in the Southern field. I am glad to know that your heart is drawn out toward that work.

The printing office in Nashville has been established in the providence of God in a place where its influence can tell mightily in behalf of the work for the white people and also for the colored people in the great South. The buildings are large enough to accommodate the work which ought to be done, and with a few additional facilities they can print and bind many books.

You will recognize that I have confidence in the work of the Southern Publishing Association when I tell you that I have loaned them some money and that I am planning to give them some of my books for publication. I feel free, my sister, to recommend you to make a loan to the Southern Publishing Association as proposed in your letter. I look for a great work to be done in this office.

Yours in the Master's service.

Lt 75, 1903

Drier, Marian

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 7, 1903

Dear sister Marian Maynard Drier,—

I have received and read your letter and will try to answer it. My sister, I understand something about the state of your mind. The other day I wrote a letter to a poor, tempted soul, and I will send you a copy of this letter.

To each one of us has been given the great blessing of being God's little child. Why, then, should we be unhappy? We are all afflicted with the malady of sin, but we have a Saviour who

can take away our sin; for in Him is no sin. We all have many difficulties to meet, many problems to solve. Many try to escape from their difficulties by doing various things. But only by coming to Christ can poor, erring human beings find peace and happiness and help.

There is a remedy for you, Marian. Do not look on the dark side. There is a bright side. It is your privilege to be pleasant and cheerful and to believe the precious promises of God. Remember that you are one of the heavenly Father's little children. The dear Saviour loves you, and He does not want you to bring distress into your heart by thinking that your case is hopeless.

You will never find relief while you keep your eyes fastened on yourself. I offer you a sure remedy. Look ever to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Will you not try this remedy? You will find that it is efficacious. Christ invites you, "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.]

I want you to begin to realize more fully than you have ever done before that Jesus is the Sin-bearer. He came to this world as the great Medical Missionary, and He says to you, "Lay on Me your burden of sin. I have become the Sin-bearer." He lived in our behalf a life of perfect obedience, and in our behalf He shed His precious blood on the cross; and He clothes repentant sinners with His robe of righteousness. He would have you realize more fully His power to save to the uttermost all who come to Him. He will take you under His watchcare. He loves you. He will accept you and set you apart to His service. He does not cast you off when you make mistakes. He does not want you to look on the dark side and talk unbelief, but to look on the bright side, my dear, afflicted sister. By the indwelling of His Spirit, He will make you more than a conqueror through Him that loved you and gave Himself for you.

When you look at yourself, darkness comes into your soul. Look to Jesus. He is your righteousness and your light. Cast your helpless soul upon Him. If you throw yourself upon His mercy, you will surely receive blessings. Your efforts to help yourself will be of no avail. Come to the precious Saviour in faith, saying, "In my hands no price I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling." He will reach out His divine hand and lift you up.

Speak cheerful words until this becomes familiar language to you. Commit the keeping of your soul to Christ. Show that you believe that you are His little child. Speak cheerful, hopeful words, and the Lord will help you. Never, never give way to fear. Be joyful in God. The Bible reveals our fallen condition, and it also reveals Christ as our Saviour. His salvation is for you. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," but Christ declares, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." [Romans 3:23; John 6:37.]

You have no power in yourself to save yourself. You know this. Christ is your Redeemer. He will save you. He has purchased you; you are His property. Then do not wrench yourself away from Him. We ought to be thankful every moment of our lives that an atonement has been made for us. When we were yet without hope, Christ died for us. Say, "I believe that He died for me. I

claim Him as my Saviour." Lay hold of the riches of His grace, saying, "I will believe, I do believe that Jesus died for me."

From the cross of Calvary there come to us liberty, hope, and encouragement. No longer dishonor Christ by showing unbelief. The prospect may seem dark, but God can make it light. When the enemy tells you that you have sinned, and that there is no hope for you, resist his temptation, saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Sin shall not have dominion over me." [See Luke 4:8; Romans 6:14.]

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." [1 John 2:1-3.]

May the Lord bless you, and help you, and strengthen you by His rich grace, is my most earnest prayer. Look no longer on the dark side. The Lord Jesus is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. Then look toward the light. Educate your lips to speak the praise of God. Thus you will glorify His name.

Lt 76, 1903

Drier, Brother

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 7, 1903

Dear Brother Drier,—

I have read the letter that you wrote me, and I will now try to respond. I wish to say to you, my brother, that the Lord would have you treat your wife very tenderly. I am instructed to say that it is not true that your wife has committed the unpardonable sin. She is afflicted with hopeless feelings and has lost her faith that Christ loves her. But she is one of the Lord's little ones, and you must be very careful to lay no stumbling block in her way.

The idea that she has been forsaken by the Lord is a device of the enemy to destroy her faith. You must both unite in seeking the Lord in earnest prayer to lift this cloud from her. Humble your heart before Him, my brother, and be sure always to treat your wife with love and kindness. In the home follow a course that will increase her confidence in you as a true, faithful servant of Christ. Have you been as faithful as you should to keep your home life elevated? There is danger of your failing to be cleansed and sanctified in your home life. Act so consistently that your wife will not be tempted to question your piety or your Christianity.

It is not necessary that you and your wife should separate. If you will, you can help your wife. Be a true, faithful Christian. Bring all the encouragement to your wife that you can. Show her that you love her. Never give her the slightest cause to think that you have lost your love for

her. Make every effort to bring sunshine into her life. Let her see that you value her. Make a special effort to lift the cloud that is hanging over her; for thus Satan is trying to deceive her.

To whom shall we go with our troubles but to Christ? You may also add, "Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." [John 6:68, 69.] Bring Christ into your home as an honored guest. Talk of His love and His goodness. Your standard of what a Christian should be is too low. Your conversation must be in heaven, whence we look for the Saviour.

Christ's life, His death, His resurrection, His ascension are not mere theories, but facts, testifying that in Him alone there is power to save. O my brother, your finite capacity of perception and knowledge may be greatly increased by a daily practice of the truth. Speak the truth in love. The mercy, the love, the sympathy that dwelt in the heart of Christ needs to be constantly cherished in your heart. Christ is to appear, not merely in occasional remarks, but in all that you say and do, because you value His love. You need greater refinement and deeper, more constant spirituality. As you bring Christ into your life, the sanctifying, purifying influence of His Spirit will be sure to appear in your words and acts, in your home life and in your church work.

I ask you, Will you not change decidedly in your words and manners? God's love is not only to be talked of, but brought into the daily life. You are to reveal Christ wherever you are. But your first work is to reveal Him in your home. By bringing into the home life consideration, tenderness, thoughtfulness, and unselfish love, you will gain an experience that will make you a blessing wherever you go. I ask you to exert in your home an influence that is soul-saving. Encourage your wife. This service, done for the sake of one who needs it, will be acceptable to God.

Do not presume upon the forbearance of God. Kneel before Him with your wife, and ask Him to give you both His grace, His love, His peace, that you may be what God desires you to be to one another.

Make it your first business to help Marian. Do not disparage her. Be a help and a blessing to the little church in your own home, and then God will make you a blessing to the church in other places. In your home pray to God and humble your heart before Him. Then go to the assembly of His people to exalt and glorify Him. Do not talk unbelief. Talk a noble, uplifting faith, that will bring you both rich blessing. Say, I will not fail nor become discouraged. Try God's plan, and then write and tell me if your experience does not change.

Lt 77, 1903

Drier, Brother and Sister

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 8, 1903

My dear brother and sister,—

This morning I have read over the letters I have written you, and I will now write a letter to you both. Do not for one moment think of separating. See how much of the precious graces of the Spirit you can each bring into your lives. Soon we shall see the King in His beauty. In this life we are to get a fitting up that will enable us to act a part in the future life. Remember that the eye of Christ is upon you both. He says, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.] Study His life and follow His example. Never give way to your feelings, but move from a consciousness that Christ is your only hope. Commune with Him. “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” [Philippians 2:12, 13.] Take your position on the side of God. See in the beauty and perfection of His created works a revelation of His power and goodness and majesty. He desires to form in each of you a character like His own perfect character, that your record in the books of heaven may be, “Ye are complete in Him.” [Colossians 2:10.]

Remember that in your treatment of one another, you are to reveal the gentleness of Christ. Love dies unless it is kept watered with words of encouragement.

“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.” [Psalm 103:13.] The strength of the Lord is revealed by His gentleness and condescension and by His incarnation. He was “God manifest in the flesh.” [1 Timothy 3:16.] Think of the love He manifested in receiving so kindly the mothers that the disciples would have sent away when they came bringing their children to Him that He might lay His hands on them and bless them. “Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not,” He said to the disciples; “for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” [Matthew 19:14.]

That same Jesus speaks to you both today, saying, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” [Matthew 11:28.] Marian, dear child, you are invited to come to Jesus. He will give you, Marian Maynard Drier, rest in Him. He will heal your infirmities. He will inspire you with hope. He will fill your heart with His love and compassion.

Have faith in Jesus. Cultivate trust in Him. Do your best every day, and each day you will be enabled to do better. Life and immortality are before you. Press on to reach the standard that God has set before you. Learn of Christ; you will then be a blessing to one another in the daily life. You can glorify God by bearing daily inconveniences uncomplainingly. Sing to the Lord. Pray to Him in faith. Come before Him with thanksgiving. Make one another happy. This is your first work. Be pleasant to one another. This will strengthen the best traits of character. Throw the windows of the soul wide open heavenward, and let the sunshine of Christ’s righteousness in. Morning, noon, and night your heart may be filled with the bright beams of divine light.

Do not find fault with one another. This will encourage the enemy to enter. You can help one another if you will exercise tact and ingenuity and wisdom. Speak kind, affectionate words. Never utter a word of blame or censure. Blend together in union, and God will water your souls with the dew of heaven.

