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Lt 1, 1905

Students in the Huntsville School

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 1, 1905

To the students in the Huntsville School

Dear young friends,—

Are you daily preparing for graduation into the higher school? Are you daily becoming better fitted for entrance into the heavenly courts? Are you making the most of your privileges, seeking earnestly to overcome all evil habits? At the great examination day, one wrong habit unconquered will keep you from receiving the overcomer's reward. Do not let sin obtain the victory over you. Strive to enter in at the strait gate. “Wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.” “Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” [Matthew 7:13, 14.]

There is a special and important work for you to accomplish. Clear directions are given in the Word of God regarding the part that you are to act. “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.” [Colossians 3:1-3.]

“When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. ... Put on therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another and forgiving one another, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching, and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.” [Verses 4, 12-17.]

I would urge upon you the importance of a determination to honor God by consecrating to Him the powers of mind and body. It is your privilege to give yourselves to God. In word and deed seek to honor Him. Set your mark high, and by constant watchfulness gain decided victories.

Be kind in all you do and say. If any one speaks harsh, irritating words to you, do not retaliate. Speak gently, and thus help those around you to bear the cross after Jesus. In every perplexity ask God for advice and counsel, and it will be given. When your mind is troubled, go to the Lord Jesus, and ask Him to give you His grace. Cast all your care upon Him who cares for you. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." [Philippians 4:6, 7.]

Ask yourselves, Why am I obtaining an education? Is it not that I may be better fitted to work for the Lord? I must make the very best use of my school days, honoring God by developing a character like the character of Christ. Then when I return to my home, I can be a blessing and a help to those around me.

Watch and pray, and keep the heart always in a condition to discern and receive all the good that God has for you. Ask Him for the wisdom that will enable you to turn from the evil that you may see and hear. Learn from Christ how to keep your souls in harmony with His. When the peace of God fills the heart, thank God, praise His holy name, and keep yourselves where you can receive still more of the Holy Spirit. Thus you will make friends with God, and He will make of you true Christians.

The peace of Christ is worth everything to you. It is your privilege to be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation. While a student here under human teachers, remember that you are also a student under the great Teacher, who gave His life for you, that you might learn of Him to be meek and lowly. He desires you to realize that His yoke is easy and His burden light. In time of need, the true Christian will realize the keeping power of God. He who asks help from God will receive it. The student who is learning to serve God acceptably will be a blessing to those with whom he is associated.

God will guide all who desire to be guided. In the time of temptation He will hide them in His pavilion. Do your best. Be faithful in word and act. Give evidence that the efforts made in your behalf are not in vain. Then God will greatly bless you and will help you to make a success of your work. Give yourselves, heart and mind and soul, to the work of obtaining a fitness for God's service. Co-operate with your teachers. Respond to their efforts in your behalf. Give them evidence that these efforts are not in vain. Thus you will disappoint the enemy and cause rejoicing amongst the angels of God.

Pray and believe, and the Lord will be to you a present help in every time of need. Trust in the Saviour. Ask Him for what you need, believing that He will hear and answer you, that He will receive and bless you, because you confess and forsake your sins.

We are praying for you in Huntsville—praying that the Spirit of God may come upon you, to encourage you, to make you apt students, that you may know and do the will of God and magnify the truth. Angels have charge over you, and they are ever ready to help you, to give you light and faith and courage. Submit yourselves wholly to God’s guidance, and you will be established in the truth and will gain a fitness to teach those who know not the truth.

Yours in the blessed hope of Christ’s coming.

Lt 3, 1905

Jones, C. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 4, 1905

Dear Brother C. H. Jones,—

I have written a letter to all who are bearing responsibilities as leaders in the work of the Pacific Press, and now I wish to write you personally a few lines, which I earnestly desire you to read carefully and prayerfully, that you may discern the high, noble principles that are to be carried out in the life practice.

I do not see how it will be possible for me to attend the meeting at Mountain View. But I have often talked with you and before you in regard to the way in which those who are bearing responsibilities should conduct the work.

Your course in connection with the work of God has not been in all respects a pattern for others to follow. There have been and there still remain in your mind mixed sentiments. You are placed where you have opportunity to favor yourself in many ways, and this you have done in certain business lines. The Lord does not record this to your credit. These things may in your view be passably right, but there are some things that are not right, and I am obliged, though with much regret, to state a few points regarding them.

You have sometimes accepted favors for yourself. If others should do the same in this respect, proportionally, as you have done, a condition of things would be brought in that the Lord condemns. There are matters that must be investigated by our brethren who are bearing responsibilities in the work, in order that the standard of unselfish action may be maintained. The Lord expects those who occupy offices of trust in connection with His work to purify their souls by obeying the very highest principles of truth.

To you and to brother Frank Gage I am instructed to say, Be afraid lest you yield to the temptation to follow your own inclinations. Others have done this; but this is no excuse for you.

The standard of principle sometimes followed by Brother W. C. Gage was a very objectionable one. Never should we follow the devising and policy of the world as he has done. The business dealings carried on in connection with the Signs office are all to be true, clean, and fragrant.

God is in earnest with us. He would have us put self out of sight. The advantages that you have taken to yourself may not be made apparent to some who shall investigate the matter. The questionable things may, from a worldly standpoint, be justified, but they can not be from a Christian standpoint. I write this to warn you not to vindicate yourself from a worldly point of view; for this would hurt your future influence as a worker in connection with the cause of God. Your judgment in regard to the justice of some business transactions has been dimmed. The advantages that shall come to those connected with the cause, because of their connection with it, are not to be regarded as a personal matter, to be used for personal advantage. The benefits accruing to any one because of his connection with our institutions are not to be appropriated for selfish advantages, but are to be placed to the advantage of the institutions.

It is your privilege to obtain an experience of that which you now have. God is saying to you, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24.] The standard of the world is not to be the criterion for Christians. Settling matters from the standpoint of the law by worldly lawyers has brought great entanglement upon the work and cause of God. The way in which men, connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium, sustained by worldly lawyers, have carried out their own plans and have swayed things in harmony with their own ideas has been opened before me, chapter after chapter. I can see it all as plainly as if I had been present. But I do not wish to specify these matters to the managers of the institution; for it would be of no use. There are wrongs that will never be made to appear as they really are. Therefore I shall not specify any particulars. It would be of no use.

But I do wish to state that the rule followed by worldlings who do not recognize the law of Jehovah, as the standard that all must reach, is not the rule that is to be followed in our institutions. Worldly policy in business dealing is not to be brought into the cause of God.

Brother Jones, you have been led to take steps in business transactions that are not right. You have erred in judgment. Closely investigate all your business transactions; for we are living in the day of judgment, when every case is to be tried. Every weakness, every misleading transaction should now be repented of and forgiveness earnestly sought. Search for the selfishness that has developed, and examine it in the clear light of the Word of God. And then make these things right if you would stand acquitted in that great day when every man shall be judged according to his works. God expects a man who has had the experience that you have had to stand as a veteran in His army. He calls upon His people to stand, and having done all, to stand. What is meant [by] "all"? [Ephesians 6:13.] Read the words of Christ in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, and you will see.

Let us keep in view the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those who are engaged in the battles of the Lord in this world. Let us look away to the city “which hath foundations, whose maker and builder is God.” [Hebrews 11:10.] We are engaged in a stern warfare, and we are to fight manfully. And let us never forget that those only are crowned who fight lawfully. In all good works we are to enter into partnership with Jesus Christ. Day by day we are to keep the way of the Lord, saying humbly and gratefully, “Lord, I have done as Thou hast commanded me. What shall I do next?” Every day, with Bible in hand, we are to learn in Christ’s school the lessons taught by Him and His apostles. Never are we to do that upon which He could not place His commendation.

My brother, in this life we are to prepare for the future immortal life. This is our work. We are to become familiar with the Levitical law in all its bearings; for it contains rules that must be obeyed; it contains the instruction that if studied will enable us to understand better the rule of faith and practice that we are to follow in our dealings with one another. No soul has any excuse for being in darkness. Those who receive Christ by faith will receive also power to become the sons of God.

Your sister in Christ.

P.S. I have been given a representation of things that occurred at the death of Brother Lunt. Before this, his daughter Charlotte had given him a small sum of money. After his funeral expenses were paid, I think there was something left. This money rightly belonged to his wife, who had done her duty faithfully in caring for her sick husband. It should have been placed in her hands. But that small amount of money was made to appear as not belonging to Sister Lunt.

The impression made upon the widow by the course followed was very painful. Had Brother and Sister Jones placed in her hands the money which had they been in her circumstances they would have claimed as their own, the approval of God would have rested in their unselfishness.

God calls us to do unto others as we would wish them to do unto us. Every effort should have been made to show Sister Lunt that the faithful care she had given her husband was appreciated. But instead, a distressing and humiliating impression was left upon her mind. The outcome of the transaction was that the pleasant relationship that had existed for years was decidedly changed. A door that should have been strictly guarded was left open for temptation to enter.

God weighs motives and actions. Every dollar of the money left unused should have been freely given to Sister Lunt. Sister Jones would have been highly aggrieved had she been similarly treated. Both she and her husband would have pronounced judgment upon such a course.

In the lives of all there are times when tests and proving come through circumstances. If the unselfish spirit of Christ is revealed, great good is the result. If the mind is controlled and guided by the Spirit of God, the actions will speak for themselves.

“If any man will come after Me,” Christ says, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.] Opportunities come when character is revealed, and supreme decisions are made. My brother and sister, such an opportunity came to you, and [you] failed. May the Lord help you to make this matter right. May He help you to make straight paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the way.

Lt 5, 1905

Church in Reno

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 4, 1905

To the church in Reno

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

My advice has been asked as to whether the matter of establishing a sanitarium in Reno should be brought up just now. To this I respond: Special talent is required to start a sanitarium and place it in running order, even though the enterprise be a private one. Before starting out in such an enterprise, our brethren should ask the advice of wise counsellors. Reno must be worked; but it must be worked in the right way. Were enterprises started that would prove a disappointment, were the one who had taken the responsibility of the work upon himself to fail in his enterprise, it would be very difficult to overcome the impression thus made against the truth.

Whoever has in view the starting of a sanitarium should consult those of his brethren who carry the burden of the work in fields nigh and afar off. We cannot afford to have any impression made by our medical work in the cities other than that God is our leader and our defense.

When a sanitarium is established in Reno, it should be conducted in such a way as to be a powerful influence in the uplifting of the banner of truth. To those who desire to start a sanitarium in this place, I would say, Do not move hastily. Consult your brethren. Attend the meeting of leading men soon to be held at Mountain View. There many matters of interest will be discussed, and light will come in to help you to understand what is your duty. You will have opportunity to learn what it means to establish sanitariums and to conduct them on the elevated plane that has been marked out for our institutions.

To our brethren and sisters in Reno I would say, Move cautiously. Enter into no enterprise unless you are sure that it is in harmony with the will of God. Do not loan or invest your means without first giving the matter careful consideration. Dishonor will come upon us as a people if a sanitarium be started in Reno in a hasty, illogical way. Such an enterprise should not be started without carefully counting the cost and seeing whether the work planned for can be completed. The instruction that the Lord has given is that those who plan to establish a sanitarium should consult with the officers of the conference before undertaking the work.

To our brethren everywhere I am instructed to say, Let the enterprises already started in needy fields be considered before new enterprises are begun, else a large burden of debt will be brought upon our people. The institutions that are being established at the capital of our nation must have special help just now. The important work that has been undertaken in Washington, D.C., must be completed.

Just now money is greatly needed also to advance the work in the Southern field. I have been instructed that means must be provided to carry forward the work begun in Nashville. The school in which young men and women are to be educated to go out as missionaries is to be firmly established. Special efforts must also be made just now to help the colored people. The sanitarium that has been established in Nashville for the colored people must be provided with better facilities, and those who are making efforts to build at Huntsville an orphanage for colored children must have help.

With this I will send you copies of letters recently written to others about the work in mission fields. These letters you may read at your meetings.

Lt 7, 1905

Workmen in the Pacific Press Publishing House

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 5, 1905

To the Workmen in the Pacific Press Publishing House,—

I am entrusted with a message to all who are connected with the work of God. Accustom yourselves the whole day long to draw near to God. Yes, draw nearer to Him than you have ever before felt the necessity of doing. This God demands of every one connected with the publishing house at Mountain View. Talk with God, and with gratitude learn of Him His way and will. He will give tact and skill to those who do their work to His glory.

Christ says, Reach up higher and still higher in every business transaction. Let no selfish scheme to favor self come in. The whole day long, in all your business transactions, remember that you are in the Lord's presence. Seek in simple faith to be pure in His sight. Be sure not to bring to the foundation that which is represented as wood, hay, and stubble. Lay your souls open before God, and put yourselves entirely under His guidance. Whatever you may be doing, let your prayers rise to God. Seek in simple faith to enter into union with Christ. You are not half acquainted with the requirements of Christ. You are foolishly neglecting the truth by which you are to be sanctified. Pray, O pray; for a soul without prayer is like a lost sheep, which has strayed from its shepherd.

The temper is on the track of every one. He will lead all he possibly can to heed the sentiments which, if followed, must end in eternal destruction. We have none too much time to prepare to meet God. No longer talk of unimportant subjects. Draw near to God. You occupy an important position, and your example is to help others to purify their souls through the truth. Let the converting power of God come in among you. The Saviour desires every one connected with the office at Mountain View to be tenderhearted, pitiful, courteous. Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. He is holy, and He will impart His holiness to His true followers.

I am instructed to say, There are but few who have advanced as they should in heavenly discipline. Among those acting a part in the office of publication, there are some whose fellowship is not a spiritual advantage to the apprentices working with them. God blotted out our two largest institutions in Battle Creek, because those connected with them would not heed the appeals and warnings given. My spirit is grieved day and night as I see so little real devotion, so little earnest, determined effort to rise to a higher standard. O how much precious time is trifled away on unimportant lines of work.

It is not the house, the land that you possess, but the condition of your heart at which God looks. Firm and unshaken, hold fast to the truth. With heart and mind and soul and strength, love the Lord your God. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, Give me Thy love in my heart, that I may impart it to others. There is only one power—the power of the grace of Christ,—that can energize the soul. All pride, all self-indulgence is to be overcome, or we can never enter the abodes of bliss. The science that all should learn is the science contained in the words, “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.]