A fountain has been opened for Judah and Jerusalem, and Christ invites you to come and drink. No one who comes to this fountain goes away unhealed. Come, my dear sister, just as you are. Christ invites you to come and be healed. The fountain is open, and it is ever flowing for all. Then believe, believe. Receive the blessing that God has for you, and rejoice in His love.

Lt 78, 1903

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

Oakland, California

March, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

We are in the midst of our Conference. For a time I thought I would not attend. The Lord alone knows how severely my strength was taxed during the council meetings which were held last October in Battle Creek, though I did not go to them. Night after night for about four weeks, I was unable to sleep after twelve o'clock. My soul was burdened as a cart beneath sheaves. I knew that a crisis had come in the work of Seventh-day Adventists, and that unless right moves were made, we should be brought into very strait and difficult places. For three nights many things were presented to me. One night I saw as it were a flaming sword of fire stretched out over Battle Creek. So heavily burdened was I that the agonies of death seemed to be upon me. I cried, "Lord, have mercy upon Thy erring people. O God, save for Thy mercy's sake."

When I received the news that the office of the Review and Herald had been burned, but that no lives had been lost, I could but feel a sense of relief, and say, "Lord, in Thy wrath Thou hast remembered mercy." [See Habakkuk 3:2.]

But the destruction of our Review and Herald office is not to be lightly regarded. For many years, and especially for the last twenty years, the Lord has been sending warnings to His people, but these messages have been little heeded. What else could we expect than that God should in a signal manner manifest His displeasure?

Every act in the service of God should be performed in the Lord's way. Those working in connection with the cause of God should not permit one act of injustice to be seen in their business transactions.

The Lord was in the establishment of the Review and Herald office in Battle Creek. And until the men in positions of trust in that institution transgressed the principles of God's law, a good work was done there. But there were brought into connection with the office men who in character and disposition did not represent Christ. God says, "I hate robbery for burnt offering." [Isaiah 61:8.]

Twice during His earthly ministry, Jesus cleansed the temple, driving out those engaged in robbery and oppression. At the beginning of His ministry He entered the temple. He was the

originator and founder of the whole system of Jewish economy. All the sacrifices were types of the great Offering who now stood in His temple. But how dishonoring to God the scene that met His eye. A large number of sacrifices were offered at the time of the Passover, and the sales at the temple were very large. The priests and rulers having bought cattle and other animals at very low cost were selling them at exorbitant prices to those who had come a long distance and were compelled to buy animals for sacrifice. Here could be heard sharp bargaining, the lowing of cattle, the bleating of sheep, the cooing of doves mingled with the clinking of coin and angry disputation.

As Jesus came into the temple, He took in the whole scene. He saw the unfair transactions. He saw the distress of the poor who thought that without shedding of blood there would be no remission of sins. He saw the outer court of His temple converted into a place of unholy traffic. Christ saw that something must be done. Raising the scourge of small cords, gathered up on entering the enclosure, He bids the bargaining company depart from the precincts of the temple. With a zeal and severity He has never before manifested, He overthrows the tables of the money changers. The coin falls, ringing sharply upon the marble pavement. None presume to question His authority. None dare stop to gather up their ill-gotten gain. Jesus does not smite them with the whip of cords, but in His hand, that simple scourge seems terrible as a flaming sword. Officers of the temple, speculating priests, brokers and cattle traders with their sheep and oxen rush from the place with the one thought of escaping from the condemnation of His presence.

Once again Jesus cleansed the temple courts. He drove from them those who were desecrating them, saying, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." [Matthew 21:13.]

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Lt 79, 1903

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 7, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I have received and read your letters. I can write but a short letter in reply, as I am unable to tax my head or my eyes too severely. I feel very grateful to my heavenly Father that He comes very near to me and strengthens me by His rich grace.

The burdens I carried at the Conference taxed my strength severely, but the Lord strengthened me, and I had evidence that He had a work for me there. As I was unable to walk to the meetings, and could not conveniently get the use of a horse and carriage, I was taken to and from the church in a comfortable wheel chair rented from a secondhand furniture store.

I spoke several times before the large congregation gathered in the Oakland church. The second Sabbath I was in doubt as to the advisability of attempting to speak, as I had contracted a severe cold. But I dared not remain at home; so I said, I will place myself in a position to speak, and then, if I am unable, I will be humble enough to refrain from speaking. I found the church crowded. To the praise of God, upheld and sustained by His power, I was enabled to speak for an hour and a quarter. Some who for forty years have frequently heard me speak said they had never before heard me give so powerful a discourse. No one could doubt that the power of God rested upon me. Before I took my seat, I asked all to rise to their feet who would seek to meet the mind of the Holy Spirit, and pledge themselves by God's help to put away all murmuring and complaining and all evil speaking; who would cease to hinder one another by setting a wrong example. Nearly all in the congregation rose, testifying that they would seek to advance the work of God instead of hindering it.

Then we knelt, and as my soul was drawn out in earnest prayer, the congregation realized that the power of God was upon me. I had much reason to be thankful that the Lord so evidently sustained me. I asked the congregation to sing, "Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee." This hymn was a prayer to God in which all could join, and I know that angels of God united with the petition that rose from so many hearts and voices.

I was sustained during all the time I was at the Conference; and a few days before the close of the gathering, I returned to St. Helena. The strain upon me had been heavy.

Since the Conference, the brethren have been in council at Battle Creek. I have been greatly encouraged to hear from the brethren there that unity and love exist among them. This is a great victory.

I hope that there may not be a shadow of discord at our Sanitarium in Sydney. I would say, Constantly draw near to God; and when you are all one with Christ, you will be united in holy, Christian fellowship.

We each need the help we can receive from other minds. God will work in other minds than ours. The various gifts given to different ones are to blend for the "perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." [Ephesians 4:11, 12.]

I have been instructed to say to our medical missionary workers in America that the yoke of forms and ceremonies must be broken from their necks. Our medical missionary work has been sick and in need of a physician.

The Lord Jesus Christ will heal our infirmities and our weaknesses. He owns us. We are His by creation and by redemption. We must all be united in Him. He is the only source of healing. All restoring power comes from Him. He has opened a fountain "to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." [Zechariah 13:1.] He gives each one an invitation to come and be healed and to drink of the water of life. Let us not trust in ourselves, but in Jesus.

There will always be obstacles before us, but we are to follow our Leader, meeting our difficulties unitedly, hand in hand. There is only one way to heaven. We must walk in the footsteps of Jesus, doing His works, even as He did the works of His Father. We must study His ways, not man's ways; we must obey His will, not our own. Walk carefully. Do not go ahead of Christ. Make no move without consulting your Leader. Ask in humble prayer, and "ye shall receive." He is "the Way, the Truth, the Life." [John 16:24; 14:6.]

Read and study carefully the prayer that Christ offered just before His trial, recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. Follow its teachings, and you will be brought into unity. Our only hope of reaching heaven is to be one with Christ, and then in and through Christ we shall be one with one another. No one is called to walk alone. In Christ life and immortality are brought to light. He has opened the way to the kingdom of heaven to those who believe in Him, but He assigns to no one a path different to that which all must travel. He calls for unity, and unity we must have. God asks us to sink self in Christ. For the natural man this is not easy. But through the power of the incarnation of Christ, God manifest in the flesh, the strength of God is revealed in gentleness and beauty. To "as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [John 1:12.] By this power we may overcome our evil tendencies and so modify our imperfect dispositions, that the will of God may be fulfilled in us.

We are all God's little children, members of one family. We must each be refreshed by the same living stream, that we may find true elevation of soul. We must all be united when we reach the heavenly courts.

We are to be one with Christ. He is our pattern. We are commanded to be "followers of God, as dear children." [Ephesians 5:1.] Our liberty is found in wearing Christ's yoke. "Follow Me," He says, "in humble, practical obedience. If you walk by yourself the obstacles in the road will be insurmountable. Believe in Me. Commit the keeping of your soul to Me."

I wish to speak particularly in reference to the establishment of food stores in various places. I have no light that this is your work. It is not clearly defined to me as the work for which you are best qualified.

If you can connect with the Doctors Kress, this will be of great benefit both to you and to them. The Lord would have you labor together in unity, even though your ideas and plans are not exactly alike. Men and women of different dispositions must unite in labor, working without contention or strife. Both you and Doctor Kress should stand in a conciliatory position. Remember that no one is free from mistakes. May the Lord help you, my dear friends.

Now let me speak as a mother to you both. You ought not to be troubled with dyspepsia if you partake of simply prepared food and eat nothing between meals. Let your stomach rest when you sleep. A tainted breath and a coated tongue indicate that undigested food is lying in the stomach.

Let not your work show the effect of errors in diet. This is not health reform. I am instructed to tell you that the Lord would have you improve your dietetic habits. You need to study carefully what foods you are best able to digest. For years you have been doing injury to your digestive organs, and you now need to exercise care. Unless by correct habits you place yourself on the list of health reformers, you cannot properly do the work of the Lord. You should stand where you can be of the greatest use in His cause.

Lt 80, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 8, 1903

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I received your letter, also one from Elder Daniells. It made my heart very thankful to know that our brethren are doing all they possibly can to come into unity. May the Lord lead them on step by step.

I have begun several letters to you but have been hindered from finishing them. The responsibilities at this time rest upon me heavily. They seem tremendous, and I lay down my pen and feel like weeping. The day before yesterday, between one and two o'clock in the morning, I was greatly blessed. I was given the assurance that the everlasting arms were round about me. I praised the Lord with heart and soul and then went from my sleeping room to my office and walked the room, rejoicing in my Saviour and in my heavenly Father for giving Christ to our world.