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.” [Colossians 3:1-4.]

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Lt 9, 1905

Leading Men of the Pacific Press

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 5, 1905

To the leading men of the Pacific Press

Dear Brethren,—

I am very much interested in your work as it now stands in Mountain View. I have this message to present to you: Look to God for your orders. Do not shape your cause in conformity to the views of worldly businessmen. We are living in the great day of atonement, when every case is being decided by the Judge of all. Those who are preparing for entrance into the heavenly courts cannot afford to be careless now. “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,” is the word that comes to us. [Matthew 5:48.] We are to be constantly reaching forward toward perfection of character, striving continually for conformity to the will of God. Daily we are to make earnest efforts to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The solemn instruction that the Lord gave to Moses for the guidance of Israel is to be studied and obeyed by the church of God in these last days. From the pillar of fire this instruction was given, and it contains principles from which there is to be no departure. Every institution under the control of God’s denominated people is now to take its stand in its God-given knowledge of right, of justice, of virtue, free from every vestige of self-serving, if it would be a blessing to humanity in this degenerate age.

We are to stand firm against all forms of degeneracy and backsliding, against every temptation to mingle worldly policy with the work of God. The policy of worldly men is not to be brought into our institutions and our churches. It is a spurious fabrication, which makes to appear

righteous, that which the Lord calls fraud. God calls upon those connected with our publishing houses, sanitariums, and schools, and with all others lines of His work, to stand under His banner, following His principles in every business transaction. They are safe only when they are standing on the side of truth and righteousness. They are to take their stand against all Satan's devising; for if followed this devising would spoil the figure of the pattern that Christ has given us to work out in our characters. Never are the rules of worldlings to be adopted. Never are the standards of those who do not recognize the standards of Jehovah to be accepted and followed in our institutions.

The love of God is free from all selfishness. The prosperity of His institutions is to be our first consideration. At every point self-denial is to be exercised without measure and without its bitterness' being tasted. Never are we to ask, How can I gain advantage for myself.

In the time of Israel's deliverance, God gave men wisdom and skill to be used in building the tabernacle. In their work they were to be guided by the unseen Leader. These chosen men felt greatly honored that a part had been assigned them in the Lord's work. Love and reverence for God led them to offer Him faithful, unselfish service, returning to Him the increase of the talents given them.

And today the capabilities God has given men and women are not to be employed for selfish advantage. These gifts have been bestowed upon them that they may show forth the glory of God. They are to praise Him that He has chosen them to reveal, in the smaller as well as the larger matters of life, the greatness of His gift.

Christ has a place for all sanctified ability. He first bestows the gift and then the power to improve the gift. Not for selfish interest is this power to be exercised, but for the advancement of the cause of God. There is to be a daily surrender of self to God. Every capability is to be used with unselfish love for God. The cross of self-denial is to be cheerfully and willingly borne. And the worker is not to forget to go apart, at times, to rest and commune with God, that he may learn how to work in a way that will redound to the greatest glory of God.

Great is the grace imparted to one who works thus. The Lord bestows on him wisdom and judgment and skill, and he is to give them back to the Lord in willing service.

The glory of God is to be your first consideration. Confess your own nothingness, and praise the Lord that He has singled you out as one whom He can entrust with the capabilities. Pray for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Hold converse daily with God.

True godliness is a close union with Christ. This godliness enables us to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God which worketh in us, both to will and to do of His own good pleasure. Day by day we are to follow on to know the Lord. To all who

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

The Lord permits the confused soul to exert all his strength in an attempt to gain holiness; and then when he has become weary and faint in following his own devising, He invites him to come to Him in simple faith, saying, "I have surrendered myself to the Lord, believing in Him as my Redeemer, my sanctification, my righteousness. I surrender all to Him." Those who accept this invitation will find rest and peace.

Surrender to Christ means more than many realize. We cannot make this surrender while we refuse to wear His yoke and to learn His meekness and lowliness. The mind, the will must be wholly surrendered to the control of the will of God. All schemes and makeshifts to show that you have nothing to confess must be put away. You must be born again of the Holy Spirit. All your attempts to gain holiness in your own strength will avail nothing. You are to surrender all to the Lord Jesus, whose you are by creation and by redemption, saying, "I am His, I am not my own. I belong to Him. All the talents and capabilities that I have are to be used to glorify His name. I must keep foremost the prosperity of His institutions. If I am not prepared to work unselfishly for the prosperity and growth of the institution with which I am connected, I must renew my consecration to God and make a solemn surrender of all to Him."

In this the great day of atonement, God calls for a condition of things among His people that is appropriate to the occasion. Confess, confess, confess your mistakes and errors. To all who profess to be Seventh-day Adventists, I would say, You are entitled to the name of Christian only as you employ your talents in harmony with the plan of the Lord Jesus Christ, only as you are co-workers with God. The life of Christ is the only pattern that it is safe for us to follow.

Lt 11, 1905

Those Assembled in Council at Nashville

January 10, 1905 [typed]

To those assembled in council at Nashville

Dear Brethren,—

I am deeply interested in the work that is being done in the Southern field, and especially in the work of the Huntsville School. This school farm was represented to me as having on it fruit trees in full bearing, and also a variety of grains and vegetables, which were in a flourishing condition. Then the words were spoken: "This land is a precious treasure. If thoroughly cultivated, it will yield a valuable increase for the support of the school. But special pains must be taken in its

cultivation. Much more may be realized from it than now appears possible. If properly treated, this land will be a lesson book to the students, and to our people, and to those not of our faith.”

There was presented before me a gathering in of the harvest with much rejoicing. Painstaking effort had gained a liberal reward. Then the explanation was given: Thus it may be in the lives of the students, if they will put forth patient effort to acquire knowledge and will respond to the painstaking effort put forth in their behalf. The seed sown by the diligent efforts of the teachers will be seen in the development of valuable faculties, which will be of use in the Lord’s cause. The students will gain knowledge that they can give to their own race.

When I was last in Nashville, I was asked whether it would not be best to dispose of the Huntsville school farm and purchase land elsewhere. Those who asked this question thought that perhaps there was more land in this farm than could be properly managed by the students.

When I was on the steamer Morning Star, the matter was opened before me. I wrote out the instruction given and read it to a large number at the Huntsville meeting. I will have this matter copied and sent to Brother Rogers and to other workers in the South.

I will not repeat in this letter the lengthy message given me, but will say, Be of good courage, my brethren. Be of good courage in the Lord. A way out of present difficulties will be found. Our part is to reach forward and upward toward the mark of the prize of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He who is in harmony with God ever stands bravely for the right. His influence is always exerted on the side of truth.

There is a power for good in intellect, if it is conformed to the mind of Christ, sanctified and controlled by the Spirit of God. But intellect alone cannot give a fitness for heaven or enable us to reach the divine standard. In order for a man to be what God desires him to be, he must have a pure, noble character. The right that one has to claim that he is a man is determined by the use that he makes of his intellect. Before man can be acknowledged as a laborer together with God, he must get out of and away from the self-confidence that claims much and gives little.

Many who have grown to the physical stature of men have kept in their characters a childishness that makes it impossible for God to be glorified in them. In order to be partakers of Christ’s character, we must leave all childishness behind.

Human beings have no right to think that there is a limit to the efforts that they are to make to represent the goodness and love of God in the work of saving souls. Did Christ ever become weary in His work of soul-saving? Did He ever draw back from self-denial and sacrifice? When church members bring into their lives the self-denial that Christ brought into His life, when they

put forth the continuous, persevering efforts that He put forth, they will have no time and no inclination to weave into their experience the false threads that would spoil the pattern.

As church members we cannot afford to stop to quarrel; for time, precious time, is passing into eternity. We are to watch, and work, and pray, never letting self obtain the mastery. We are to be all ready, through watchfulness and prayer, to spring into action in obedience to the Master's command. Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it, constantly looking unto Jesus. If our church members would heed this instruction, hundreds of souls would be won to Jesus.

Let those who are easily irritated refuse to retaliate when words that vex them are spoken. Let them seek the Lord in prayer, asking Him to show them how to work for souls perishing in sin. He who keeps busy in this work will be so thoroughly imbued with the Spirit of God that his manners, his voice, his whole life will be a revelation of Christ. Try it, brethren, try it. Crucify self in the place of seeking to crucify your brethren. "If any man will come after Me," Christ said, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24.]

Self-denial means much. It means a denial of the natural desires and the natural disposition. It means a denial of the inclination to find fault and accuse. It is a neglect of this self-denial that needs now to be corrected. My brethren, take yourselves in hand on this point, and you will find that you will not have so many provocations to anger. Be kind in word and spirit. Is it not high time that you were preparing for the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for those that love Him? Will you not stop censuring one another? Will you not cease speaking words of faultfinding to your brethren and to your children? Your happiness depends on refusing to speak one disagreeable, impatient word.

For Christ's sake, watch and pray; and during the year that we have just entered, strive to restrain all harsh words. Resolve that you will not speak words that will cast a shadow over the lives of others. Do not stop to ask whether those around you appreciate your efforts to deny self. Open the windows heavenward. Think of Christ, and try to please Him. "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." [Ephesians 6:11, 12.] Satan will use every possible device to make you like himself and thus separate you from the One who gave His life for you. Evil angels will strive for the mastery in your life. If you have not on the whole armor of God, you will be overcome. Shall it be thus, or will you sign the pledge that you will not be intemperate in word or in spirit, that you will keep the divine Pattern ever before you?

This warning was not given by the apostle without a purpose. We should all feel that it is our duty to stand at our post, on guard over ourselves, lest the evil agencies warring against us shall be successful in leading us to say and do that which will please the enemy.

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” [Verse 13.] What is meant by “all”? Read the words of Christ in the Old Testament and in the New, and you will see.

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” [Verses 14-17.] The words and deeds of Christ’s followers are to be fragrant with the holiness of truth.

“If so be that ye have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus; that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath; neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good, to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” [Ephesians 4:21-32.]

God forbid that our church members should stay any longer on the lowlands, subject to Satan’s plans and suggestions and devisings. I pray that they may have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We belong to one body, one church. One interest is to animate us, one Spirit guide us.

Pray for a thorough transformation of character, and then work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it is God who worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Were all the useless books destroyed, were all the money saved that is expended for reading that does not cause one ray of light to shine upon the pathway, were the Word of God studied with the deep interest that its importance demands, there would be a wonderful increase of appetite for the bread of heaven.

Read and study the Word of God. Do not fill your minds with the reading contained in magazines and novels. Reject this, and spend the money thus saved in sending our papers to those who have them not. Keep searching the Scriptures and eating the bread of life.

There are many who have not kept their baptismal vows. Christ and His disciples had a clear, decided testimony to bear in the power of the Holy Spirit. Such a testimony we also must bear, or we shall be unprepared for the coming of the Lord. How does your record stand in the heavenly courts? Will you not now, for Christ's sake, examine your own souls. Will you not love God supremely and your neighbor as yourself. Remember that every time you stir up strife, every time you accuse and condemn others, the enemy lays a snare to destroy your usefulness.

For many nights I have not been able to sleep for more than a short time. My soul bears a heavy burden as the situation of our people is presented before me. I am saying in my sleep, You are unready to do the work that should be done. There are grave dangers before you. O that my soul might be relieved of this burden! It is represented to me that all through our ranks there are those to whom the messages of the third chapter of Revelation are applicable. "I know thy works," God says, "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." [Revelation 3:1-3.]

Now, just now, humble your hearts before God, and make earnest work for repentance. Arouse from your careless indifference, and seek the Lord with all the heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. Confess your sins before Him, and repent with the whole heart. The wickedness that is in our world is very great, and every day it is increasing. How long it will be before the great day of trouble comes, we do not know.

May the Lord open blind eyes, that His people may understand wondrous things out of His law. I entreat you to heed the warning I bear to you. I entreat you to cease finding fault and censuring, and set your hearts in order, that you may labor for those who are perishing in sin.

Are your lives, your characters controlled by the Holy Spirit? We are living amidst abnormal wickedness, but we may stand free from it all. Serve God zealously and faithfully, and thus be preparing for the great day when Christ shall come to take His jewels to Himself. Oh, awake out of sleep. Without transformation of character you cannot be ready to meet the Lord in peace. Christ will save all who will make an entire surrender to Him. Make a covenant with God by sacrifice. Humble yourselves before Him, and remember that you cannot repent of other men's sins. It is of your own sins that you are most thoroughly to repent. You are to work for others, that they may believe in Jesus, and be washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Lt 13, 1905

Haskell, S. N.; Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 10, 1905

Dear Brethren Haskell and Butler,—

I wish to write you a few lines. I have been instructed that cases regarding which it is difficult to decide will be brought before you. One such case is that of Brother W. O. Palmer. I wish to say that his case has been presented before me, and I was referred to the record of the way in which Christ treated the case of the woman brought to Him by the Pharisees to answer to the charge of adultery. Her case was held up by her accusers in the very worst light, but as they continued to urge the matter, the Saviour answered not a word. Stooping down, He began to write on the ground; and as they pressed nearer to see what He was writing, they saw, traced in clear characters, the guilty secrets of their lives. Rising and fixing his eyes upon them, Jesus said, “He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone.” [John 8:7.] And stooping down, He continued writing on the ground.

The woman’s accusers, their robes of pretended holiness torn from them, stood, guilty and condemned, in the presence of infinite purity. They trembled lest the hidden iniquity of their lives should be laid open to the multitude; and one by one, with bowed heads and downcast eyes, they stole away, leaving their victim with the pitying Saviour.

Jesus arose and, turning to the weeping woman, said, “Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?” She said, “No man, Lord.” And Jesus said unto her, “Neither do I condemn thee. Go, and sin no more.” [Verses 10, 11.]

You may be asked decisions against Brother Palmer. Before you do this, find out whether those who bring charges against him have gone to him, and in the spirit of Christ have labored with him, and whether, if they have been to him, and he has refused to listen to them, they have taken with them one or two others, according to the directions given in the Word of God. If the course that Christ outlines in His Word has been followed, you know from the Scriptures what course to pursue. But if these steps have not been taken, you have no right to drop Brother Palmer’s name from the church roll or to speak in condemnation of him.

That which will bless humanity is spiritual life and obedience to all God’s commands. The work of each church member is to reach forward constantly toward the perfection of Christian character. The life of Christ is to be our example in all things. Every business transaction is to be in accordance with the principles laid down in His Word. Let church members walk and work in

the meekness of Christ. Each one will have his hands quite full if he attends to his own case, striving to reach the grand ideal held up before him in Christ's life of love and mercy.

Those who are inclined to make discord in the church need to feel in their lives the transforming power of the grace of Christ. Those who, like ministering angels, work for the salvation of souls become closely allied to God.

Strife and contention is bitter fruit and is not borne on the Christian tree. Let every church member pledge himself not to speak or think evil of any one.

Those whose hearts are filled with the love of Christ will love one another as brethren. They will be pitiful and courteous in their dealings with those who were so precious in God's sight that He gave His only begotten Son for their redemption. We should be careful how we treat the souls for whom Christ has died. Let us not forget that we are to show to the church and the world the sign of discipleship. The love of Christ, revealed in the life, is a strong argument in favor of genuine conversion.

Lt 15, 1905

Leaders in our Work at Takoma Park

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 11, 1905

To the leaders in our work at Takoma Park,—

I exhort all who are connected with our work at Takoma Park to bring Christ into all that they do and say. Lift Him up, higher and still higher, that by beholding Him, you may be changed into the same image. To you, and to all others who believe in Him, He becomes an inspiring force. To all who receive Him, He gives power to become the sons of God. Only by obtaining this power can we gain perfection of character.

We can be partakers of the divine nature. In the strength of the Redeemer, we can live pure, noble, helpful lives. Make yourselves acquainted with every detail of the life of Christ. Strive to become like the Saviour, who was meek and lowly and self-denying. He was inspired with the purest purposes. So must you be if you see the King in His beauty. Pure, unselfish love was the principle that governed all that He said and did. He has power to imbue us with the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.

I thank the Lord that we have men in charge of our work at Takoma Park who have taken a firm stand that they will not be corrupt in any of their transactions with worldly men. Thus

businessmen will be convinced that the faith of Seventh-day Adventists is not a pretense or a sham, but that it leads men to walk in the way of the Lord and to do His will.

I have been instructed that strong temptations will come to those who are connected with our institutions. The work we are called upon to do in Washington is to keep every jot and tittle of the law in surety and in strength, in might and in power. When worldly men present temptations to you, listen not to their offers and accept not their bribes. I thank the Lord that you have not betrayed the sacred trusts committed to your hands.

Our physicians also will have opportunities to gain advantages for themselves by following worldly policy. Let them distinctly tell those who offer these temptations that they will not enter into any worldly schemes. I rejoice to think that those who have charge of the work in Takoma Park are Christians, men who can teach the youth in their charge to do acceptable work! My brethren, let unselfishness and scrupulous integrity characterize all that you do. Do not allow your actions to be tainted by dishonesty. Work for time and for eternity, remembering that the Lord sees and hears all that is said and done. His all-seeing eye examines every work. Never resort to the slightest dishonesty to gain an advantage. Do not buy or sell dishonestly. In all that you do, inquire, "Is this the way of the Lord?" Cherish a clear sense of what you must be and do in order to develop a character that is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. It is the perfect man in Christ who meets God's ideal. The work of those who are guided and controlled by Christian motives will bear witness for God. Christ lived the life that He desires His followers to live.

The Saviour has a deep contempt for all deception. The stern punishment meted out to Ananias and Sapphira shows this. Desiring to receive commendation for good deeds, yet unwilling to give all to God, they sold their possessions, and keeping back part of the price, laid the rest at the apostles' feet. They hoped to be thought liberal and self-denying, but the Holy Spirit read the deception, and sudden punishment came upon them. Today the same Spirit condemns all underhand dealing. All selfish meanness is to be put away from the character. This is the lesson that God would have us learn from the experience of Ananias and Sapphira.

There are virtues that are daily to be strengthened. A reverence for justice and equity is to be cultivated. He who permits in himself that which he condemns in others is doing himself a great wrong.

"Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." [1 Peter 3:8.] Cherish a supreme reverence for justice and truth and a hatred for all cruelty and oppression. Do unto others as you would wish them to do unto you. God forbids you to favor self to the disadvantage of another.

A terrible deception has taken possession of the Christian world. There is a high profession, but a dwarfed godliness. Let us so live that at last God can say to us, "Well done, good and faithful

servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [Matthew 25:23.] Our lives may show a steady spiritual growth. But I have seen that which makes me tremble—men and women dwarfed in character, possessing the Word of God which tells them what they must do in order to be saved, yet unsanctified and unholy.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." [Matthew 7:13, 14.]

This is a time for every one to deal truly with his own soul. "Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven." [Verse 21.]

Daily, hourly, the leaders in the work are giving lessons to those with whom they are associated. My brethren, be reasonable in your every requirement, as men of intelligence whom God has chosen. Let all you do reveal the strictest integrity. Be true and faithful. Set an example that all may safely follow. Do not draw into the web of your character one thread of selfishness; for this would spoil the pattern.

As you advance in the work, you will find that there are many things that must receive careful consideration. Allow no shiftlessness. When a man is employed in the work of God, he is under obligation to use all his capabilities in the very best service that he can offer. He is to remember that God has hired him to work in His vineyard. Every woman is to stand in her place, helping to perfect her own character and the characters of the members of her family. Father, mother, and children are to do honor to the principles of heaven, that the influence of angels may unite with their efforts in the preparation of character for the higher life.

To the Faithful Helpers

To the stewards and matrons, accountants and clerks, foremen and laborers, I would say: Let your stewardship and all your business dealing be marked by strict integrity and the sanctifying influence of the truth, that others may take knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus and have learned of Him. Be faithful in all that you do. Let not one selfish, covetous act be recorded in the books of heaven against your name. Do not allow it to be seen that while you profess to be children of God, you are really serving the world. Serve God with heart and mind and soul and strength. The angels of heaven will come close to you and will lift up for you a standard against the enemy.

Give your whole heart and life to the service of Him who gave Himself for your redemption. Disappoint the enemy. Refuse to be his tool for the carrying out of his plans. Turn away from

the financial advantages which he offers you and which, if accepted, would prove to be a curse to your religious experience. Then you can say in the cleanness of your heart, "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord." [Psalm 34:2.] Let there be in your lives no deceitful devising, no artifice, no underhand schemes and contrivings. Depart from all that you would condemn in others.

Living Bible truth day by day will place you on vantage ground. Your face will be calm and peaceful, and your words will be, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; for He hath clothed me with the garments of His righteousness, and it is my salvation. He hath covered me with the robe of His righteousness." You will be able to give comfort and hope to others, because you have through your integrity glorified God.

You will walk carefully, lest you make crooked paths by which weak, struggling, halting souls shall be led out of the way. You will refuse to co-operate with worldly men to carry out worldly principles. As you realize that you have a work to do for God, the temptations and allurements of the world will not tempt you from the path of equity and uprightness. The whole life will bear the testimony, "Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee. My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." "O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art God. ... The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup." [Psalm 73:25, 26; 16:2, 5.] With the eye of faith you will behold the invisible, and the soul will find its strength in the One who never fails. He is the joy of your life.

We are fighting a battle with the powers of darkness. The Bible is the rule of our life. This Word is the light which is to guide us in all our perplexities. Make the Lord your counsellor. When you are at work, the enemy may come to you with suggestions and temptations, hoping to lead you from the path of integrity. Do not listen to him. Look away from him to the One who has bought you with His life. Give yourself to Christ, trust in Him, and He will give you strength to resist the enemy.

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24.] "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." "Ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are His." [1 Corinthians 10:24; 6:20.]

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] Never forget that you belong to Christ. Let your work, to the most minute detail, be such that He can approve. Do not, in order to gain worldly advantages, steal that which belongs to God.

Only by doing the will of God can we show that we possess true religion. Those who strive sincerely to break from the grasp of the enemy, and with full purpose of heart seek to know and obey the commandments of God, will be given power to become the sons of God. Their search after the things of heaven will be rewarded.

To the Students in the Training College

To the students in the school I would say: Keep in the path of self-denial. Avoid all ungodly companionship. Seek daily for the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. You will find your safety in studying the Word of God with a sincerity that keeps Christ constantly before the mind as the example to be followed. Lift Him up, the man of Calvary, by purity of word and work; for thus you honor God. By true religion, revealed in the daily life, you and I and all who are striving for the crown of life are to bear witness for Christ.

He who is sanctified by the truth is strengthened to resist the assaults of those who have grown hardened in guilt. Shun the companionship of those who have not heeded the appeals of conscience. Let your light shine forth in Christlike words and deeds. Ask yourselves, What can I do to help those with whom I am brought in contact to resist temptation! What can I say to warn those who have not been taught to believe that the Lord is soon to come?

Earnest searching of the Scriptures, with a sincere desire to understand the truth, will receive a sure reward. An occasional glance into the Word is not enough. An occasional prayer is not enough. "Search the Scriptures," Christ said; "for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." [John 5:39.] Make the Bible the man of your counsel. Only thus can you gain strength to overcome. Let your light shine forth in clear, constant, distinct rays. An occasional service done for the Master is not enough. Only by an unreserved consecration to Christ of all that you have and are can you win souls to Him.

Let the students who are engaged in building do their work with thoroughness. Let them learn from their daily work lessons that will help them in their character building. Let them remember that in order to have perfect characters they must make their work as perfect as possible. Into every line of this work let there be brought that stability which means true economy.

Students, eternal interests are before you. Work with heaven in view, remembering ever your character building. Keep a pocket Bible with you as you work, and improve every opportunity to commit to memory its precious promises.

"All things are yours, ... and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." [1 Corinthians 3:21-23.] God gave Christ to be the head over all things to the church. The Saviour loves the church with an everlasting love. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God,

even to them that believe on His name.” [John 1:12.] Christ gave Himself for the church “that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.” [Ephesians 5:27.]

Remember that Satan will not leave any one alone who is working to build up memorials for the Lord. “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” [Matthew 26:41.]

From the Washington training college, missionaries are to be sent forth to distant lands. Let the students improve every opportunity to prepare for missionary work while at the school. They are to be tested and proved, that it may be seen what their adaptability is and whether they have a right hold from above. If they have a firm hold on Christ, they will have a right hold on all with whom they come in contact.

The Lord will surely bless all who seek to bless others. The school is to be so conducted that students and teachers will be continually increasing in power through the faithful use of the talents given them. By faithfully putting to a practical use that which they have learned, they will continually increase in wisdom and knowledge. We are to learn from the Book of books the principles by which we are to live and labor. By consecrating all our abilities to Him who has the first right to them, we may ennoble all that is worthy of our attention.

The students who will get the most good out of life are those who live the Word of God in their dealings with their fellow-men. Those who receive to give will feel the greatest satisfaction in this life. Those who live for themselves are always in want; for they are never satisfied. There is no Christianity in shutting up our sympathies in our own selfish hearts. We are to bring brightness and blessing into the lives of others. We are to be channels through which God can let His goodness, mercy, and truth flow to the world. We are to be co-workers with Jesus Christ, imparting to others the blessings bestowed on us.

Lt 17, 1905

Our Workers in Washington, D. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 11, 1905

To our workers in Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

You are engaged in a most important work, and I feel a deep interest in all of you. I am hoping that every stroke that is made in Takoma Park and in the city of Washington toward the upbuilding of the cause of God may tell to the glory of the Lord. I pray that you may all work in

such a way that many souls shall be brought to a knowledge of the truth for this time. Let all who can speak words for the Master be wide-awake now, just now, when so much depends upon the earnestness of our efforts. We have not a moment to lose. The end is nearer than when we first believed. Keep your eyes fixed steadfastly on Jesus. Seek the Lord daily for a new consecration.

Often ask yourselves the question, "What must I do to be saved?" [Acts 16:30.] Then search your Bibles, and pray earnestly for the impartation of the Holy Spirit, that you may understand the truth as it is in Jesus.

Remember that you are workers together with God, and that your hearts are to be purified from all defilement. Put away all strife, all evil speaking and evil thinking. Remember that haphazard work will not answer now. We are to do faithful work in upholding the claims of God's law.

Truth in the heart guides us to Christ, who is the author of all truth and the only one who can cleanse the soul from defilement. The practice of the principles of truth fills the soul with peace.

The Medical Missionary Work

I am very much pleased to know that our brethren in Washington have been successful in finding in a good locality a building suitable for well-equipped treatment rooms. I see the providence of God in this. I have been instructed that some provision must be made to carry on sanitarium work in this city, as soon as possible, while the sanitarium building at Takoma Park is being erected. It would be in harmony with the instruction given me for our brethren to begin sanitarium work in rented buildings in the cities and then carry on the work until other buildings outside of the cities can be provided. Patients can be transferred from the city place to the institutions in the country. City treatment rooms and country sanitariums can work together advantageously and harmoniously. In Washington the sanitarium work should thus make rapid advancement. The city patients can be gathered in by the place in the city and from there be taken to Takoma Park, which is only a few miles away and where they can have the retirement of rural life.

It is in the order of God for the sanitarium work to begin right in the city at first. Thus the people will become acquainted with methods of rational treatment and with the success that attends the use of these methods. Thorough work is to be done in advertising the opening up of sanitarium work. We must do all in our power to obtain the attention of the people.

And after the sanitarium buildings at Takoma Park are completed and occupied, the city treatment rooms will still be needed. These treatment rooms will act as a feeder for the

suburban sanitarium, and many patients may be transferred from them to the sanitarium. Careful consideration must be given to this matter. Such a place as Washington must not be left without treatment rooms in the city proper. We must work and plan carefully. These two places, properly managed, will become a power of influence in medical missionary lines.

In our Washington work wise, competent physicians, efficient managers, and nurses with the very best qualifications will be needed. Earnest, devoted young people also will be needed to enter the work as nurses. These young men and women will increase in capability as they use conscientiously the knowledge they gain, and they will become better and better qualified to be the Lord's helping hand. They may become successful missionaries, pointing souls to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world and whose healing efficiency can save both soul and body.

The Lord wants wise men and women, acting in the capacity of nurses, to comfort and help the sick and suffering. Through the ministrations of these nurses, those who have heretofore taken no interest in religious things will be led to ask, "What must I do to be saved?" [Verse 30.] The sick will be led to Christ by the patient attention of nurses who anticipate their wants and who bow in prayer and ask the great medical missionary to look with compassion upon the sufferer and to let the soothing influence of His grace be felt and His restoring power be exercised.