We have much to be thankful for. I am especially thankful for the present movement of the brethren in Battle Creek to become one with Christ in God. For several months I have been writing almost constantly, trying to present before our people that which the Lord has given me for them. Again and again it has been urged upon me to present to them that which has been presented to me. I thought that it might be that my work was about to close up, and that this was the reason that the charge was made so urgent; and I have written for the eternal interest of all who desire to know what is truth.

There are many who will sell their eternal interests for worldly favors. On every side there will be oppression. The leaven of evil will be introduced by those who are not spiritual-minded, those who are not molded and fashioned after the divine similitude. Confidence placed in any one but God will blight and wither.

The Word of God does not repress activity, but guides us aright, pointing out sanctified methods for the accomplishment of the work that is to save souls. It presents to us a work that

if done faithfully will make us worthy of the immortal inheritance. God knows exactly what each man needs to enable him to rise in moral value. He puts the Bible into his hands—a light that is not to be ignored or set aside as of no special importance. “Search the Scriptures,” Christ says, “for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me.” [John 5:39.] The Word of God tells man how he may become an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ to an immortal inheritance. Knowing that it is man’s nature to accumulate and amass, God in His Word reveals to him the unsearchable riches, an inexhaustible treasure. Knowing that man’s strongest impulse is to stand on vantage ground before all, God points out to him an ambition that he may safely cherish. “I will make a man more precious than fine gold,” He declares, “even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.” [Isaiah 13:12.]

It is that man may obtain the life that measures with the life of God that the Lord breaks up his worldly, ambitious projects, which, if permitted to engross the mind, would unfit him for the future world.

God is testing every one of us. He entrusts us with talents, to see whether we will be thoroughly unselfish in the use we make of them. He tells us plainly, “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.” “And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man’s, who shall give you that which is your own?” [Luke 16:10, 12.]

Let us remember that we are to be tried by the laws of Christ’s kingdom. We are not our own to do with ourselves as we please. We have been bought with a price, and the laws of Christ’s kingdom, the ten holy precepts, present the standard that we are to reach. God is jealous of His law. He tests every man to see whether he will obey or not.

Man sinned, and death is the penalty of sin. Christ bore the penalty and secured for man a period of probation. In this time of probation we are now living. We have been given an opportunity to prove ourselves of value in the sight of Him who gave His only begotten Son that we should not perish, but have everlasting life.

One is our Master, even Christ. We are to remember that we are His blood-bought heritage. God’s will is to become our will. Physical, mental, and spiritual gifts have been placed in our possession. In the Bible, God’s will is plainly made known. God expects every man to use his gifts in a way that will give him an increased knowledge of the things of God and will enable him to make improvement, to become more and more refined, ennobled, and purified. In this world men and women are to fit themselves to take their places among the nobility of heaven. In this world they are to prepare for translation into the courts above. Those who take up this work as the Bible directs will, through the grace of Christ, become examples of what all must be who enter in through the gates into the city.

We are to use God’s gifts in a way that will please Him. We are to make real advancement in knowledge and virtue, learning Christ’s meekness and lowliness, wearing His yoke and bearing His burdens. Thus we co-operate with Christ. His followers are to reveal to the world His spotless character, giving an example of the purity and nobility of those who will make up the

family of the redeemed. Thus they work out their own salvation, knowing that God is working with them to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Those who remain faithful to God will meet the high standard that He has set up. Thus they will prove that human beings can, through the infinite sacrifice made for them, live pure, holy lives in this world carrying out the principles of the heavenly kingdom.

Those who do not value their high calling, those who do not fulfil God's purpose for them, who fail of meeting the conditions plainly marked out in His Word, cut themselves loose from God. They prove themselves entirely unfit to serve the interests of their Master. Professing to be Christians, they dishonor Christ. They are doing the works of Satan, and God cannot co-operate with them. Their defects of character are constantly increasing. How can the Lord work with them? How can He place responsibilities in their hands? He can entrust His work to men only who will to do His will, to men who with consecrated hearts keep His commandments.

How can those who do not properly estimate the things that are of eternal interest be safe guides for God's people? The work that God requires from the leaders and teachers of His people demands eternal vigilance. It demands that men watch for souls as they that must give an account. He who is reckless in regard to his character building will make many others reckless, if he makes an effort to be pleasing to them and to gain their favor.

In all that we do we are to seek the glory of God. We are to be cleansed, renewed, sanctified, made in character like Christ. "They that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." [Romans 8:8-11.]

Lt 81, 1903

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 8, 1903

This letter is published in entirety in 21MR 70-71.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have read the letters that came to me from you in the last mail from Australia. I will try to write you a few lines in reply. My left eye must be kept bandaged, because of its weakness and pain, and I cannot read your letters over again; so you must excuse me if I do not speak of all the points you mentioned.

One point stands out clearly before me—the proposition that Elder Starr and his wife connect with you in the Sanitarium. This is just what I was going to propose. They will, I think, be a blessing to you.

The work upon which you have entered so recently will bring new duties, and the faithful performance of these duties will bring new blessings. New trials will come, new dangers and difficulties. You will have new problems to solve. But though a veil hangs over the future, you have a knowledge of the Lord's mercies in the past. Allow no difficulties to discourage you. You have passed through trials, and you will be called to pass through trials again. You have had to pass through experiences not altogether agreeable, and these experiences may be repeated. Temptations have come to you, and temptations will come to you again.

We know not what is before us; but we know that we have the privilege of committing our souls to God, as unto a faithful Creator. Let us thank God that we have a refuge in trial. Let us remember that Christ is a present help in every time of need. The promises of God's Word are rich and full and free. God is with us; He cares for us.

God is revealed to us in Christ. Our Saviour is the image of the invisible God. O how near to heaven we may be. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," Christ declared. [John 14:9.]

Let us allow no worldly business to absorb our energies. Let us allow nothing to occupy the place that God should fill. We must have periods of rest, times set apart for meditation and prayer and for spiritual refreshing. Christ went about doing good, healing all manner of sickness and forgiving all sins, comforting the mourners, banishing sorrow by His presence. Let us behold Him, the very compassion and lovingkindness of God Himself.

Let us seek the Lord. He will be your Helper as you commit the sick ones in the Sanitarium to His care. Rest assured that He will co-operate with those that are connected with the Sanitarium. Never forget that you are God's little children. Refuse to worry about what you cannot help. If you make mistakes, go to the compassionate Saviour and ask Him for forgiveness. Tell Him that you want to follow His will. Be polite to God. Remember that He cares for you, and that He will be a present help in every time of need. His "tender mercies are over all His works." [Psalm 145:9.]

It is our privilege to open our hearts and let the Saviour in. Let us praise Him for the brightness of His presence. Let us carry the sunshine of His love on our countenances and bring it into our words. Then His joy will be in us, and our joy will be full.

There is one thing I wish you to do—you and Brother and Sister Burden and Brother and Sister Starr. Search out what is written in the Scriptures and in the Testimonies on the subject of unity, and read it often. You will be tried by the ways of your fellow workers. Never forget that God's plan is that there shall be unity in diversity. The breath of the higher life is to be breathed into our lifework. This will bind us to one another and to God. The love of Christ needs to come

into our experience. Then we shall love one another as Christ has loved us. I feel an intense desire to see the people of God united by the strong bonds of love and unity.

Lt 82, 1903

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 10, 1903

Dear brother and sister Burden,—

I am very anxious that you should move understandingly. According to the light given me of God, the food business should be carried on for the purpose of educating people to live healthfully and economically, not for financial gain. Each one should learn what foods are best adapted to his own necessities.

We cannot expect that those who come to our sanitariums will be able at once to feel perfectly satisfied with the sudden change in diet. They cannot immediately realize the advantage to be gained. Our managers must exercise wisdom in this matter.

I would not advise the use of meat in our sanitariums, but the patients should be told why it is not provided. In their lectures, the doctors should explain these things.

The quantity of food eaten does not determine the benefit received. Many, even among Seventh-day Adventists, eat too freely. Their health would be much better if they ate less. When too much food is eaten, the stomach is overburdened and is unable to perform its proper functions. The result is that the digestive organs are disordered. If those who have brought themselves to this condition would eat proper food, and about half as much as they have been in the habit of eating, their digestive organs would recover.

In my habits of eating, I have learned to accommodate myself to the circumstances in which I am placed. I was obliged to do this in my earlier experiences. Sometimes when laboring the hardest, speaking before large gatherings two and even three times a day, I have found that I was better fitted for work when I ate but one meal a day. Ordinarily I eat two meals a day, taking breakfast at seven and dinner at half-past one. I never experience a feeling of faintness, except when I have taxed my vocal powers severely. I then take a cold bath as a tonic and lie down. The greatest strain seems to come on my abdominal muscles, which are brought into use when I speak.

Reason from cause to effect, that you may be able to select the food that is best for you. The Lord expects you to treat yourselves as His temple. You can do for yourselves what others cannot do for you. Act intelligently, that you may be kept in the best possible condition of health. Every soul is precious in the sight of God. We must guard the physical structure carefully, lest we defile the temple of God.

Lt 83, 1903

Kellogg, H. W.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 13, 1903

H. W. Kellogg

My dear brother,—

I had almost forgotten that I ought to write to you in regard to lending Edson some money to assist him in publishing a book that he is getting out. He told me that you would be willing to lend him some money, were it not that you had promised some to me to help in purchasing the Potts Sanitarium in San Diego.

I wish to say, Brother Kellogg, that I am afraid that nothing can be done in regard to the purchase of this property until some one who thoroughly understands the matter can be on the ground to take charge of the business. I wish that the property could be purchased, but this seems impossible at the present time. Those on the ground do not seem to be in a position to handle the matter. And I dare not take the responsibility of urging them to go ahead.

I think that I shall <now> let this matter rest where it is; for I cannot take the responsibility, as I once felt that I could. We thought that perhaps the question of purchasing this property would be taken up at the General Conference, but nothing was said in regard to it.

I am carrying a heavy burden for the work and cause of God. As I see the lack of principle manifested, and the feeble faith that is shown in the message that means so much to us, I am filled with fear. I am now obliged to write some things in regard to the danger of carrying the health food business and the restaurant work to extremes. I have written that restaurants should be established as a means of bringing those who know the truth into touch with the people of the world and of providing opportunities of reaching these people with the message of present truth. Should those attending these restaurants reform in their habits of eating, they would be better prepared to listen to arguments in favor of the truth.

But if by the restaurant work there is not awakened a deep and living interest in the things of eternal importance, what is gained by the work? Christ is hungry for souls, hungry to see those for whom He gave His life receiving the blessings placed within their reach. Shall He have died for them in vain? Satan will use every opportunity to seduce men from their allegiance to God. He and the angels who fell with him will appear on the earth as men, seeking to deceive. God's angels, also, will appear as men and will use every means in their power to defeat the purposes of the enemy. We, too, have a part to act. We shall surely be overcome unless we fight manfully the battles of the Lord.

It is in order that those who love God and keep His commandments may have as little hindrance as possible in their advancement in the heavenward way, that they are warned not to live in the cities. If by our restaurant work souls are not won to the truth, what is gained by entering so largely into this work, which must be done in the cities? Will the result justify the effort put forth? Will it pay for our young men and young women to spend their time and energy in providing and serving food for worldlings, while they make no effort to save their souls, no effort to lead them to see the light of present truth?

Christ said, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. [John 8:12.] Those who walk in the light of My example, becoming My servants, My imitators, through faith and trust in Me will become sons of God."

A word further in regard to the point I mentioned at the beginning of this letter. I ask you to lend Edson the money that he needs in order to publish the book that he is getting out. With this book he desires to help the Southern work, and if you can lend him some money now, it will be a great help to him.

I am carrying a very heavy load of debt, much of which I incurred in my effort to establish the work in Australia on right lines. I have been given light that I should own the plates of my books, [that] I may plan wisely for their wide circulation. The Review and Herald owns the plates of several of my books, and I wish to ask you, my brother, whether you would be willing to lend me some money to buy back these plates. I should indeed feel thankful if I could arrange this matter with the Review and Herald. I ask the money as a loan, and I will pay you again; for the Lord will favor me. I have not forgotten the money that I owe you. When you want it, you shall have it.

I must stop now, and I will ask Willie to write you more fully regarding this matter.

Lt 84, 1903

White, J. E.; White, Emma

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 12, 1903

Previously unpublished. +

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

I have just written to H. W. Kellogg, asking him to send you some money to help publish the book you spoke of in your letter to me.

I have been writing many things lately in reference to various features of the work. Each day I have written as long as I have dared. Yesterday when I felt that I could no longer write, I read some of the letters you wrote me a long time ago. I am glad I have these letters. They have all

been preserved in a canvas sack. I have read of your experiences in shipbuilding in Allegan, Michigan, and afterwards in operating the boat; of your work with Brother Palmer in Vicksburg and of his being called away. I feel sure that the best way to remove prejudice will be to have this history published. If all would feel as much interest in this history as I have felt while reading it, a great deal of good would be accomplished, and the work in the Southern field would be strengthened. Sara is arranging these letters so that I may read them in order. As I read them, I place them in Bro. Crisler's hands, who is preparing a section on the Southern work for the next testimony. He will use part of these letters in connection with the letters I have written you. When the matter is prepared, we will send the matter for your examination, that you may correct any mistakes you may see, and add to your letters any points you may think advisable.

I have had so much writing to do that most of the time I am very weary, but I will try to write to you frequently. If you have letters from me that have not been copied, I would be glad if you would send them to me. Most of them have been copied, but I think a few were not.

I am trying to prepare for publication matter that will guard the work on every side so that it may not become disproportionate. We have many things in preparation for publication. We must move cautiously, lest we stir up bitter feelings. But the truth must appear just as it is.

I trust you are of good courage in the Lord. You can best help the work by gaining an experience in bookmaking. I know you are engaged in this work and that the Lord will help you.

Brother Hall from Oakland has been with us today. I have been talking with him in reference to the publication of my books. The Review and Herald is desirous of handling the books I shall bring out, but I have been instructed that I should own and control all the plates of my books. I am not to leave the precious things given me of God to be handled as the managers of any institution may be pleased to handle them. There must be perfect unity, but that unity must be maintained in diversity.

The publishing work is to be divided into many different territories. The Advocate publishers will have the territory that properly belongs to them. The Southern Publishing Company will work its own territory. The Review and Herald will also have its territory, but never again will they or any other company have the exclusive control of my books.

No longer is there to be one center in any branch of the work where men may say, "The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are we." [Jeremiah 7:4.] The confederacy of power that has ruled for so long according to its selfish idea of superiority is to exist no longer. God has uprooted such claims.

Let those who have heeded the admonitions and counsels and appeals of God be respected. Unless there is in deed and in truth a decided reformation among our leading brethren, they will not be prepared to judge righteously, deal mercifully, or walk humbly with God. This reformation is the only hope for our institutions. Truth, precious truth, must be enthroned in

the heart to wield the scepter of righteousness. The Lord will save all who will imitate His character.

Our message is a solemn, sacred one. Are we prepared to meet the issue? "And 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." [John 6:40.] "I am the Resurrection and the Life: he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." [John 11:25, 26.] "I go to prepare a place for you" (who believe in Me, and are imitators of Me). "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 14:2, 3.]

"Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and they that hear shall live. ... The hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." [John 5:25, 28, 29.]

I have a deep interest in Brother Palmer, and remember you both in my prayers. I hope and pray that there may be a decided change in the atmosphere of the office.

There is a work for us to do, a preparation for us to make. We must imitate Christ's character. May the Lord put His Holy Spirit upon us, that we may do thorough work in fitting our characters for eternal life. God help you, my children, to be ready for the Lord's coming.

Edson and Emma, let us move carefully. We need not be discouraged. Watch and pray. Only believe, and you will see the salvation of God. Let everything be done in the spirit of meekness. Let us be sure that we possess the gentleness of Jesus. I have many burdens to bear, and you must help me.

In love. Peace be unto you.

Lt 85, 1903

Santee, Clarence

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 15, 1903

Elder Clarence Santee

Fernando, California

Dear Brother,—

I received your letter this afternoon and have time to write you only a few words before the Sabbath.

For years the Lord has been presenting to me the importance of holding our camp-meetings where we can reach the multitudes. Our time to work is very short, and we must carry our message to the people. I think there may be places where your camp-meeting could be located that would accomplish more in warning the people of coming events than in Fernando.

We are glad to hear your encouraging words about the school. I have felt from the first that it was the Lord's providence which gave you that location; and that if the school were wisely managed, it would prove a great blessing to the people of Southern California. I have felt that you ought to do thorough work with whatever you undertake; and that if you are faithful in teaching the common branches, many of your students could go directly into the work as canvassers, colporteurs, and evangelists. We need not feel that all workers must have an advanced education. I have been sorry that you called your school a college and that you have promised to teach so many advanced studies. I have never supposed that it was the work of the Fernando school to try to do the same work that is done at Healdsburg, Walla Walla, and South Lancaster schools. You will certainly make a serious mistake if you undertake, with a few students and a few teachers, to do the advanced work which is carried forward with so much difficulty and expense in our larger schools. It will be better for your students and for the school for those who require the advanced studies to go to Healdsburg, and thus leave your faculty free to devote their best energies to doing thorough work in teaching the common branches.

Please do not make use of the document signed by yourself, Brother Giddings, and Brother Ballenger. I will make a more complete statement of my views regarding the work to be done at the Fernando school.

In arranging your faculty for the coming year, I advise you to secure a strong man to stand as principal of your school, a man whose physical strength will support him in doing thorough work as a teacher, thorough work as a disciplinarian; a man who is qualified to train the students in habits of order, neatness, and industry.

This is all I can write tonight. I shall hope to send you a longer letter in time for your consideration before you settle your plans for the coming year.

Lt 86, 1903

Exec. Committee of Southern Calif. Conf.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

To the Executive Committee of the Southern California Conference

Dear brethren,—

From Elder Santee's letter, I learn that it has been proposed to hold your next camp-meeting at Fernando. No doubt this would be a convenience to those living near the school and to those families who wish to place their children in the school. But our camp-meetings ought not to be planned with a view to meeting the convenience of a few families, but with a view to warning the world and converting souls to the truth.

The church of Christ was organized for missionary purposes. Our camp-meetings are among the most important agencies in our work for fulfilling these purposes. Through them we may reach many with the gospel message. The Lord has instructed us that they are most effective agencies for doing this work.

From (Testimonies for the Church 6:33), I quote the following:

"In the sermon on the mount, Christ said to His disciples, 'Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.' [Matthew 5:14-16.] If our camp-meetings are conducted as they should be, they will indeed be a light in the world. They should be held in the large cities and towns where the message of truth has not been proclaimed. And they should continue for two or three weeks. It may sometimes be advisable to hold a camp-meeting for several successive seasons in the same place; but as a rule the place of meeting should be changed from year to year."

Brethren, I exhort you to read again what is written in this testimony regarding our camp-meeting work. Read it with a determination to understand the instruction given and to carry it into effect. I urge you to realize the importance of reading the directions that the Lord has given us, that we may carry forward His work on the lines that He has marked out. Let us hold our camp-meetings near some of the important cities, in a retired place, yet not so far away that the people will not attend. We are to hold these meetings where we can reach those who are perishing in sin.

Please read also the section in Testimony Vol. 6, entitled "Education." This is the Lord's message to parents, children, and teachers. Let our students obtain this book and read it with a determination to improve.