O that all who are sick and afflicted could be ministered to by Christlike physicians and nurses, who could help them to place their weary, pain-racked bodies in the care of the great Healer, in faith looking to Him for restoration.

The nervous timidity of the sick will be overcome as they are made acquainted with the intensive interest that the Saviour has for all suffering humanity. O the depth of the love of Christ! To redeem us from death, He died on the cross of Calvary.

Let our physicians and nurses ever bear in mind the words, "We are laborers together with God." [1 Corinthians 3:9.] Let every physician and every nurse learn how to work for the alleviation of mental as well as physical suffering. At this time, when sin is so prevalent and so violently revealed, how important it is that our sanitariums be conducted in such a way that they will accomplish the greatest amount of good. How important that all the workers in these institutions know how to speak words in season to those who are weary and sin-sick.

Physicians and nurses should ever be kind and cheerful, putting away all gloom and sadness. Let faith grasp the hand of Christ for His healing touch.

As our nurses minister patiently to those who are sick in body and soul, let them ask God to work for the suffering ones, that they may be led to know Christ, and let them believe that their prayers will be answered. In all that is done, let the love of Christ be revealed.

Every sincere Christian bows to Jesus as the true physician of souls. When He stands by the bedside of the afflicted, there will be many, not only converted, but healed. He who declared, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," will be with His faithful physicians and nurses as they strive to co-operate with Him. [John 14:6.] If through judicious ministrations the patient is led to give his soul to Christ, and to bring his thoughts into obedience to the will of God, a great victory is gained.

It is for the object of soul-saving that our sanitariums are established. In our daily ministrations we see many careworn, sorrowful faces. What does the sorrow on these faces show? The need of the soul for the peace of Christ. Poor, sad human beings go to broken cisterns, which can hold no water, thinking to satisfy their thirst. Let them hear a voice saying, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." [Isaiah 55:1.] Poor, weary, oppressed souls, seeking you know not what, come to the water of life. All heaven is yearning over you. Come unto Me, that ye may have life.

It is that thirsting souls may be led to the living water that we plead for sanitariums, not expensive, mammoth sanitariums, but homelike institutions in pleasant places.

Never, never build mammoth institutions. Let these institutions be small, and let there be more of them, that the work of winning souls to Christ may be accomplished. It may often be necessary to start sanitarium work in the city, but never build a sanitarium in a city. Rent a building, and keep looking for a suitable place out of the city. The sick are to be reached, not by massive buildings, but by the establishment of many small sanitariums, which are to be as lights shining in a dark place. Those who are engaged in this work are to reflect the sunlight of Christ's face. They are to be as salt that has not lost its savor. By sanitarium work, properly conducted, the influence of true, pure religion will be extended to many souls.

From our sanitariums trained workers are to go forth into places where the truth has never been proclaimed and do missionary work for the Master, claiming the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:20.] Christ can bring light out of darkness.

I appeal to all who have means to make a determined effort to carry out the instruction God has given regarding the establishment of a sanitarium in Takoma Park. Let our people rally to the support of this important enterprise. Let the churches in every state act their part, that the work in Washington may not come to a standstill. Let us make liberal gifts to this work, and the Lord will bless us and it. We cannot see this work coming to a standstill while it is but half done. It need not come to a standstill if all our people will come up to the help of the Lord.

Let us come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of darkness. Satan is working with intensity of purpose to enslave and destroy souls. Let us take a

firm stand against him. The Word of God urges every one to go steadily forward on the upward grade, pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Lt 19, 1905

Workers in the Washington Publishing House

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 11, 1905

To the workers in the Washington Publishing House,

Dear Brethren,—

I am entrusted with a message to all who are connected with the work of God. Accustom yourselves the whole day long to draw near to God. Yes, draw nearer to Him than you have ever before felt the necessity of doing. This is expected of every one connected with the publishing houses at Washington, Nashville, and Mountain View. Talk with God, and with gratitude learn of Him His will and way. He will give tact and skill to those who do their work to His glory.

We are running a race for a crown of immortal life, but we cannot expect to win this crown unless we strive lawfully. If our publishing houses had ever held fast to the pure principles of Bible truth, they would have retained the favor of God and would have been built up in the most holy faith. Thousands who do not obey the truth would have been converted; and these, by keeping the commandments of God and living out the high, holy principles of His Word, would be winning many souls from the ranks of the enemy.

Christ says, Reach up higher and still higher in every business transaction. Let no selfish scheme to favor self come in. The whole day long, in all your business transactions, remember that you are in the Lord's presence. Seek in simple faith to be pure in His sight.

By the daily work of character building, men are deciding whether they will be given the life that measures with the life of God. Be sure not to bring to the foundation that which is represented as wood, hay, and stubble. Lay your souls open before God, and put yourselves entirely under His guidance. Whatever you may be doing, let your prayers rise to God. Seek in simple faith to enter into union with Christ. You are not half acquainted with the requirements of Christ. You are foolishly neglecting the truth by which you are to be sanctified. Pray, O pray; for a soul without prayer is like a lost sheep which has strayed from its shepherd.

The tempter is on the track of every one. He will lead all he possibly can to heed the sentiments which, if followed, must end in eternal destruction. We have none too much time in which to

prepare to meet God. No longer talk of unimportant subjects. Draw near to God. You occupy important positions, and your example is to help others to purify their souls through the truth. Let the converting power of God come in among you. The Saviour desires every one connected with our publishing houses to be tenderhearted, pitiful, courteous. Look to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. He is holy, and He will impart His holiness to His true followers.

Young men, be sure to bring the strictest fidelity into all that you do. "Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, and walketh in His ways." [Psalm 128:1.] Remember that every word you speak, every deed you do is passing sentence for or against you. Those who suppose that by deception they can obtain advantages for themselves are incurring fearful loss. Unless this sin is repented of and pardoned, they can never enter heaven. The Lord will declare to them, "I know you not." [Matthew 25:12.] They may urge the good things they have done, but Christ says, "Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity." [Matthew 7:23.]

Let those who accept positions of trust realize the responsibility resting upon them to set a right example, to deal with the strictest integrity, lest they rob God of the facilities which, wisely and carefully handled, would bring means into the treasury to build up the work of God in many places. It is God's purpose that our publishing houses shall stand in strength and power, because those connected with them co-operate with God, putting self out of sight.

Let the beauty and holiness of the Lord our God be upon the workings of our institutions, which, in their various departments, must be managed by men who serve the Lord with full purpose of heart. Let every man in a position of trust live so honestly and truly that God can say of him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [Matthew 25:23.]

Now is the time for us to work righteousness. Just now let the beauty of the Lord our God shine forth from the lives of His true, faithful workers. God says, "Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty; for it was perfect through My comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord." [Ezekiel 16:14.] Let us pray daily, "Establish Thou the work of my hands." [Psalm 90:17.]

I am instructed to say, There are but few who have advanced as they should in heavenly discipline. Among those acting a part in the office of publication, there are some whose fellowship is not a spiritual advantage to the apprentices working with them. God blotted out our two largest institutions in Battle Creek because those connected with them would not heed the appeals and warnings given.

Day and night my spirit is grieved, as I see so little real devotion, so little earnest, determined effort to rise to a higher standard. O how much precious time is trifled on unimportant lines of work.

It is not the house, the land that you possess, but the condition of your heart at which God looks. Firm and unshaken, hold fast to the truth. With heart and mind and soul and strength love the Lord your God. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, Give me Thy love in my heart, that I may impart it to others. There is only one power—the power of Christ—that can energize the soul. All pride, all self-indulgence is to be overcome, or we can never enter the abodes of bliss. The science that all should learn is the science contained in the words, “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.]

Let those connected with the institutions in Washington keep the way of the Lord. Let them not defile their workings with covetousness. Let no one engaged in this important work do anything that would bear witness against him as a Christian. “We all, with open face beholding as in a glass of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” [2 Corinthians 3:18.] “Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His ways; for thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands. Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.” “Commit thy ways unto the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” [Psalm 128:1, 2; 37:5.]

Lt 21, 1905

Prescott, W. W.; Colcord, W. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 16, 1905

To Elders Prescott and Colcord

Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren,—

One night we seemed to be in a council meeting, and One of acknowledged authority was telling us that now is our time to press to the front in Washington. A decided testimony must be borne to the people in the national capital, and this work must not rest upon a few. Those who engage in this work must exert themselves to the utmost of their ability to proclaim the truth with clearness and energy; yet they must not forget that it is the power of God alone that can convert the heart; and that it is only the power of God that can hold the four winds, that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads.

A most important work is to be done in Washington, and I inquire whether you do not need the help of those who in years past have stood prominently for religious liberty. Can it not be

arranged for Elder A. T. Jones to work with you for a time in Washington and for some one to take his place in Battle Creek? Elder Jones can help you. It may do him a world of good to have a part in this work now. When plans were being laid for him to go to Battle Creek, I was instructed that it would not be very long before many strong Bible expositors would have to act a part in Washington. This I told Brother Jones, and he said he would be in Battle Creek for one year only, and then if some one would take his place in Battle Creek, he would be free to go elsewhere. Do all you can to encourage him and other strong men to unite with you in proclaiming the truth in Washington. I do not think that any thing should stand in the way of your making the most of the present interest.

I do not think that Brethren Haskell and Butler could now be spared from the field where they are at work. In that field there is much to be done that requires continuous labor, and it must not be neglected or delayed. The truth must be proclaimed with power where they are at work.

As we work with all our might, our trust must be in God. Sooner or later Sunday laws will be passed. But there is much for God's servants to do to warn the people. This work has been greatly retarded by their having to wait and stand against the devisings of Satan, which have been striving to find a place in our work. We are years behind. God calls upon His workers to humble themselves before Him and put away every sin. He calls upon them to hold fast to the word, "It is written," and put away all infidelity. We are to humble ourselves before the Lord, and at the same time we are to be as firm as a rock to principle.

God's law is to be vindicated by the obedience of heart and mind and by strong arguments. Who will now strive to meet the demands of God by complete transformation of character?

For a long time I have carried a heavy burden regarding the work to be done in Washington. Not one in a thousand of the people there knows what the Bible says about the Sabbath. The instruction given me is that the ten commandments should be printed in plain letters in a prominent place in the Review. Had these commandments been obeyed, the wickedness now seen in our world would never have existed. Appeal to the people to study the special directions given to Israel regarding the sacredness of the law, as recorded in Exodus, chapter twenty.

In awful grandeur the Creator of heaven and earth came down and proclaimed His law to the people; and then that it might not be forgotten or corrupted, He wrote it with His own finger upon tables of stone. And yet religious teachers are venturing to make of no effect that holy law.

Put these decided statements of the law on the first page of the Review, and let them remain there for a time, speaking to the people. Then let some one search out all the scriptures where

the Sabbath is spoken of, such as the fifty-eighth of Isaiah. Point out the wonderful promises made to those who obey God's law.

Get together the plain scriptures bearing on the Sabbath question, and put them in tract form. Make it clear and plain that no change has been made by God in His day of rest. The fifty-eighth and the fifty-first chapters of Isaiah should be doing their important work in the hearts of the people. Now is the time when these scriptures should be brought to the front. Now is the time when every worker must draw nigh to God, by faith laying hold of the hand of infinite power. Now is the time when all should have the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Encourage also the study of the fifty-second, the fifty-third, and the fifty-fourth chapters of Isaiah. These prophecies regarding Christ's work are to be a help and a blessing to His people. The time has come when the liberty of the church of Christ is endangered. Let it be a time also when true missionary work shall be done in public ministry and in house-to-house labor. The oppression of Christ's church would apparently be a great victory for the side of the transgressors of the Sabbath and would cause rejoicing amongst evildoers. But nothing should discourage us. God has victory for His people. Let sanctified ability be brought into the work of proclaiming the truth for this time. If the forces of the enemy gain the victory now, it will be because the churches have neglected their God-given work. For years the work has been before them, but many have been asleep. If Seventh-day Adventists will now arouse, and do the work assigned them, the truth will be presented in our neglected cities in clear, distinct lines and in the power of the Spirit.

When wholehearted work is done, the efficacy of the grace of Christ will be seen. The watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be wide-awake, and they are to arouse others. God's people are to be so earnest and faithful in their work for Him that all selfishness will be separated from their lives. His workers will then see eye to eye, and the arm of the Lord, the power of which was seen in the life of Christ will be revealed. Decided changes will be made. Confidence will be restored, and there will be unity in the churches throughout our ranks.

The Lord calls upon every believer to gird on the gospel armor. Those who have been weakening are now to stand firm. We are to be true to one another and to God. Fidelity is to mark all that we do. We are not to strive for the highest place, not to seek to be first; we are to see who can be the most accurate in representing to the world the truth for this time. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness: and your feet

shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." [Ephesians 6:10-17.]

"Be strong in the Lord," is the first charge. [Verse 10.] In order to be strong we must be united to Christ by living faith, depending on Him who died for us and who estimates aright the value of the human soul. We are to put on Christ. His grace is to enable us to perform faithfully every duty. In the power of His might we are to conquer every foe. It is our privilege and duty as children of God to grow in grace, and in the strength of the experience that God is waiting to give every one who will use unselfishly the blessings bestowed, brightening with hope and courage the lives of those ready to die.

Thus we are to work out our own salvation. It is the duty of every soul to have spiritual strength to perform the duties given him. Constantly trusting in Christ to supply our needs, we are to go forward in the strength of His might, ever helping the weak. As we look to Him for our orders and obey His commands, we shall be given wisdom to discern the wiles of the enemy. We shall see clearly the devices and the stratagems which he has prepared to deceive and ruin men and women.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. Satan uses human agents in which to hide himself. He works through them to carry out his designs. He works also through evil spirits of a high order called principalities and powers and specified as the rulers of the darkness of this world. He creates troubles to stir up the minds of unconverted church members. Because of their spiritual blindness, they do not see that it is Satan, working through human beings not subdued by the Holy Spirit, that is the cause of the trouble.