Lt 87, 1903

Students of the Fernando School

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

To the students of the Fernando school,—

I am very much pleased to know that during the first term of the school souls have been converted. I hope that you will always remember that it is for your eternal interest to make the most of your capabilities and opportunities. Remember that in your school life here below you can, if you choose, fit yourselves for entrance into the school above.

Those who are indeed Christians will reveal in their lives a fragrance of character that will win others to Christ. While you are in school, help your teachers all you can. Do not grieve and perplex them. They are human, like yourselves, and they need the grace of Christ as verily as you need it. Make the way as pleasant as possible for them. Be pleasant and agreeable. Be careful in regard to your words and actions. Do not make it necessary for your teachers to correct you again and again in regard to your personal habits.

Correct all that is lax or careless in your speech or your habits. Do not pass this over as a matter of little consequence. Wherever you are, keep your room clean and tidy. Let no dirt or rubbish accumulate, "lest the Lord pass by and see your uncleanness." [See Deuteronomy 23:14.] Christ is pure and holy and undefiled. Do not grieve the heavenly angels by cherishing untidy, shiftless habits. It rests with you yourselves to decide whether you will be accepted by the Lord as vessels unto honor, fit for His use.

The Lord desires to see in you a daily improvement. Your parents sent you to school with the hope that you would obtain an education that would make you more helpful in the home, more obedient, more kind, more thoughtful. The school term is about to close, and as you return to your homes, let your parents see that the school has accomplished much for you, making you a blessing in the home and in the Lord's work.

Lt 88, 1903

Those in Charge of the Fernando School

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

To those in charge of the Fernando school

My dear brethren,—

I have received a letter from Brother Santee regarding the work of the Fernando school. He says, "God has blessed our Fernando school in many ways, and there is prospect of a much larger attendance in the next school year." "We have labored for the students faithfully, and nearly all have given themselves to the Lord."

For this encouraging report I am very thankful. It is for this that we have hoped and for this that we have prayed. Every student attending our schools should put on Christ, that by and by he may sit with the angels in heavenly places with Christ.

The light given me is that the educational branch of our work will be of great importance. What is it that will make our schools a power? It is not the size of the buildings. It is not the number of advanced studies taught. It is the faithful work done by teachers and students, as they begin at the lower rounds of the ladder of progress and climb diligently round by round.

Intermediate schools are highly essential. There are many parents who do not know how to train their children to be workers together with God. They have not in all things outgrown their childishness, and therefore they know not how to care properly for the church in their homes. Fathers and mothers have become indifferent to their obligations to God and unmindful of their duty to their children. Therefore we must establish schools that will be as the schools of the prophets.

Recently it has been clearly presented to me that by the continued sale of the book Christ's Object Lessons, we may obtain means to help in establishing these schools and in freeing from indebtedness those already in operation.

The Word of God is to lie at the foundation of all the work done in these schools. And the students are to be taught the true dignity of labor. They are to be shown that God is a constant worker. Let every teacher take hold heartily with a group of students, working with them and teaching them how to work. As the teachers do this, they will gain a valuable experience. Their hearts will be bound up with the hearts of the students, and this will open the way for successful teaching.

Thorough work must be done in these schools; for many students will go from them directly into the great harvest field. They will go forth to use what they have learned, as canvassers and as helpers in various lines of evangelistic work. Many workers, after studying for a time in the field, will feel the need of further study and, with the experience gained in the field, will be prepared to value school privileges and to make rapid advancement. Some will desire an education in the higher branches of study. For these our colleges have been established.

It would be a sad mistake for us to fail to consider thoroughly the purpose for which each of our schools is established. This is a matter that should be faithfully considered by our responsible men in each Union Conference. All the different interests should be given careful consideration, and then each school should place its work on a proper basis.

I fear that my brethren have misunderstood my words regarding the Fernando school. I did not suppose that they would call it a college, or undertake to do college work. I was pleased with the number of students present at the opening, and with their appearance, and I wished to encourage them to reach the highest standard of excellence and usefulness. But I knew quite well that the school was not prepared to do the work done at Healdsburg College in advanced studies, or to give instruction that would entitle it to the appellation of "college."

It is a mistake for our schools to get out flowery notices of what they intend to do. It would have been well if at the very start you had counseled more freely with your brethren of the Union Conference, who have had experience in educational work.

Some may think that at Fernando we should undertake to do the same work as at Healdsburg College. But we must remember that Healdsburg College was designed to do advanced work for our students in many Conferences, and that it took years for Healdsburg College to reach its present advancement. In order for it to do this, a solid foundation had to be laid. Never did I entertain the thought that the present faculty of the Fernando school could do the work done in Healdsburg.

Lt 89, 1903

Teachers of the Fernando School

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 17, 1903

To the teachers of the Fernando school,—

I have something to say in regard to the school at Fernando. Last night I was in earnest conversation with the school faculty. I was bearing them a decided message.

We are very grateful to God that there have been conversions in the school. But the school is not in all things reaching the high standard to which it may attain. A mistake was made in choosing the name adopted and in the announcement of studies that it was said would be taught. It is not wise for a new school to lift its banner and promise a high grade of work before it has proved that it is fully able to do preparatory work as it should be done. It should be the great aim in every intermediate school to do most thorough work in the common branches.

In every school that is established among us, the teachers should begin humbly, not grasping the higher rounds of the ladder before they have climbed the lower ones. They are to climb round after round, beginning at the bottom. They are to be learners, even as they teach the common branches. When they have come down to the simplicity of true education, they will better understand how to prepare students for advanced studies. Teachers are to learn as they teach. Advancement is to be made, and by advancement experience is to be gained.

Our teachers are not to think that their work ends with giving instruction from books. They should devote several hours each day to working with the students in some line of manual training. This should in no case be neglected.

In every school there should be those who have a store of patience and disciplinary talent. It should be the part of these to see that every line of work is kept up to the highest standard. Lessons in neatness, order, and thoroughness are to be given to the students. They are to be taught to keep everything in the school and about the grounds in perfect order.

A teacher should learn to control himself before he attempts to deal with the youth. If he is not a constant learner in the school of Christ; if he has not the discernment and discrimination that enable him to employ wise methods in his work; if he cannot control those in his charge with firmness, yet pleasantly and kindly, how can he be successful in his teaching? The teacher who is not under the control of God needs to heed 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. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:29, 30.]

Every one acting in the capacity of a teacher should learn daily of Jesus, wearing His yoke of restraint, sitting in His school as a student, obeying the rules of Christian principle. The teacher who is not under the guidance of the great Teacher will not be able to meet successfully the different developments that will arise as the result of the perversity of the children and youth with whom he is dealing.

Let the teacher, bring love and peace and cheerfulness into his work. Let him not allow himself to become angry or provoked. The Lord is looking upon him with intense interest, to see if he is being educated by the great Teacher. The child who loses his self-control is far more excusable than the teacher who allows himself to become angry and impatient. When a teacher has a reproof to give, let him give it in a soft, gentle voice. Let him be careful not to make the child stubborn by speaking to him harshly. Let him follow every correction with drops of the oil of kindness. His heart should be softened by love and kindness. He should never forget that He is dealing with Christ in the person of one of Christ's little children.

Let it be a settled maxim that in all school discipline, faithfulness and love are to reign. When a student is corrected in such a way that he cannot get the idea that the teacher desires to humiliate him, love for the teacher springs up in his heart.

Lt 90, 1903

Santee, Clarence

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 18, 1903

Elder Clarence Santee

Dear Brother,—

I am sending to you words of counsel regarding your camp-meeting and your school. I am deeply interested in the prosperity of your school and desire to see God's richest blessings attend it.

There is a great work to be done in the field, and the school interests must not become all-absorbing. It will not be wise for you to devote your time largely to the school. The Conference requires the labors of its president.

I advise you to strengthen your faculty. The principal is not able, physically, to do the work that needs to be done. He should be in a place where he will not have much brain work; for he can not endure the strain, neither can he do justice to the work.

Brother Giddings is not a man of strong mental or physical talents. He lacks some of the qualifications essential to success in dealing with minds. Let those teachers who have not self-control study diligently the lessons that Christ has given. When they have learned these lessons, they will be better qualified to teach the youth.

Lt 91, 1903

Faith, Elizabeth

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 18, 1903

Mrs. Elizabeth Faith

My dear sister,—

I am pleased to see that you have been enabled, in the light of the law of God, to see sin as it is. When we talked together in Battle Creek, you had not moral perception to enable you to distinguish right from wrong. You were transgressing the law of God, but you did not appear to understand what you were doing. If you have been enlightened, if you can understand what it means to keep the law of God, if you have a correct idea of what sin is, how thankful you should be. If you know right from wrong, if you can distinguish between the service of sin and the service of God, if you have a clear sense of God’s requirements, then you may safely engage in His work as providence opens the way.

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.” [Psalm 19:7.] If a canvasser should be tempted by human agencies to do wrong, and should yield, and at the same time should think that he was doing right, should he continue to be trusted with a sacred, holy work? Will you think of this? You were dealt with as you should have been. A person doing as you did should no longer be left to handle sacred things.

If the Lord has given you a true conversion, and you can distinguish between sin and righteousness, God will instruct you. If you put your entire trust in Him, He will accept your service. The Lord forgave David, but He punished his transgression. David sincerely repented, but he lost his child.

I am thankful that you regard the past as you do, and I would encourage you to do all the good you can in humble, trusting faith. If you go forward in meekness and do your best, you will be kept by the power of God.

I greatly desire the salvation of every soul. Each soul is precious in the sight of the Lord. He will give His grace to all who in sincere love for Him seek to do His will. He will pardon their transgressions.

Praying that you may be an overcomer, I am, Your sister.

Lt 92, 1903

Palmer, E. R.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 21, 1903

Dear Brother Palmer,—

In the past I have felt perplexed about saying to you all that I desired to say; for I feared that you would not understand me. I now wish to say that had not the Review and Herald been destroyed, the plans that you and Elder Daniells were forming would have made it necessary for me to say many things to counteract what you were working to accomplish. In your feelings of opposition to the proper development of the smaller printing offices, and your desire to bring much of our publishing work to Battle Creek, you were on the wrong track. But the Lord has taken this matter in hand, in a way that must be recognized, and it is not necessary for me to carry this burden on my heart.

There are some things that I must present to you. It is not best for you to take up work in Battle Creek. Had you decided to accept the invitations for you to do this, I should have felt it my duty to present to you as clearly as possible what the result would be. I will now say that your wisest course will be not to attach yourself to any large center. In such a place there are always many perplexities, and there are always influences that work counter to the right. You are not prepared, mentally or physically, to meet these things.

My counsel to you is to take up the work in some new place. Try to build up a work that has not been shaped. In doing this your strength will be employed to far better advantage than in a place like Battle Creek, where the influences are so varied and so unsanctified, and where the elements of contention are so strong. Away from the confusion of Battle Creek, you would be of far more value to the line of work that you are best fitted for.

Brother Palmer, the Lord has given you a special and important gift in your experience as a canvasser and your ability to teach others how to engage successfully in this work. You are not to become discouraged when you find that many do not see in all points as you do and that there is a diversity of plans. The Lord has not given you the responsibility of governing the work, but He has given you wisdom as a teacher, and He will help you to help others to learn how to carry the canvassing work forward to success.

The Lord will give you strength to bear every burden that He has laid upon you. He will help you to make a success of the canvassing work. That which the Lord has fitted you to do in the education of canvassers is a much-needed work.

It is not for me to lay out for you a definite line of work. But you should work, if possible, in some place where your mind will be kept in even balance, where you can be peaceful and quiet, where you will not be consulted on many questions. It is not best for you to have supervision over many things. Your mind should not be overtaxed. This would be a great injury to you. When too many perplexities are placed upon you, the blood rushes to your head, and you give way to an intensity of feeling that endangers your health.

Place yourself, if possible, where you will have little cause to worry over the work of others. As a teacher of canvassers you have talents that will make you very useful in the cause of God. But you are not to stand as a dictator.

If you should take upon you perplexities in which large interests are involved, the confusion that would come as the result of planning for the management of many things would not be for your own good or for the best interests of the cause of God. Those who would place upon you a variety of duties requiring the most careful management are making a mistake. Your mind needs to be tranquilized. You are to do a work that will not produce friction in your mind. You are to keep your conscience in the fear of God, according to the Bible standard, and you are to make steady improvement, that you may not be in any way unfitted for the work God has given you to do.

You are not to place yourself where a multiplicity of cares will crowd upon you. And above all, you are not to forget that you have a church in your own home to care for. This point must be considered. You have children to guide and direct. In studying the differences in their dispositions and tendencies, you will gain a valuable experience. Do not try to embrace too much in your labors. If you do this, you will not have opportunity to study the characters of your children.

I should not advise you to connect with any of our large institutions, to be exposed to the many temptations that will come. We all accept too much responsibility in connection with our work when we need instead more restraint and a deeper sense of what God is to us and what we may be to Him. How many there are who live under such a pressure of worry that they taste but little of the sweetness of God's love. They do not know the meaning of the words, "That My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." [See John 15:11.]

Your dependence must be in God. You are not to let other men empty their minds into your mind. You are not to allow them by their persuasions to lead you into false paths. Put your trust wholly in Him who declares, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." [Hebrews 13:5.]

God has made a covenant of grace with you. Christ is your hope, your refuge. It will be well for you to consider carefully your accountability to Him, your need of walking in the ways of the

Lord, so that you may be enabled to carry the responsibilities placed on you in consecrated, prayerful dependence on Him, with an eye single to His glory. God will help you to labor in a way that will bring encouragement and upbuilding to those who are striving to follow the Lord in self-denial and who cherish pure, unadulterated principles.

Our salvation is not in our own keeping. It has been placed in the hands of our Mediator. We are safe only while we keep a firm hold on the unerring Guide. Our success is sure if we do not weave our natural inclinations into the doing of God's work. When we bring self into our efforts, our feelings are stirred upon the least provocation, and we speak and act with an authority that God does not design His children to exercise toward one another.

All who have a part in God's work are to remember that He is the Ruler, and that those who have been appointed to take charge of His work must be under His rulership, body, soul, and spirit. And they are to remember that it is not enough that they do no wrong. They are not to suffer wrong to be done. They themselves must cherish a fear to offend God that will effectually restrain them from doing evil.

He who is engaged in God's service must look constantly to Jesus, filled with the determination to follow Him who gave His life for the life of the world. Our abrupt words and actions show a zeal that is not according to knowledge. We need always to be on watch, lest the policy of the world creep in and one-sided plans unbalance the mind. Many are in positive danger of being led astray because they do not realize that they are in positive danger. They breathe the tainted atmosphere of the enemy, and as a thief in the night deception creeps upon them. The clear spiritual vision is dimmed. A line of action formed on false conceptions is followed, and the Holy Spirit is grieved.

With this I shall send to you something which I wrote several months ago about your work and that of Elder Daniells. You may have seen it. Please read it again. In it you will find encouragement and instruction.

Lt 93, 1903

Arthur, Sister

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 21, 1903

Dear Sister Arthur,—

I would be very glad if I could talk with you this evening, but as that is impossible, I will write. I hardly know where to address you, as by this time you may have left Boulder.

I am greatly comforted as I contemplate the strong pillars of our faith. Those who possess true godliness will reveal it in their daily lives. In business transactions, the Christian will honor his Master. In his social relations, he will manifest love, mercy, compassion, and strict integrity. In

our lives we must ever reveal clearly the high and holy principles of heaven. To His followers, living amidst the wickedness of this world, Christ says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in heaven." [Matthew 5:16.] True Christians will let their light shine and will be loyal to Christ. Christ demands constant loyalty. Let nothing interpose between your soul and Jesus Christ. Cast your helpless soul upon Him, and then the enemy cannot separate you from the love of Christ.

My dear sister, I hope that you are taking care of yourself and that your health is improving. Remember that the Lord Jesus is the Chief Physician. He knows every anxiety of your mind. He is acquainted with your every difficulty. He would have you lay aside your trouble and anxiety and put your trust in Him. "Be not faithless, but believing." [John 20:27.]

My dear sister, we have a most precious Saviour. You love Jesus; therefore your life is hid with Christ in God. Love for Him will enable us to withstand the severe trials and temptations that come to us day by day. His love for fallen humanity has been plainly demonstrated. His love for us is of the highest, most exalted character. It never fails. Privation could not starve that love. The whole weight of the sins of the world could not break the cord of love with which He encircles humanity. It was the thought that so many would fail to respond to His great love that caused Christ's heart to break. The great question for us to answer is, Do I love Jesus with the whole heart? If we do, His love will be more precious to us than language can express.

Be not surprised if temptations come to you. But remember that Christ's yoke is easy. He has bound Himself up with humanity, that humanity may be bound to Him.

Be hopeful. Knowing that Jesus loves you, you can be cheerful. Keep your soul in the love of God. Sometimes we may gain strength by being kept in quietness. Action is good sometimes; but often we may receive great blessing in calm, sweet meditation and in quiet study, waiting upon God for the refreshing of His Holy Spirit. "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." [Isaiah 30:15.]

When we are in affliction, we need the grace of Christ to sustain us. You may have a calm and sweet trust in God. The Word of God is the bread of life. You may feed upon its rich promises. I have prayed for you especially this morning, that your soul may have a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit; that you may sit together with Christ in heavenly places, casting all your care upon Him who careth for you; that Satan with his temptations may not separate you from the love of Christ Jesus your Lord.

You are one of God's older children. Your children are His little children. Your husband is the priest of the household. You may lean your soul upon his deep affection. If you are separated, you can write to each other. When you write to him, say that I am praying for you both. I have received for him the comforting assurance that the Lord will be His Helper and will keep him by His power. "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them." "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing

will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." [Psalm 84:5, 11, 12.] Christ's righteousness will go before him, and he will be guided from above.

"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: He preserveth the souls of His saints; He delivereth them out of the hands of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness."

"Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." [Psalm 97:10-12; 100:2-5.]

I wish Colorado were not so far away. I have many dear friends in Boulder. How I would like to see them and speak to them frequently of the Saviour's love!

But my work is here. I must prepare books and give the light that the Lord gives me. I do not want to leave an unfinished work. I have with me an excellent company of workers, who take a decided interest in the work, and who can value aright the light given.

My sister, trust in the Lord and be of good courage. Commit the keeping of your soul to Him. He cares for you as one of His little children. Be cheerful. Whatever your condition, look in faith to the great, all-wise Physician. You are to remember that Christ owns you, and that He blesses and strengthens you. I pray that He will help you, that you may have health to care for your children, if that will be for your present and eternal good. Take hold of His strength, and exercise faith, living faith in Jesus. May the Lord bless you and every member of your family.

Lt 94, 1903

Hall, L. M.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 21, 1903

Dear Sister Hall,—

Sara has just read me your letter to her and to us all. I am very thankful to my heavenly Father that my health continues to improve. I have much writing to do, and I am glad that I can put the instruction given me into the form of books and send these books on their mission to enlighten the world.

The Lord is soon to come, and I must be prepared to meet Him in peace. I am sure that the world is ripening for the last great conflict. I am determined to do all in my power to impart light to those around me. I am not to be sad, but cheerful, and I am to keep the Lord Jesus ever before me. He is coming soon, and we must be ready and waiting for His appearing. O how

glorious it will be to see Him and be saved through His merits. Long we have waited, but our faith is not to become weak. It is to grow stronger as we see the signs of the times fulfilling. The end is near, and we are to put all our energies into the work of preparing to move from this lower school to the school above.