Said Christ, "I sanctify Myself." [John 17:19.] That is, He held fast to divine grace, thus controlling His words and temper. His humanity must be perfect. He must be an example for every human being, that by following Him men and women may form perfect characters. He knew that He must watch and pray always and that He must not utter a word which would give Satan opportunity to accuse Him. Let church members now cultivate self-control so that Satan cannot work through them. Let each one be sure that his character building is according to the pattern given in Christ's character. Those who are suspicious and envious do great harm to themselves and grieve the Holy Spirit; for the attributes of the enemy are manifest in their spirit and their words. Such ones should be told that if they continue thus to serve Satan, they cannot be retained in the fellowship of the church, because others will be contaminated by their unchristlike words and spirit.

There should be one hundred workers where now there is but one. Wake up, my brethren and sisters, and dedicate yourselves to God, body, soul, and spirit. The Captain of your salvation is

saying, Advance. Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. Thus He said to the fishermen in their boats. They obeyed the call and under the Saviour's guidance did a great and good work. Those who today obey the call, and who take the Saviour as their example, will have many souls as their reward.

When all our ministers and physicians come into line, taking their stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, we shall see an army of men and women going forth to work for Christ, speaking the Word with holy boldness and power. Brethren and sisters, confess your sins to Christ, repent of them, and be converted, and then with faith and much prayer and with Bible in hand, go forth among those who have never heard the message, teaching His Word. Christ will be your support and sufficiency, and you will have success.

Remind our people often of the work that may be done by the sale of our books and the distribution of tracts. Encourage them to sell the periodicals containing the message for this time. Our large books can be sold in Washington and other cities in the East, if the canvassers will take up the work courageously.

Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. Patriarchs and Prophets, Daniel and the Revelation, and Great Controversy are needed now as never before. They should be widely circulated because the truths they emphasize will open many blind eyes.

When Patriarchs and Prophets was first issued, it was neglected for a book easy to sell and more profitable to the publishers. Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday-law movement would not be where it is today.

I am glad that the Lord has at Washington able men who can treat this Sunday movement as it should be treated. Let every minister, every evangelist now put on the whole armor of God and work and watch and pray. Our church members also should humble their hearts before God, and cry aloud, and spare not. O that the Lord would imbue the members of His church with a sense of the importance of the responsibility of being laborers together with Him.

Lt 23, 1905

Nicola, Brother and Sister C. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 17, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Nicola,—

I have just read your letter giving the particulars of your loss by fire. We are sorry that you should lose one penny, but the part of the building that burned was objectionable in many ways. When I first saw it, I said to some one, If that part of the building could be taken away, it would be a great blessing. This will have to be done in order for the institution to make a right representation.

I first heard of the fire three days ago. That night I lay awake for hours. All the news we had regarding the matter was a short paragraph in one of our papers, and from reading it I feared that the whole building had been destroyed. A day or two later I received a fuller account, which told us that only the old portions of the building had been burned.

“The Lord is good; praise His holy name,” I said over and over again. He has mercifully saved every life and has taken away an objectionable part of the building. I am glad that it has come about in this way. Had a proposition been made to tear that part of the building down, some would have regarded it as a great waste.

Now you can have a suitable addition put on to the building. It is an unfavorable time of the year to take up this work, but begin to rebuild as soon as you can. Be continually making preparations to this point. If much snow falls, I suppose you will have to wait.

If I could help you financially, I certainly would; but I cannot. I have had to borrow money recently myself. I have written to Brother Gilbert Collins, asking him to do his best for you. We must do our best. There is so much to do, and such a lack of means, that it almost looks as if we had to make bricks without straw.

Talk with Brother Place, and try to get him to show an interest in building up the sanitarium work. I will try to get time to write to him.

I shall pray the Lord to open the way for you to rebuild in a way that will correspond with the rest of the buildings. I pray that God will bless all that you do, that it may be well done.

Lt 25, 1905

Place, A. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 17, 1905

Elder A. E. Place

Dear Brother,—

I have recently learned in regard to the burning of a portion of the Melrose Sanitarium. At first I felt almost overcome, but later I learned that only a part of the main building has been destroyed. I want you to see, my brother, that the Lord is good. Do not mourn over the loss, as long as the best part of the building is saved. Thank the Lord that considerable of the furniture was saved and above all that no one was hurt or killed.

Can you not do something to arouse our people in the East to arise and rebuild the sanitarium? I feel a deep anxiety that Boston shall hear the word of the Lord and the reasons of our faith. Ask the Lord to raise up laborers to enter the field. Ask Him to raise up laborers who can gain access to the people of Boston. The message must be sounding forth. There are thousands in Boston craving for the simple truth as it is in Jesus. Cannot you who minister in word and doctrine prepare the way for this truth to reach souls?

O how I long to see the Holy Spirit's working on human minds. For hours during the night I lie awake, unable to sleep, pleading with God to let the power of His Spirit come upon the minds and hearts of the people in our cities.

Let us regard the fire that has destroyed a part of the sanitarium as a blessing in disguise. The Lord is in this cutting away of the objectionable portion of the building. It was a firetrap and made but a poor representation. After considering the matter, I said, "Amen and amen. Refined and purified by fire."

Our people in the East are to do their part in helping to rebuild the destroyed portion of the building. May the Lord impress the hearts of those who have money to come up to His help and assist in the erection of a building that will be wholesome and safe and convenient. Work to this point.

I must close now; for I am very weary. I ask you to do all in your power to help Dr. Nicola in the erection of the buildings that are essential for the accommodation of patients.

Lt 27, 1905

Evan, T. J.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 18, 1905

Dr. T. J. Evans

My brother,—

I have words to speak to you. In the past you and your wife have been very happy together. You have loved your wife and have treated her very kindly. She has not lost her love for you, because she has loved you sincerely; and for years the heavenly angels bent over you, pleased at your unity. But you have lost the balance of your mind, and you will be inclined to write and speak unjustly and to say and do that which, were you in your right mind, would greatly shock you. You have lost your wisdom and judgment.

It is time that you placed yourself in a right position. Through the grace of God, I have been the instrument, by means of the testimonies given me, of saving several, yes, many who were passing through an experience similar to that through which you are now passing. Do not try to work out some plan by which you can escape the reproach which, unless you change, you will be the cause of bringing upon the work of God. Only by falling upon the Rock Christ Jesus can you escape this reproach.

If you continue to do as you have been doing for some time, should you continue to remain under the power of Satan's delusive representations, it would be impossible for you to retain your position of influence. Talk no more of love to any woman besides your wife. Such a love is base. It has in it nothing of true love. Love is too sacred a word to be used in such a connection. Lust is the word, not love. It is the lust of the mind, the fruit of corrupt thoughts.

I shall call things by the right name. For Christ's sake, for your own soul's sake, and for the sake of those who would cheapen themselves to respond to your expressions of love, I send you this warning. I ask you to read and study the fifth chapter of First Thessalonians.

Temptations of this kind prevail in the nominal churches of today. They are described in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation. "After these things," John writes, "I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power, and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies." [Verses 1-3.]

The vileness of character that marks many of those composing the religious bodies of today is placing them where God's wrath, unmixed with mercy, will be poured upon them. I might write more about this, but I will not dwell longer upon the dark picture.

I would say to you, Come back to the sanitarium as soon as ever you can, so that the remarks made may not be increased by the strangeness of your absence. Your wife will not remain in the institution with you away. Come back, and come a sane man. A strange spell is upon you. You cannot reason correctly, and you need help. I am instructed to say that the Lord will heal

your soul of its disease if you will make thorough work for repentance and forever rely upon His power and grace. Do not imperil your soul by continuing in Satan's snare, under his instruction. The principles of the Christian religion call upon you to break away from your sins and place yourself under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

I advise you to come back at once and place your feet in the straight and narrow path of holiness. The Lord forgave Paul for his misconception of what constitutes true religion, and He will forgive you. But we could in no case link up with you while you continue to take your present view of matters. I am strongly opposed to certain sentiments in Living Temple, because I knew that the outcome of a belief in these sentiments would be just such evils as you have been practicing.

Lt 29, 1905

Bradford, Sister

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 1, 1905

Dear Sister Bradford,—

I have just read your letter. For some time past I have been doing much writing. There have been many important matters to complete, and I have become so thoroughly exhausted that it has seemed difficult for me to rest. Last night I was unable to sleep after one o'clock.

I was away from home during the greater part of last year. We left home in April, and with the exception of three weeks, we were away till the end of December. We reached home from the East about the middle of October, expecting soon to go on to Los Angeles and San Diego. We found Sister Marian Davis very sick, and as it seemed impossible that she could live long, we waited that we might be with her during her last days. But our tickets, which had been bought to Los Angeles, were good for one month only after we reached home, and as the physicians at the sanitarium thought that Sister Davis might linger for two or three weeks, we made preparations to go South and return soon. At first we planned to leave home on Monday, October 24, but something prevented us, and we decided to wait till the next day. On Tuesday morning a telephone message came from the sanitarium to say that Marian had been unconscious since seven o'clock A.M. She remained unconscious until four o'clock in the afternoon, when she breathed her last. The funeral service was held the following day, and she now lies buried in the St. Helena Cemetery.

For twenty-five years Sister Davis had been a most faithful helper in my work. She was greatly appreciated by me and by all who were acquainted with her and her work, and we miss her

very much. Of her it can truthfully be said: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, ... that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." [Revelation 14:13.]

Friday, October 28, we left home for Southern California. We spent the Sabbath at Fresno, at which place I spoke to our people. But I will not take time to enter into the details of our trip.

While at Los Angeles, we had opportunity to become acquainted with the work that has been done there by Elder Simpson. He has been used by the Lord to bring many souls to a knowledge of the truth, twenty-five having begun the observance of the Sabbath as a result of his ministry in Los Angeles during the past summer.

For a long time we have seen the importance of having a sanitarium established near Los Angeles. A restaurant and treatment rooms have been conducted there, but it is impossible to care properly for patients in the heart of the city, where the din and confusion can plainly be heard. Recently a large building, eight miles from the city, in a beautiful, retired spot, has been purchased by our people for sanitarium work. The property includes five acres of land. This property has been held for fifty thousand dollars, but it was offered to us and purchased by us for twelve thousand dollars.

Every year great numbers of tourists visit Los Angeles and San Diego, and sanitariums have been established in these places that they may stand as lights, giving the last message of mercy to all who come within the range of their influence.

We are to work in the highways as well as the byways. We feel that the Lord has greatly favored us in the purchase of this property. During my stay in Los Angeles, two of the rooms in the new sanitarium were placed at my disposal.

When this property was first brought to our attention, we had nothing with which to purchase it. But our people have taken hold well and have done their best. The property in Los Angeles is not yet entirely paid for, but the ones from whom it was purchased have given us liberal terms and easy payments, so we have been able to begin work there.

The work has been begun in Washington, D.C., none too soon. It should have been started there twenty-five years ago. At present there is a strong agitation in favor of a Sunday law for the District of Columbia, and our workers are laboring with all their might to present the facts regarding the Bible Sabbath and to prevent the enforcement of a Sunday law. The daily papers are publishing articles on both sides of the question.

It has seemed almost impossible for me to carry all the burdens that are laid upon me. While I was speaking in the tent at the Omaha camp-meeting, I took cold, and this cold has clung to me ever since. During the four weeks that I spent in San Diego, I was sick all the time. I isolated

myself from the rest of the family, not wishing to expose any one. I have not yet completely recovered from this sickness, but I can see that I am improving.

I supposed that you were coming to Melrose while I was there, and that I should see you then. Had I know that you were not coming, I might have made a visit to New Bedford, though my health seemed to forbid it; and besides, I had appointments for the Middletown camp-meeting and for Battle Creek and Omaha.

I have many letters to write, but I shall try to write to you again soon. I am interested in you and your husband and in Brother Gilbert Collins. I wish that he might help in establishing a sanitarium in New Bedford. But while many suitable places for sanitariums may be found, the greatest difficulty, my dear sister, is to find the talent necessary to conduct these institutions aright. If such a work is started without the help of those who can carry forward the work wisely, the results will be worse than if the matter had been delayed.

Many of our people who are now congregated in Battle Creek should be out in the harvest field. But many seem content where they are. I feel so sorry that they do not awake to the importance of the time in which they are living. Thousands in the world are calling for the Word of God. But the Lord will open the way for His work to be carried on, if we will trust in Him. Look up, not down, my sister. Keep the windows of the soul opened heavenward, that the sunlight of heaven may shine in. May the Lord bless and cheer you.

January 11

I completed your letter this morning, but the noon mail brought me a letter from Brother Haskell, enclosing a letter from Brother Uchtman, who is laboring in New Bedford. Since reading the letter from Brother Uchtman I feel like writing you a few lines more. I am glad that these letters have come at this time and that I know that the Lord has begun a good work in New Bedford. Do not worry, my sister. The Lord is acquainted with your situation. Nothing escapes His notice. He will hear your prayers; for He is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. Put your trust in Him, and He will certainly bring relief, in His own way. I am very thankful for what I hear of the blessing that has attended the work in New Bedford. Let us trust in God, and let our faith take hold of Him most earnestly.

If Brother Gilbert Collins does not feel free to give his means to establish a sanitarium at this time, it is best not to urge him. The ideas that we think are good may not always be the best. Let the Lord's way be established.

O how I long to see the work going with power in New Bedford and Fairhaven, and in many other places just as greatly in need of the truth as these places. We hope that sometimes a sanitarium may be established in New Bedford. Medical missionary workers are needed in such

cities. But, dear sister, it requires talent of no ordinary ability to manage a sanitarium. Men of experience, tried and tested, must take hold of the work. That part of the workers who undertake to establish such an institution are experienced and qualified is not sufficient. For their own sake, for the sake of the institution, and for the sake of the cause at large, it is important that a complete corps of well-qualified men and women be found to enter upon the work. The Lord's eye is over the whole field; and when the time is ripe for an institution to be started in a certain field, He can turn toward that place the minds of the men and women best prepared to enter the institution.

There are many lines of work to be carried forward. There is an opening for well-trained nurses to go among families and awaken in households an interest in the truth. There is urgent need of many evangelists and Bible workers in such cities as Boston and New Bedford. Such workers would find many opportunities to sow the good seed. There is work for every energetic, thorough, earnest worker. The teaching of Christ, the simple truths taught by His parables are just as much needed today as they were when He was in the world in person.

It is getting dark, and I must close. I would say in closing, Be of good courage. Do not think that you are forsaken. Trust in the Lord; and in His own time and way, He will bring the truth to New Bedford and Fairhaven.

Lt 31, 1905

Haskell, Brother and Sister

Mountain View, California

January 25, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have just received and read your letter.

I wish to say to you that the Lord has instructed me that Brother W. O. Palmer is not to be separated from the sympathy of the church. Brother Palmer is not perfect. Over and over again he has shown himself to be defective. I am to be as a mother to him, and as such I have spoken to him faithfully. I shall still continue to correct his wrongs, but I wish to present to him the hopeful side, that he may not fall into utter discouragement. I shall reprove his errors and encourage him in every way possible.

We need especial wisdom that we may know how to deal with those who are tempted, that we may labor for the reformation of the erring. Hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil will often gain the ascendancy. But often the very ones who would deal severely with the one in the

wrong are, in the sight of God, more to be blamed than the one they so bitterly condemn. Brother Palmer knows that I am his friend. I will tell him the truth in love, clearly and truthfully, without prejudice or unfeeling severity.

In response to the charge made against Christ that He ate with publicans and sinners, Jesus replied, "I came not to call the righteous (the self-conceited Pharisees), but sinners to repentance." [Mark 2:17.] His work was not for those who would not receive His message, but with and for those who might be helped and saved after His crucifixion.

Let those who see faults and errors in their brethren go to them as Christ has directed, pray with and for them, and with hearts softened and subdued by the grace of Christ endeavor to point out kindly the wrongs that have been done.

"Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 18:10.] Christ, the great Teacher, is not referring merely to those who are children in years, but to those who need care and protection in their religious experience. "The Son of man is come to seek and save that which is lost." [Luke 19:10.]

"How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

"Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he will hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." [Matthew 18:12-20.]

Do not these words encourage us to do more praying for our brethren and less accusing of them? I know that if these directions were followed with those who are sin-sick, the Lord Jesus would be better pleased. Would this not be better than to separate an individual from the church, and leave him a subject of Satan's temptations? When all will study their Bibles closely, and give heed to its teachings, the saving grace of Christ will be manifested to the church in rich

blessings. I am directed that we must continue our work of soul-saving in harmony with the Bible plan.

“Then came Peter unto Him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but until seventy times seven.” [Verses 21, 22.]

Brother Haskell, read this instruction to the church at Nashville and at other places. Tell them that if they will read the Bible and walk in its counsels and directions, there will not be the difficulties to contend with that they have now. In our institutions and in our churches, there needs to be an entire change of action in dealing with those who are in fault. Let the sympathy and love of Christ come in, and the still, cold heart will be melted by His grace, and a heavenly atmosphere will pervade the church.

Study the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. Print it in The Watchman. And may our Lord Jesus Christ give His grace to every member of His church, that they may all be established in His Word.

“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother’s eye.” [Matthew 7:1-5.]

Lt 33, 1905

Groves, Mildred

Mountain View, California

January 23, 1905

Dear Sister Mildred Groves,—

We are greatly troubled and perplexed over the movements of Dr. Evans. Some time ago he left the sanitarium for the purpose, as we supposed, of taking a short vacation and rest to recover his health. His long absence has given occasion for remarks, and inquiries are being made as to where he is and why he does not return to continue his work in the sanitarium.

A report has been circulated that Dr. Evans has become familiar with you, as a nurse in the sanitarium, that he is in correspondence with you, and that he is tempted to separate from his

wife that he may live with you. Dr. Evans and his wife have lived together happily until you were closely associated with him as a nurse during his confinement with the small pox.

Sister Evans is passing through the deep waters of affliction. For nine years she has lived happily with her husband, and she has loved him as a true-hearted Christian woman should love the man whom she has chosen for her life companion. And the knowledge that he has become infatuated with you is a source of bitter humiliation to her.

Dr. Evans and his wife are, as physicians, well adapted to each other and are well qualified to unite as true medical missionaries, and we had hoped that their united labors might have [had] a decided influence in bringing the work of our sanitarium nearer in accordance with the Word of God. We have been pleased to see the husband and wife united in seeking to treat the sick by correct methods and to impart to those coming to the institution the sound doctrines of the gospel. Under the hallowed influence of such teachings, souls will be converted. The truth practiced and taught by medical missionaries will be received in the heart of some and will lead to conversion and the establishment in the heart of the true principles of righteousness. Will you and Dr. Evans take such a course that an opposite influence shall be the result?

The Spirit of God is grieved because the commandments of God have not been kept in spirit and in truth. We can make no advancement in Christian growth unless we receive the truth of God and allow it to sanctify and purify the soul.

I ask you, my sister, how could you give the least encouragement to familiarity to a married man, one whose wife was doing a noble work as a physician in connection with her husband? This is no trifling matter. Sister Evans has always loved her husband and has respected him as a noble, worthy man. And now, even though he has taken a course that is bitterly humiliating to her, her affection for him is not diminished. She still loves the man she married and to whom she has pledged her heart. O how did the wiles of the enemy lead you and Dr. Evans to do his wife such a wrong?

My sister, we must one day individually give an account of our actions to Him who reads the heart. You cannot afford to transgress God's holy law and to bring such distress of heart to a faithful, worthy woman. The law of God is to be written on the heart and obeyed.

In no case are you justified in receiving the affections of a man who is married to another. What conditions would exist in our sanitariums were such things practiced and sanctioned among medical missionaries?

I ask you now to cut the last thread that binds you to Dr. Evans. You should endeavor to realize how such a course of action as you have been following will affect you in the future. What kind

of an influence do you think you could exert spiritually? Your course would ever be as a weight to keep you from any advancement in religious lines.

Unless Dr. Evans is able to see the sinfulness of his course in this transaction, he can never again be trusted in a position of responsibility among our people. His life will be like a shipwrecked vessel. You could not honor and respect or even hope to retain the affections of such a man, were he to marry you. He would soon tire of you and seek some new connection. Neither of you could enjoy peace and happiness while transgressing God's holy law.

I say to you, my sister, that you are entirely wrong in accepting the love which belongs to another. Are we to conclude that the truth has lost its power over you? Will you not break away from this satanic snare, confess your sins to the Lord and to those whom you have so deeply wronged, and will you not turn to God with all your heart? He is of great compassion, and He will abundantly pardon.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." [Luke 10:27.] In these words is revealed the necessity of our giving ourselves unreservedly to God. Shall men and women be employed in our institutions who, with the Word of God open before them, drink up iniquity and heed not the plain restrictions of God's "Thou shalt not"?

"Keep thy heart with all diligence." [Proverbs 4:23.] The affections must be sanctified. "If ye then be risen with Christ, set your affection on things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God." [See Colossians 3:1, 2.] Shall we now see that the doctor has come to his senses, and that you, a nurse, realize that you are sin-sick and need healing from the great Physician?

God will pardon you, if you now step out of the path in which Satan has been leading you. But your work and that of Dr. Evans must ever be in different places, that this temptation may forever end. Never again should you work in the same institution. God knows the weakness of the resolution of a man who has once been led astray. Yet Dr. Evans is a man whom God loves, a man to whom He has given power to do a good, pure, and solid work in connection with our institutions. He desires us to do all in our power to save this man for whom Christ has died from making a shipwreck of faith.

Please let me hear from you, my sister, as to what these things mean. What course do you now intend to pursue? We do not desire to give publicity to this sad experience; for unless carefully guarded, it will spread far and wide. Let us do all in our power to correct the matter at once. I have written to Dr. Evans and have sent one copy to Brother Rogers, whom I believe to be a faithful, God-fearing man. I have not yet received any letter from the doctor.

The Lord is not pleased with the course that Dr. Evans has taken. In the position he occupied in the sanitarium, he should have been as a father to you, shielding you from contamination and guarding your virtue as Christ's purchased possession. He has decidedly failed in this, but the Lord has not cast him off.

And the Lord has not rejected you. He pities and loves you, and He calls you now to come to Him and receive His spirit of purity and holiness and His everlasting love. Cast aside every suggestion that you are unworthy to be called a child of God. Come just as you are to Jesus, make a true heart work of repentance, receive His forgiveness, and never again be led to repeat such an experience as calls this letter from me.

I write you, my sister, because with all my heart I pity you, and because I desire you to see the danger of the path you are treading.

In love.

Lt 35, 1905

White, Ella May; White, Mabel

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 26, 1905

Ella May and Mabel White

Dear Children,—

Sara and I have just returned from Mountain View. We desired to reach home last evening, but made a mistake in regard to the train connections and left Mountain View on a train that went one hour after the one we should have taken. We were obliged to wait four hours in San Jose and one hour at Niles; and when we reached Oakland, the train for St. Helena was gone, so we were obliged to spend the night in Oakland.

Sister Hall, who accompanied us as far as Oakland, had telegraphed from San Jose to Brother Fred Byington, and he met us at the station and took us to his home. I had never met Brother Byington before, but our stay was made very pleasant. We had a nice visit with him and his wife. His first wife was Mary Thorpe's sister. They have four children, one of them a pretty little girl of three years.

It was seven o'clock when we reached Brother Byington's. We visited an hour or two and at nine o'clock went to bed. It took me quite a while to get to sleep, and the next morning I awoke at three o'clock. I then arose and wrote a letter to your father.

The confusion of travel, the frequent changing from one train to another, and the long waiting at some places were very trying. The streets in Oakland were muddy, and we found changing from one streetcar to another very disagreeable. But such trials are of small moment. We should be very happy if we had no greater perplexities. But we are made sad as we see so many of our people asleep. They know not the time of their visitation.

We had interesting meetings at Mountain View. It rained much of the time, but we heard no complaints because of this. There was a much larger attendance at this meeting than was expected, but I think all were made comfortable. Many of the citizens opened their houses for the accommodation of visitors, and the delegates were given meals free of charge at the Pacific Press restaurant. The food was excellent and well prepared, and all were much pleased with the dining arrangements. Sara, Miss Peck, and I had two rooms in the house of a Judge Burns, an unbeliever, and were made very comfortable.

Presidents of Conferences and men in leading positions in our work on the Pacific Coast were in attendance, and all felt that they had been greatly blessed by attending the meeting. I believe that this council will result in the clearing away of much misunderstanding that has existed between some of our brethren.

Edson White came to St. Helena rather unexpectedly just before the meeting, and he and your father went to Mountain View on Tuesday. Sara, Sister Hall, Sister Peck, Dores, and I went down the following Thursday. Edson is collecting donations from our people for the purpose of establishing an orphanage in Huntsville for colored children.

The colored people of the South need the sympathy and help of every one. I would invite those who have means that they are willing to invest in the cause of God to send to me donations for this needy field, and I will see that the means thus received is sent to the workers in the South. I have sent several hundred pounds of prunes to help them, but I have not been able to send them much money. My money has been exhausted in the preparation of new books—books that the people need, which I prepare in harmony with the will of God. In order to help in the establishment of sanitariums in Southern California, I have hired money from the bank at heavy interest.

We now have a sanitarium in San Diego, and one in Los Angeles, both nearly ready to begin their work of caring for the sick. These sanitariums are not mammoth institutions, but they are large enough to attract the attention of tourists and to represent the truth for this time which we are trying to give to the world.

The colored people of the South must be helped. The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts that are being made to build up the work of the Huntsville school. This institution had been greatly neglected and was crippled because it had received so little support. But since Brother F. R.

Rogers has taken charge of the school, conditions are much improved. There are seventy-five students in attendance, and fifteen more desire to come; but there is not sufficient room at present for their accommodation.

There are many places where it is impossible for white workers to labor for the colored people. Colored workers must be trained for this work. In the Huntsville school colored students are being fitted to bear the message to their own race. Some are being educated for teachers. These will be able to establish many smaller schools for the colored people, and in this work they will exert a holy influence, drawing others to the truth.

A small building is being erected near the Huntsville school as a home for colored orphans. This enterprise should receive the sympathy and support of our people.

A colored sanitarium should be established at Nashville. A very desirable property is offered to us a few miles out of the city, and we greatly desire that this property be secured for this work. On this property there are buildings that can be utilized in our sanitarium work. Our brethren are trying to raise five thousand dollars for this enterprise.

All these enterprises are positive necessities. Perhaps there are some in the Reno church who would be glad to give something to help the workers who are endeavoring to help the colored people in this their time of great necessity. You may feel free to read this letter to them and to tell them that it is their privilege to co-operate with those whom God has led to take part in this good work. Let all do something to help in the creating of facilities for work among the colored people. I have done what I could, and I now feel free to ask my friends to do their part. God will call to account those who selfishly withhold help from those who are doing all they can to carry forward a difficult work. There is a power and efficiency in a "Thus saith the Lord." When we as Seventh-day Adventists manifest a genuine faith in the doctrines we hold, we shall be laborers together with God, and the work will go with power. We shall feel a deep interest in every place where His work is to be done.

All heaven is interested in the work we are to do for the Master. Heavenly agencies will unite with us in presenting the words of Christ to the unconverted. Remember that we are to be laborers together with God. That word "together" has great significance. [1 Corinthians 3:9.] "Without Me," said Christ, "ye can do nothing." [John 15:5.] All the converting efficiency is of Him. We are in danger of greatly overestimating our own capabilities. Our power for service is dependent upon our bringing the Word of God into our life practice. Do not seek merely to work upon the feelings of those for whom you labor. The Word presented in simplicity, with a settled, intelligent knowledge of its requirements, will be received by many, and the Spirit of God will bring conviction to their hearts.

God calls upon every church member to be a laborer together with Him. The Holy Spirit will be your efficiency. That which you can make divinely real will shine forth and draw sinners to the light. As you reflect the glory of God, conviction will be deepened, and the truth will shine out before the people with power.

Lt 37, 1905

Butler, G. I.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 30, 1905

Elder G. I. Butler

My dear Brother,—

I am praying and hoping that the converting power of God shall come into every church, that the evil spirit of faultfinding and censuring may be put entirely away. I am instructed to say, When the temptations of Satan strive for entrance, and an inclination to pick flaws and to condemn is seen, whether it is in a large assembly, or where only two or three are together, let those present say, “Let us pray. This is a time when we need to be afraid and to realize that instead of letting the enemy come in, we are to bow before God in prayer.”