I am presenting my case before the Lord for His special blessing. We must have His presence with us constantly. We need it here, in our home, in our office, and in the heart of every worker. I must be cheerful, and although I feel sorrow of heart as I think of how little earnest work is done for the saving of souls, and how much we all need the converting power of God, I dare not put on a doleful, complaining aspect. We must face the Sun of righteousness. We must do our very best. We must pray and then believe that our prayers will be answered. Let us not cherish a complaining spirit. We love Jesus, and we know that He loves us—poor, failing, sinful human beings. Let us praise Him for His goodness and His mercy. We are His property, and it is our privilege to rejoice in His love.

Marian has been very sick, something as you were when you were with us. One evening while she was at Conference, she went to the Observatory with a party of friends. The evening was very cold, and she became thoroughly chilled. The next day she was quite sick. We sent her at once to the Sanitarium, and she has been there ever since. She has had a severe illness. For a time she was in a very critical condition. It was doubtful whether she would live. She coughed almost constantly and could not eat. For a while she had a day and night nurse. She is better now. Her cough has almost gone. When the weather is favorable, she walks out in the garden and greatly enjoys picking the roses.

But she does not dare to return home yet; for she finds that she cannot do without radiant heat. This always relieves her cough.

I can assure you that we miss her very much. We need her to complete the preparation of the book on temperance. But I fear that she will not be able to work for sometime.

I am doing what I can to answer the letters that come to me and to send needed instruction to the workers in Australia, Africa, and other parts of the world. The other day I received letters from two sisters in despondency, and these I answered at once. I always give such letters immediate attention, trying to write that which will inspire faith and hope and courage.

We are doing what we can to reach those in darkness. Every other Sabbath a song service is held in the Soldier's Home, at Yountville, a town about nine miles from here. In this Home there are hundreds of aged soldiers who are supported by the State. Our people have held meetings there for some time. The company who go drive over. Most of the time is spent in singing, and often a thirty-minute talk is given on some Bible subject. Papers and books are taken to give to those who wish them.

The soldiers greatly enjoy these meetings, and several are becoming interested. All who attend earnestly request that the meetings shall be continued. Some have seen my name in the papers

and books given them, and they are calling for me to come and speak to them. I should go next Sabbath, but I cannot; for I have promised to speak at the Sanitarium at eleven o'clock.

I have not dared to tax my strength in speaking; for I carry a heavy burden all the time for other lines of work. My writing must be attended to. My books must be prepared for publication.

There are many opportunities for missionary work among the people round us. Six miles from the Sanitarium there is a wood-choppers' camp where many men are working. We shall go there sometime and speak to the men. We intend to carry the truth into the highways and byways. The seeds of truth are to be sown beside all waters.

Brother Taylor has just called to invite me to speak at the Sanitarium tomorrow. He says that at present the highest-priced rooms in the institution are filled with a most excellent class of patients.

We think that we now have at the Sanitarium the help that we need in physicians. Brother and Sister Evans take very well with the patients. They take a deep interest in the patients; they sympathize with them; and the patients love them.

We have some backsets that we cannot help. Several weeks ago a sister came to the Sanitarium from San Francisco, sick. Her sickness was found to be what is called manilla itch, a mild form of smallpox. This is the disease that Ella and Mabel had while we were in the East last year. The sister was quarantined in a tent at some distance from the Sanitarium, and a nurse was sent to take care of her. But it was not long before the nurse caught the disease, and then, knowing that Mabel had had the disease, the doctors asked her if she would look after these two patients. She said that she would, and she has now been with them three weeks. The tent in which they live is not far from Elder Taylor's house, so they are not alone.

This case had to be reported, and it caused several patients to leave the Sanitarium.

Mr. Blackman, one of our neighbors, has been ailing for some time with stomach trouble. He is not a Sabbath-keeper, you know, and he thought much of Dr. Burke. About a week ago, he was taken very sick, and he went to Dr. Burke's Sanitarium. But he lived only for a few days after going there and died with no Christian hope. This made me feel very sad. He little thought when he left his home that he would never see it again. The warning comes to us to be ready should death call us unexpectedly. This poor man was not ready. Old age and infirmities have come upon me, and I want to live near to my Saviour. I want to cling close to His side. I want to do the will of my heavenly Father. I want to remember constantly that our life is pure only when we are under the control of God and happy only when we hold communion with Him.

All the luster possessed by those who have gained the richest experience is but the reflection of the light of the Sun of righteousness. He who lives nearest to Jesus shines the brightest. And let us thank God that the Master has His hidden ones, who are not recognized by the world, but whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. The luster of the tiniest gem in God's casket will glorify Him. There are many, like your sister Eleanor, who during this life do not

seem to be particularly honored. But the Lord sees those who serve Him. "They shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." [Malachi 3:17.]

"Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not." [Verse 18.] "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." [Malachi 4:1, 2.]

I am so glad that we have a God who understands—a God who will reward every man according as his works shall be.

I have just come up from evening worship. Our lesson chapter was the eighty-fourth Psalm, which contains these words: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." [Verses 1, 2.] I long to see Christians who are harmonious in all their parts. It is so sad to see those whose lives are a jumble of opposites. Christians must be Christlike. The life of a true, loveable Christian is the most powerful argument that can be produced in favor of the gospel.

Sister Hall, let us not worry. I was pleased with your cheerfulness when you were with us. I feel the greatest pleasure in the thought that we shall be together again soon, and that the old times will be renewed. We shall enjoy each other's society. We have both lived a very active, earnest life. If we can now ripen for the higher life, it will mean everything to us. You have not lived to please or exalt yourself, and I hope that you will now feel that you have done enough struggling to help others, and that you can enjoy peace and quietude and the sweet satisfaction of knowing that you have done what you could, and that the Lord will reward you according to your works.

Be of good courage, Sister Hall. Our warfare is almost over. We can both rest in the assurance that "we are His workmanship." [Ephesians 2:10.] Do not for a minute suppose that the Lord will forget your unselfish labors. During our lives the conflict has been sharp and severe. We can recall how again and again we have been pressed down to the grinding wheel. But let us never forget that if we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever and forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry out aloud, "Homeward bound." We are nearing the time when Christ shall come in power and great glory. Be of good courage in the Lord.

Lt 95, 1903

Daniells, A. G.

St. Helena, California

May 19, 1903

Dear Brother Daniells,—

We have received your letter in regard to the selection of a place for the Review and Herald Publishing House.

I have no special light, except what you have already received, in reference to New York and the other large cities that have not been worked. Decided efforts should be made in Washington, D.C. It is a sad thing that the record stands as it does, showing so little accomplished there. It will be best to consider what can be done for this city and see what ways of working will be the best.

In the past, decided testimony has been borne in regard to the need of making decided efforts to bring the truth before the people of Washington. I shall find what I have written on this point, if I can, and send it to you.

May the Lord help us to move understandingly and prayerfully. I am sure that He is willing that we should know, and that right early, where we should locate our publishing house. I am satisfied that our only safe course is to be ready to move just when the cloud moves. Let us pray that He will direct us. He has signified, by His providence, that He would have us leave Battle Creek. In the large Tabernacle there, many meetings, many ministerial institutes have been held. Light and power have been centered there when they should have been scattered far and near in the many cities yet unworked. Small centers should have been made in many places to represent the truth. Thus much good would have been accomplished. New members would have been added to the ranks of believers. With an increase of numbers would have come an increase of tithe, providing means to carry the message to other places.

New York needs to be worked, but whether our publishing house should be established there, I cannot say. I should not regard the light I have received as definite enough to favor the movement.

Let us all lift our hearts to God in prayer, having faith that He will guide us. What more can we do? Let Him indicate the place where the publishing house should be established. We are to have no will of our own, but are to seek the Lord and follow where He leads the way.

Lt 96, 1903

Hall, L. M.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 22, 1903

Dear Sister Hall,—

Will you please take the responsibility of making inquiry in regard to books of mine that are needed in the Sanitarium library. I understand that many of the books were consumed at the time of the fire. Please find out what is needed in the patients' library, and purchase the necessary volumes, at my expense, as I desire to make a gift of them to the Sanitarium. I would wish these books for the patients' library to be in the best binding. Also find out whether there is a set of my books in the helpers' library. If not, please buy a set for it, too. The binding of this set need not be the most expensive. Use your judgment in regard to this matter.

I should also like you to find out whether the Old People's Home and the Orphans' Home are supplied with sets of my books. If not, please buy for them what may be needed, including both the large and the small books. I desire to make these gifts to these needy places. I have the tenderest feelings toward all these institutions. Please use your judgment in supplying the necessities of these institutions, sending to each place the books required, at my expense.

There is another errand that I will commit to you. I used to have some books that I cannot now find. Among them were four or five leather-bound volumes of Barnes's Notes on the Bible, which I purchased from Brother Saxby when I was in Washington, D.C. I think my name is in them. I want them, if they can be found. Please ask Brother Amadon about them. If they cannot be found in the West Building of the Review office, please ask that public inquiry be made in regard to them. If these books are about the office, this fact will be known; for the volumes are almost square, leather-bound, second-hand; and if inquiry is made in a public meeting, some one may be found who knows something in regard to them.

Another volume that I cannot find is Mr. Horace Mann's book on temperance. If any one has this book, or any other books belonging to me, I should be glad to have them returned to me. My name is in most of my books.

The Review and Herald office had some old cuts, or engravings, of a large photograph of my husband Elder James White and of myself. I want these and also the copies of the pictures printed from these engraved plates. I understand that a large package of the pictures is stored in the General Conference office, together with old pamphlets.