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. He will lift up for you a standard against the enemy. Yes, prayer, humble, earnest prayer, is our means of deliverance from unwholesome speech. The tongue is to be sanctified. We need to feel the reconverting power of God. Those who have violated their baptismal vows need to repent and be converted. Then they will not do such unchristlike work in dealing with others.

Read the first chapter of Second Peter. This chapter is of great value to every church member. Every word should be stamped upon mind and heart. Read this chapter to the church. See if we cannot have a revival, not by accusing one another, but by praying for the Holy Spirit and by thinking of the suffering that Christ endured in order to secure pardon for sinners, however sinful they may be. He humiliated Himself in order that human beings might become partakers of the divine nature, having overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Satan delights to ruin and destroy souls. Shall we catch his zeal? Shall we become accusers of the brethren and thus help the enemy in his cruel work? Is it not time that we humbled ourselves to save the souls ready to perish?

Read the three first verses of the third chapter of Revelation. See what Christ opens before John. The trial spoken of in these verses has come to many. “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." [Verse 1.] There are many to whom these words apply. But Christ does not leave them in hopeless despair. He is so tender, so pitiful! Although some of them are in partnership with satanic agencies, He does not cast them off. "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die," He says; "for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent." [Verses 2, 3.] Do not yield one iota of your faith for spiritualistic ideas which will set you adrift in the mazes of uncertainty. Hold fast your past experience in the things that you have received and heard, and repent.

This is a time when the truth that is received, unless put into practice, will be disregarded, and its place will be taken by that which is false and which causes spiritual weakness and unbelief. Forgeries will be presented by Satan and will be received as a great blessing, but they bring spiritual death.

The call to repent and hold fast is made to those who have loosened their grasp on the truth that they have heard and received. God calls upon them to repent because of their unbelief in the truth in which they once rejoiced. They have become infatuated by Satan's theories, which they have received.

"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." [Verses 3, 4.] Study these statements. Teach the church that the enemy will bring before them every phase of deception. Those who have not held fast with the grip of faith to the experience given them by God in the past will fail to watch now. They are in danger of listening to and heeding the sophistries of Satan. Those who have admitted the enemy to their companionship need to be watchful and repent, lest in the day of God they be found with the workers of evil, who call falsehood truth.

The false theories advanced in the past have by no means been given up. When a favorable opportunity comes, they will have a resurrection. Let us not forget that everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. The enemy will be successful in overthrowing the faith of some, but those who are true to principle will not be shaken. They will stand true to principle. Those who, notwithstanding that the Lord has pointed out their errors, are not able to see where Satan has come in will continue to be led in false paths.

Jesus bids us to be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, which are ready to die. There is a laxity that should not be. Corrupt influences and seducing spirits have come in and are working in many ways that people do not realize. "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." [Verse 3.]

At the present time the insidious working of Satan is going on. The warning given by Christ is to be faithfully heeded.

We are sure that, although there is at the present time a suppression of sentiment, there are those who are standing in slippery places, those who have not taken their stand upon the true platform. Just now we are having a severe trial with one who has in the past worked as a physician. False sentiments have been working in his mind until, as a result, he has placed himself in a very perilous position. And this when we have great need of physicians such as he could be, but is not.

It is such things as these that the enemy is striving to bring in among us. He will use all his seductive arts to lead those once firm in the faith into deception and error, so that they will defile their faith. Upon those who yield to him he exercises his hypnotizing power, and it is exceedingly difficult for them to escape from his snare.

I know that the terrible, seductive influence of satanic agencies is at work. The result of receiving specious, spiritualistic sentiments is being seen. Those who fall under the spell of the enemy know not what is the matter with them. They are not in their right mind, and of themselves they cannot escape.

“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.] He who overcomes will not be led one step in the path of spiritualistic, mesmeric influence. He will be guarded. He will watch and pray and strengthen the things that remain. Saith the Heart-searcher, “I have not found thy works perfect before God.” [Verse 2.] These words I am to repeat and repeat. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard. Cling to your faith with all the power of your being. Let no false messages hypnotize you and lead you to act out the sentiments of satanic agencies.

“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.” [Verse 5.]

Let us pray earnestly and constantly. Let us guard carefully the mind and the soul-temple. We must pray and watch unto prayer.

Lt 39, 1905

Belden, Brother and Sister [S. T.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 30, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Belden,—

We had a very pleasant journey from College View to Battle Creek. We were given a hearty welcome by the friends at Battle Creek. During my stay in the city, I spoke five times—three times in the Tabernacle and twice to the patients and helpers in the sanitarium. I had a message to bear, and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to impress those present. I know that God gave me strength to speak. On Sabbath there were about three thousand people present in the Tabernacle and on Sunday about two thousand five hundred.

The meeting on Sunday afternoon was attended by many of the citizens of Battle Creek. They paid the best of attention. At this meeting I had opportunity to state decidedly that my views have not changed. The blessing of the Lord rested upon many of those who heard the words spoken. I said: “You may be anxious to know what Mrs. White believes. You have heard her speak many times. She has spoken to you in the Park close to the Tabernacle more than once. She has spoken in the large tent and at the camp-meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. The message that she bears today is the same that she bore then. She has the same service to do for the Master that she had when she addressed the people of Battle Creek years ago. She receives lessons from the same Instructor. The directions given her are: ‘Write the messages that I give you, that the people may have them.’ These messages have been written as God has given them to me.”

I have written many books, all of which will stand the test of investigation. Of myself, I could not have brought out these books, but the Lord has given me the help of His Holy Spirit. These books contain the instruction which for nearly half a century God has been giving me. They contain light from heaven and will bear the test of investigation.

The truth that we proclaim today is the same truth that we have proclaimed for the last fifty years. We can say, as John says in his first epistle: “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. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” [1 John 1:1-5.]

I wanted to remain in Battle Creek for another week, but Sister Marian Davis was very sick, and we feared that she might die before we reached home. She was very anxious to see us, and we decided to hasten home. Our folks at home were very much relieved by our return.

We found Sister Davis very sick. She was at the sanitarium, receiving the best of care, and her sister Mrs. W. K. Kellogg was with her. About a week after our return, she rallied, and for a while we hoped for her recovery. But her strength suddenly failed, and on Tuesday, October 25, she passed away. On leaving Battle Creek, we bought our tickets through to Los Angeles, and these tickets allowed us to spend a month at St. Helena. We had been at home for three weeks, and the physicians thought that Sister Davis might linger for sometime, so we decided to go South, planning to leave home on Monday. But something prevented us, and we decided to wait till the next day. On Tuesday morning a telephone message came from the sanitarium that Marian had been unconscious since seven o'clock A.M. She remained thus until four that afternoon, when she quietly breathed her last.

A beautiful spot in the St. Helena Cemetery was chosen for her grave, and the dear, helpful worker rests in her narrow bed until Jesus comes. No more trouble will come to her. At seventy-seven I am still toiling, but am not worth much at present; for I am very tired. We are all in the hands of the Lord. I trust in Him; for I know that He will never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him. I have committed myself to His keeping.

Friday morning, October 28, we left St. Helena for Southern California. We had been at home less than three weeks, and the work of completing unfinished books was urgent. But there were two new sanitariums in Southern California in which I was deeply interested, and I hoped to be able to help our brethren who had the burden of the work in arranging for the opening and successful operation of these two sanitariums.

We spent the Sabbath at Fresno. I spoke to the church there on Sabbath afternoon. The large meetinghouse was well filled, and the Lord helped me to bear my testimony. Here we met Dr. G. A. Hare from Washington, D.C., who had been called back to his old home by the sickness of his mother. He told us of the advancement of the work at Takoma Park and of the excellent place secured for treatment rooms in the city of Washington.

We intended to go on to Los Angeles Saturday night, but we were unable to secure accommodations on the train, so we stayed over and on Sunday went to the Hanford-Lemoore district, intending to spend the day visiting old friends. On our arrival there, we found a missionary convention in progress, and the brethren asked us to stay with them for a few days. This we consented to do, and I spoke each afternoon while I was there—twice in Hanford, once in Lemoore, and once in Armona.

After spending four busy days at Hanford, we resumed our journey South and reached Los Angeles Thursday, November 3. At the restaurant on Third Street we were welcomed by Elder Burden and Dr. Simpson.

Elder W. W. Simpson had been holding tent-meetings in the heart of the city during a large part of the summer, and the large tent was used by the church for their Sabbath meetings. Letters were sent to our people in the neighboring churches, suggesting a general meeting Sabbath and Sunday. In response to this, two or three hundred came in from surrounding towns, and these, with the believers in Los Angeles, filled the large tent Sabbath morning. The Lord helped me to speak to this congregation of over a thousand souls, all of whom seemed much interested. At the close of my discourse, the collection for our work among the colored people of the Southern States was taken up, amounting to seventy-five dollars.

We rejoice that the work is moving forward in Los Angeles. The interest aroused by the meetings that Brother Simpson has been holding is remarkable. Night after night the large tent, holding two thousand people, has been crowded. As a result of these meetings, a large number have taken their stand for the truth.

Brother Simpson presents the truth as it was presented in past years, illustrating his remarks by means of many charts. He explains the prophecies very clearly, showing plainly that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord certainly works with him, and I wish that there were hundreds of workers such as he in the field, proclaiming the last message of warning with the same earnestness and enthusiasm.

Special light has been given me regarding the character and magnitude of the work to be done in Los Angeles. Several times messages have been given regarding the duty that rests upon us of proclaiming the third angel's message with power in that city.

Earnest efforts must be made to lead men and women to place themselves on the Saviour's side. In this work there is need of divine help and untiring vigilance. No one is to sleep at his post of duty. Every capability is to be put to use to win for Christ a victory against the powers of darkness.

The voice of duty is the voice of God. The gospel demands from Christians unreserved consecration of soul and body. The Lord claims the highest service that human beings, aided by divine grace, can offer. Each one is to stand at his post of duty in the great enterprise of saving souls.

Those who present the truth are to enter into no controversy. They are to speak the gospel with such faith and earnestness that an interest in present truth will be awakened. By the words they speak, the prayers they offer, the influence they exert, they are to sow seed that will bear fruit to the glory of God. There is to be no wavering. The trumpet is to give a certain sound. The attention of the people is to be called to the third angel's message. Let not God's servants act like men walking in their sleep, but like men preparing for the coming of Christ.

Lt 41, 1905

Belden, Brother and Sister [S. T.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Belden,—

I am sending you with this copies of letters in which you may be interested. I wish I could talk with you both. I wish to ask you, Do you receive the two dollars a week that I arranged to have sent you by the Australian Union Conference? Please tell me in regard to this. Brother Hindson says that generally the money has been placed to your credit on the office books, and that you have sent to the office orders for goods which have been filled. Would you prefer to have the money sent you? If so, please let this be known, and it will be done.

I made the arrangement before leaving Australia that you were to receive a certain sum each week. The brethren gave me their word that they would do as I had requested. Please let me know your circumstances; and if the arrangement that I made has not been carried out, I will write again about it. I do not want you to suffer for want of food and clothing.

It is not right that Frank does not write to you often. I am very sorry that he does not do this and that he does not give you any financial help. Be assured that you shall not want while I live, if you will keep me acquainted with your circumstances. If your children neglect their duty, I will try to supply the lack, though I am paying interest on twenty thousand dollars.

Please write to me every mail. In the last mail I sent a response to your question regarding your coming to America. I dare not take the responsibility of deciding this matter. You can do as you think best and as your friends shall decide. I dare not at my age take any more responsibility. I have very heavy burdens to bear in connection with the cause of God. Morning after morning I rise at one and two o'clock to write out important matters.

With much love,

Your sister.

Lt 43, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 29, 1905

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I am always glad to hear of the prosperity and success of the Wahroonga Sanitarium. Will our churches in every place arise and shine? Will they, for the sake of Him who suffered and died to redeem the world, feel the necessity of denying self? Will they show their willingness to share with Christ in His self-denial and sacrifice?

I ask you to study carefully and prayerfully the first chapter of Revelation. “I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches. ...

“And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars; and out of His mouth went a sharp, two-edged sword; and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am He that liveth, and was dead, and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.” [Verses 9-20.]

Let not those who are ministering in word and doctrine be dull of understanding now. The world is being flooded with books and magazines which contain that which will lead the mind astray. I would say to God’s people, For Christ’s sake do not spend your time in reading that which is a hindrance to spiritual growth. Remember that, spiritually, men and women are built up from the food which they give the mind. The Bible contains the bread sent down from heaven. Read the sixth chapter of John, and ask God to give you clearness of understanding, that you may comprehend the important statements that it contains.

There is a work to be done in the place where the truth has never been proclaimed. In order to do this work, you need greater than human help. The Lord can take a worm to thrash a mountain. It is close communion with God that qualifies His messengers to subdue the opposition of the enemy. God calls for consecrated workers who will be true to Him—humble

men who see the need of evangelistic work and do not draw back, but do each day's work faithfully, relying upon God for help and strength in every emergency. The message is to be taken up by those who love and fear God. Lay not your burden upon any conference. Go forth, and, as evangelists, in a humble way present "Thus saith the Scriptures."

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

As Christ taught, all classes of people flocked about Him. Mark the interest shown by these eager, astonished listeners. Priests and rulers listen to Him as he proclaims the gospel message. He does not present pleasing fables, but the truth of heaven. He points to the great gift of eternal life as the highest object of attainment. He presents the science of salvation as something that will not have to be left behind by those who are called to enter the higher school. The sick came to Him to be healed, and He healed them. Thus many were led to believe on Him.

Today the truth is to be proclaimed as Christ proclaimed it when He was on this earth. Our people who are so collected together at large centers should be out in the field working for souls. They should go to places where the truth has not yet been heard, and pray and plan and work, and gain an experience by practical work. Is not Christ in our world today as verily as He was then? Can He not heal the sick as well now as then? Let small sanitariums and treatment rooms be established, and let people be given an education in the simple methods of treating disease. Those who take up this work will increase in capability; for unseen heavenly agencies will be present to help them. "Lo, I am with you always," Christ declares, "even unto the end of the world." [Verse 20.]

Is not this, then, the work that is to be undertaken, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth? Disease can be cured if right methods are employed. We are now to move forward in earnest, heeding the words of Christ, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." [Verse 20.] Our highest aim is to be to heed and obey the teachings of the One who gave His life for the world. Far-fetched suppositions are not needed. There is to be no lording it over God's heritage, as there has been in the past. Those who are burdened with a desire to proclaim the message are not to be bound about. They are not to be required to place themselves under the control of any man's ideas or plans. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with

the wind, and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.”
[James 1:5-7.]