At one time I had some remnants of books and some complete volumes of Sabbath Readings stored somewhere in Battle Creek. Please ask Brother Amadon to make diligent search for all these things and to send to me, by freight, packed securely in a box, all my belongings that I have referred to. We can use the small volumes of Sabbath Readings and other works to good advantage in orphans' homes and in many other places where these little books will be highly valued. We could use some of them in the Soldiers' Home at Yountville, where many hundreds of old soldiers are provided for in large government buildings. We are giving these men every attention possible. Every other Sabbath a party from the Sanitarium and the St. Helena churches visits them to sing religious hymns and to speak to them. They are interested in these meetings and seem delighted with everything that our people do for them.

We are sending papers to these soldiers and have placed in their library copies of my works—Christ's Object Lessons and some larger books of mine. Many of these men are intelligent. Our brethren and sisters are working this field, and we hope to do much more for the soldiers than we have yet done. Sometimes a talk—a short, pointed, Bible sermon—is given them, and they listen with intense interest. The gospel songs, the short prayer, and the good talk, taken together, seem to be just what is needed to interest the old men. They say, "We never have had any such work as this done for us before!"

We desire to keep books and papers circulating among these soldiers. Please help us all you can along this line by gathering together something for them to read—books and papers full of Bible truth.

I must stop writing, else I shall not get this into the mail.

In much love.

Lt 97, 1903

Kellogg, J. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 22, 1903

Previously unpublished.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg

My dear Brother,—

With this I am sending you two articles on the food work. Please read them, and weigh carefully every point. I thought they had been sent to you.

I will soon send you another letter; for I have the deepest interest in you. I want you to be an overcomer. I pray that we may meet you in the family of the redeemed, rejoicing that we have gained entrance into the city of God.

Lt 98, 1903

Morton, Eliza

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 25, 1903

Dear Sister Morton,—

I have read the letter that you wrote to Sister McEnterfer in regard to your mother's death; and I could but say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." [Revelation 14:13.] For a long time

your mother had been very feeble. You have cared constantly for her. To see her face no more will be a great grief to you. Were we living nearer you, we would say, "Come apart, and rest awhile." [Mark 6:31.] But your duties claim your time. I would say to you, Trust in the Lord. You will feel the death of your mother very keenly; but let me tell you that I sorrow not for the righteous dead, but for the living. I know that you have laid your mother in the tomb in the full hope that she will come forth when the trump of God shall sound.

What do you think of doing? I have a deep interest in you. Please write and tell me about your plans for the future. Remember that you are to leave the present and the future in the hands of your heavenly Father, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. I know what it means to bury loved ones. My father, mother, brothers and sisters, my husband, and two of my sons are sleeping in their graves. My sister Mary and I and my two sons are all that are left.

If Adam and Eve had not sinned, we should never have known anything about death. But they yielded to the temptations of the enemy, and we became subject to death. Christ came to free us from the power of death. He passed through death, that He might destroy him that had the power of death. When He came forth from the tomb, He proclaimed over the rent sepulcher, "I am the resurrection and the life. I was dead, but I live again, and all who go down to the grave believing in Me will I bring again to the land of the living."

Christ came to this world to be tempted in all points like as human beings are tempted, that He might be able to succor those that are tempted. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [John 1:12.] He came to honor humanity by standing at the head of humanity. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. O how blind and foolish are those who refuse to avail themselves of the great advantages secured to them by the death of the Son of God. His heart is filled with grief as He looks upon those who might be saved, but who will not give up their sins.

Lt 99, 1903

Nichols, Henry

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 24, 1903

Dear brother Henry Nichols,—

We were pleasantly surprised to hear that you and your family are so much nearer to us than when you lived on the Nichols estate. I wanted to talk with the friends who came from the place where you are now living. I asked that arrangements be made for them to visit me. But for some reason this was not brought about.

I want you to write to me and tell me about yourself. I understand that you are again keeping the Sabbath. I have not lost my interest in you, but I thought that you had lost all interest in

those who once knew you so well. I have not ceased to pray for you. Will you not write to me at once, and tell me all about yourself and your family? I should be so pleased to meet you again. I have thought much of our first acquaintance, when your father acted a father's part to me. What happy times we had together in the Nichols mansion.

How many times I have wanted the little leaflet of hymns from which we used to sing. If you have it, keep it carefully, and sometime we will republish it.

I will send you copies of letters that I have written to others. The sketch of our doings may not be uninteresting to you.

My life has been a very busy one. It has been a life of continuous labor. I have been enabled to do something for the Master.

We find many opportunities for missionary work among the people around us. For some time some of the members of the church here have been going to the Veterans' Home at Yountville, about nine miles from St. Helena, every other Sabbath and holding a song service for those of the soldiers who care to listen. Sometimes a short talk is given on some Bible subject. I have not been to the Home yet, but I expect to go soon.

These meetings open a wonderful field for missionary effort. The soldiers are given our books and papers to read, and some are becoming interested.

There, workers met in the Home Stephen Tracy, who once lived in Brunswick, Maine. He had met with an accident and had broken his leg, which had to be amputated. He made himself known to the members of my family who were at the meeting. I shall ask him to pay us a visit.

Elder G. A. Irwin, who two years ago was the president of our General Conference, and who has since been sent to Australia, returned to America a few months ago to attend a recent session of the General Conference. He came to see us and while here attended the meeting at the Veterans' Home. He served in the war himself and at Yountville met a soldier with whom he had many times stood side by side in battle.

Those in charge of the institution say that the soldiers take more interest in the song service than in any other of the religious meetings held for them. They are highly pleased with the efforts made by our people and say that they would like meeting every Sabbath. These men are to be labored for. I know that the Lord has not forgotten them. They have souls to save, and we must improve every opportunity to work for them.

In closing, I would say that I am so glad that the Lord has brought you near to Himself again. I am so glad that you are once more able to sing,

"Just as I am, without one plea

But that Thy blood was shed for me,

And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

We do not want to lose one who had a part in the work done just after the passing of the time in 1844. We need their experience.

Lt 100, 1903

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

May 25, 1903

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

The Australian mail has just come, and I have read your letter. Thank you very much for writing. I have much writing on hand, but I will begin a short letter to you and to your associates in the Sanitarium.

Make haste slowly as far as electric lights are concerned. I think that while your patronage is so light and while there is so great a dearth of means, it would be a mistake to incur large expense for the introduction of the electric lights and the electric light bath into the Sanitarium. Far better will it be for you to labor untiringly to develop to their fullest usefulness the facilities within your reach, especially all the natural facilities of the place, and wait awhile before investing in so expensive a facility as electric lights.

Be sure that the orchard has some means expended on it. It will respond to treatment. Give it the care that will enable it to do its best. I look upon that orchard as of great value to the institution.

Do all that you possibly can to perfect the institution inside and out. Be sure that your premises are in the best of order. Let there be nothing about them that will make a disagreeable impression on the minds of the patients.

Encourage the patients to live healthfully and to take an abundance of exercise. This will do much to restore them to health. Let seats be placed under the shade of the trees, that the patients may be encouraged to spend much time out-of-doors. And a place should be provided, enclosed either with canvas or with glass, where, in cooler weather, the patients can sit in the sun without feeling the wind.

Obtain the best help in the cooking that you can. If food is prepared in such a way that it is a tax on the digestive organs, be sure that investigation is needed. Food can be prepared in such a way as to be both wholesome and palatable.

Fresh air and sunshine, cheerfulness within and without the institution, pleasant words and kindly acts—these are the remedies that the sick need, and God will crown with success your efforts to provide these remedies for the sick ones who come to the Sanitarium. By happiness and cheerfulness and expressions of sympathy and hopefulness for others, your own soul will be filled with light and peace. And never forget that the sunshine of God's blessing is worth everything to us.

Teach nurses and patients the value of those health-restoring agencies that are freely provided by God and the usefulness of simple things that are easily obtained.

I will tell you a little about my experience with charcoal as a remedy. For some forms of indigestion, it is more efficacious than drugs. A little olive oil into which some of this powder has been stirred tends to cleanse and heal. I find it is excellent.

Pulverized charcoal from eucalyptus wood we have used freely in cases of inflammation. During the first camp-meeting that we held in Australia, a young woman was taken very sick with inflammation of the liver and the lungs. It was feared that she would die. Dr. M. G. Kellogg, who was attending her, came to me for advice. I suggested that he make a compress of pulverized charcoal, and put it on the sick woman's side. She had been crying out in her pain, but in about fifteen minutes after the compress was applied, she fell into a sweet sleep.

When we first went to Cooranbong, the men who were clearing in the woods would often come in with bruised hands. In these and other cases of inflammation, I advised the trial of a compress of pulverized charcoal. Sometimes the inflammation, which was very high before the compress was applied, would be gone by the next day.

Always study and teach the use of the simplest remedies, and the special blessing of the Lord may be expected to follow the use of these means which are within the reach of the common people.

If you can get Brother and Sister Starr to unite with you in sanitarium work, do so by all means. Let no spiritual advantages be looked upon as expensive. Let the truth be presented in its simplicity and power. If Brother Starr can take up this work, it will be a help to physicians and managers and a blessing to helpers and patients.

To all the workers in the Sanitarium I would say, Be sure to help the souls that are ready to perish. Oh, it does me good to hear that sinners are being made to understand how they can be saved. Do not forget that a worker must not take upon himself so many burdens that his soul will become weary. His first and greatest care should be to keep fresh and fragrant in spirit. In the unfolding of God's plan we are to be restored to a state corresponding to the perfection of divinity. This is accomplished through the death of Christ and through His mediatorial work in our behalf. As we move forward in the fulfilment of God's plan, our character is established in holiness, and we gain more and more knowledge of God and of Christ. We are ever to

remember that we are chosen of God and precious, and that the saving of souls is to be our one great aim in all that we do.