Lt 45, 1905

Washburn, Brother and Sister [F. A.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 3, 1905

My dear Brother and Sister in affliction,—

We can sympathize with you, although at a distance from you. I would say, Do not give up hope, but cling to the promise, “Ask, and ye shall receive.” [John 16:24.] Yet do not feel discouraged if He who can do the work of healing, He who knows the end from the beginning, permits His child to die, to rise in the morning of the resurrection. Say, “Not my will, but Thine, O God, be done.” [Luke 22:42.] The Lord understands what is to come upon our world. The end of all things is at hand.

My brother, do not become discouraged. Do all you can on your part, and then trust in the Lord. This is the worst part of the year. Have courage in the Lord. If your wife falls under the affliction, remember that there is a future life. The last trump will call forth all who have received Christ, believed in Him, and trusted in Him for salvation.

My dear sister, we will pray for you. You have our sympathy. We shall present your case to the great Physician. I understand that this has already been done. Hold fast to the hand of Him who can bless and heal if He sees that it is for your present and eternal good. And now, my brother and sister, while you are both alive, take this precious time to appropriate by faith to yourselves the precious promises of the Word of God. I am thankful that you are both presenting yourselves as humble seekers for the pardon of all sin. This is your privilege. Do not disbelieve. The precious Saviour is ever touched with human woe, and He will be found of all who seek Him with all the heart and mind and soul, believing His promises, made as a sure pledge of pardon and full forgiveness to all who repent of their backslidings. Make an entire surrender.

Our precious Saviour has given His life for the sins of the world and has pledged His word that He will save all who come to Him. “God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.] These are the conditions of gaining eternal life. Comply with them, and your hope is secured, whether you live or die. Trust in the soul-saving Redeemer. Cast your helpless soul upon Him, and He will accept and bless and save you. Only believe. Receive Him with all your heart, and know that He wants you to win the crown of life. Let this be your greatest and most earnest

request. Make an entire surrender, and He will cleanse you from every pollution and make you vessels unto honor. You may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. Thus you gain the victory. Thus you become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruptions that are in the world through lust.

“Walk in the light while ye have the light.” [John 12:35.] Open the eyes of your understanding, and you will see the pathway. It will be plainly defined to your spiritual vision. This pathway is sure to lead you through the strait gate that leads to the city of God.

O how many are walking in the darkness of the broad road. The Christian’s hope is the only hope that will never disappoint the seeker. The path that Christ has marked out is the only path which will lead to the mansions that He has gone to prepare for all who love Him and serve Him with all the capabilities of heart and mind and soul.

In faith hold fast.

Your sister in Christ.

Lt 47, 1905

Pallant, Jesse

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Elder Jesse Pallant

Dear Brother,—

I was engaged in my writing when my secretary brought me a letter from Sister C. J. Anderson. I read this letter and answered it, with only a short time to give to the matter. I am grieved in spirit that a gospel minister should be in such a condition spiritually and physically that he cannot exert the influence in his home that he should exert. The wife needs a helper that she does not now have in her husband.

Sister Anderson says that her children do not attend school because there is no church school where she is. Now, my dear brother, why do not you use your influence to set a church school in operation? Our example is not what it should be when we neglect this means of educating the children and youth in right lines. Will you please consider this matter, and see that your children are brought out from the influence of the world? The children of Israel were instructed to bring their children into their homes, that the plagues might not fall upon them. Their

doorposts must be marked with blood, as a witness that they were the denominated people of God. Those whose houses were thus marked were not visited by the destroying angel.

I would, my brother, that the Andersons, both father and mother, might both be brought nigh to Christ. I fear that parents and children will be lost if the converting power of God does not come upon the whole family. I have written a letter to Brother Anderson, and one to Sister Anderson, and if there is time to get these letters copied, I will send you a copy. I wish you to mark whether these letters have any influence upon our brother and sister. Brother Anderson is a self-opinionated man. So self-exalted has he been, so proud of his own supposed capabilities, that he has made himself a man who will do harm and not good. But the Lord will have mercy upon him, if he feels his need of humbling his heart before Him.

I know that Sister Anderson has a hard life to live. May the Lord help her to walk circumspectly, casting her tried soul upon One who knows and who will help and encourage her. But she must realize that she will not help matters by answering back; at such times silence is eloquence; for it will never make quarrels. The poor children are the ones who must suffer in a special manner.

Brother Pallant, I should be pleased to hear from you. I have not heard from you for a long time. How is your health, both physical and spiritual?

I have been writing since four o'clock this morning, and it is now twelve; so if some words are left out of this letter, you will know why. I am writing as fast as my hand will move over the paper.

How is the work moving in the place where you are working? I have a large interest in that part of the field. May the Lord give you good courage in Him. That is all that I can write at this time, I think. I repeat, Be of good courage. Our warfare here will soon be accomplished. Soon, if faithful, we shall see the King in His beauty.

I will now say farewell; for they have come to take this letter to the mail.

Lt 49, 1905

Anderson, C. J.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Dear Brother Anderson,—

For Christ's sake humble your heart before God, and be converted. What example are you giving your wife and children? God would not have you make your home thus unhappy. Your

heart must be changed, else you will never be saved. You are a hard man to yourself. You treat yourself in such a way that you cannot do justice to your wife or your children. You could teach your children to be Christians if you would feel your need of true conversion.

May the Lord bear with you and not cut you off as a cumberer of the ground. Show yourself a man. Go to work, even though you think you would die in the effort. See if you cannot bring a sweet, fragrant atmosphere into the home. If you will take yourself to task, and cease your faultfinding and censuring, you can do this. It will be a severe tax upon you to keep your tongue as with a bridle. Satan is pleased with your ministry in your home. Turn square about, and watch unto prayer.

If you will patiently educate your children, line upon line, precept upon precept, you will be fitting yourself for service to do a larger work. But at present you are making the life of your wife very hard. You have labored in the capacity of a minister of the gospel, and you should now act in altogether a different way from the way in which you have been acting. You have blamed your wife. Now show her that you will cast your helpless soul upon Jesus Christ. He knows your every weakness, your every sin. He hears every word you speak and marks its effect upon the souls of your wife and children.

Will you now come to the Lord with humble, heart-broken repentance? If you continue to cherish your present spirit, you will never, never be admitted to heaven; but if you repent and humble yourself as a little child, you will be helped of God. Will you not make a determined effort? Seek the Lord. When your heart becomes humble, your words and spirit will be entirely changed. Though your sins be as scarlet, He, your Saviour, will make them white as snow. Though they be as crimson, He will make them white as wool. Stop right where you are in showing so much authority. Let your heart be melted and broken. Let the Spirit of Christ take possession of it. Then everything in your home life will be changed. Support your family, and God will bless you. Make the effort—do make the effort.

Lt 51, 1905

Anderson, Sister [C. J.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Dear Sister Anderson,—

I have just read your letter, and I have but little time to reply; for your mail must leave here in a few hours.

My sister, I am very sorry for you. I understand your difficulties. I urge you to put your trust in the Lord. That which now troubles you may continually increase; but be patient. It will be to your injury to contend with your husband. Contention always makes matters worse. Be always kind and gentle, and teach your children to be kind.

Could you not teach a school yourself, and thus educate your own children and the children of others? I leave this for you to decide. You can judge best of your capability for this work. If you could not act as teacher, I hope that those who have charge of the work in West Australia will lay plans to set a church school in operation at once. Where it can possibly be avoided, children ought not to be sent to the public school; for they are in danger of learning much evil. But your children would be far better in attending school than to be under the influence that pervades your home.

What I wished to say to your husband is that his rasping spirit is hurting his wife and children. If he would humble his heart before God, if he would take hold of work willingly and cheerfully, it would prove an influence for good upon his disposition.

In regard to yourself, my sister, I would say, Watch unto prayer. Soft answers to your husband's provocations will prove a great blessing to him and to you. To cherish a feeling of superiority to you is as natural to him as it is to breathe; but he does not do this because he has superior qualifications. He does it because he has been deceived by the enemy.

The Lord Jesus gave His life to save sinners, and if your husband will come to Him as a repentant sinner, a change will be seen in his life.

My sister, do your best in the name of the Lord. Never retaliate; because this makes matters worse. The heavenly angels will not leave you if you will put your trust in God. And remember, He says, I will never leave nor forsake those who come to Me, and take My yoke. By learning of Him to be meek and lowly we find rest unto our souls. Every day give your children an example of patience and love. Never, never become provoked; for when you do, you bring into the home just that influence that should not be allowed to enter. Pray, pray, pray in faith. There is a God in heaven who pities you and who will help you. Go forward trustingly and in faith, relying upon the Lord's love and promises.

In love.

Lt 53, 1905

Ballenger, E. S. and Palmer, E. R.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 2, 1905

Dear Brethren Ballenger and Palmer,—

We were very much pleased to receive a letter from Brother Ballenger, full of hope and telling of the good results of the work of our sanitarium in Paradise Valley. This is just as we have expected it would be, and we thank the Lord for such a good, encouraging record. The Lord be praised.

I am pleased, Brother Ballenger, that you and your wife are at the sanitarium. This is as it should be. If you possibly can, fit up more bathrooms without delay. Get this sanitarium in full-running order as soon as possible. As soon as you can, finish the bathrooms, as they should be furnished.

O how much we need experienced workers as matrons and helpers in our institutions. I cannot encourage you to employ as matrons the one mentioned in your letter.

The Lord will have helpers prepared for the fulfilment of their duties, if the men and women who are thirsting for the knowledge that will qualify them to labor in our medical institutions will follow His directions, not going into such long preparations, but taking right hold and putting the whole soul into their work, in the fear of the Lord and with love for the souls for whom Christ has given His life.

We felt a little disappointed, Brother Ballenger, that you could not accompany Brother Palmer to the meeting at Mountain View. But you were in the place where the Lord wanted you to be. Good is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. If only souls will be converted from the error of their ways, and seek the Lord, and learn the science of preserving the health of the body and the soul! And where can they learn these much-needed lessons as well as at our sanitariums, which the Lord has said should be established in many places. Lectures might be given to the multitudes; but while the words spoken would enlighten many minds, how can people understand fully without a practical knowledge? One patient, successfully treated, will have a testimony to bear of the virtue of the simple methods of treatment, the simple, healthful remedies that nature has provided without the use of any drugs.

When Christ was upon this earth, He did not direct fishermen to leave their nets and boats and go to the Jewish teachers to gain a preparation for the gospel ministry. Walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw “two brethren, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed Him. And going on from thence, He saw two other brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with

Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. And they immediately left the ship, and their father, and followed Him.” [Matthew 4:18-22.]

This prompt obedience, without any questions, without one promise of wages, seems remarkable. But the words of Christ were an invitation that implied all that He meant it should. There was an impelling influence in His words. There was no long explanation, but what He said had a drawing power.

It was at the very beginning of His ministry that Christ began to gather in His helpers. This is a lesson to all ministers. They should constantly be looking for and training those whom they think could help them in their work. They should not stand alone, trying to do by themselves all that needs to be done.

Christ would make these humble fishermen, in connection with Himself, the means of taking men out of the service of Satan and making them believers in Christ, teaching them in regard to the kingdom of God. In this work they would become His ministers, fishers of men. They were to be His prime ministers. But He did not tell them to go to worldly schools to obtain the advantages of worldly cultivation. He did not tell them to go to the Jewish synagogues to learn of the Rabbis their customs and traditions, in order that they might be prepared for the work He had for them to do as His evangelists. He said, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” [Verse 19.]

Just as soon as Christ began to preach, He began to gather disciples who were to hear all His words and learn of Him, the great Teacher, and, afterward, preach the gospel. These disciples, supposed to be ignorant fishermen, were not to become teachers after the manner of the Jewish educators. They were to be Christ’s witnesses, bearing to the world His truth, unmingled with the traditions and sophistries of men. By practicing His virtues, by walking and working with Him, they were to be qualified to be His representatives.

Christ’s call, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men,” and the power of His grace, manifested to them, was indeed their ordination, their appointment to the work of the gospel ministry. The Saviour’s work as a teacher, His example, His opening of the Scriptures to the multitude, His works of healing were preparing the disciples to carry on the work that He began. Through His words, and through His sanctifying influence, He gave gifts unto men, preparing the members of this early church to be His messengers. His treasure of knowledge was put into earthen vessels. He did not advise His disciples to learn of the Jewish teachers. By the simplicity of faith, by clean, pure, humble service, the disciples were being educated in His school to carry responsibilities of the same kind that He was bearing.

Certainly Christ chose the foolish things of the world—those whom the world pronounced unlearned and ignorant—to confound the wise men of the world. The disciples were unlearned

in the traditions of the rabbis, but with Christ as their example and teacher, they were gaining an education of the highest order; for they had before them a divine Example. Christ was presenting to them truths of the highest character.

Those whom God employs to do service for Him, He would have fitted in His way for that service. Those who preach Christ must learn of Christ daily, in order to understand the mystery of saving and serving the souls for whom He had died. They must bring with them nothing like spiritual pride or self-indulgence. In speech, in voice, in every phase of character, they must reveal the spiritual refinement, the Christlike courtesy that connection with the Saviour gives. His tender love and compassion must constantly be revealed. "Follow Me," were the words of the great Teacher, "and I will make you fishers of men." [Verse 19.] They must do this work with hearts filled with Christ's love for souls. They must pattern after Him in all things, sharing His tender compassion and His sternness against all evil working. Christ is the great example for all. We are to be workers together with Him. Those who are in His service need to separate from all business entanglements that would tarnish their Christlikeness of character. The fishermen that the Saviour called straightway left their nets. Those who give themselves to the work of the ministry must not entangle themselves in business lines that will bring a coarseness into their lives and will be a detriment to their spiritual advancement in the work the Lord has given them to do.

All through my Christian experience I have been presented with the neglect of our churches to show that care and wisdom that Christ would have them show in looking not only on their own things, but also on the things of others. We are to be kind and attentive to those around us, helping in every necessity, relieving the oppressed, and giving them every encouragement. To love God supremely and to love our neighbor as ourselves—these are the two great principles of the law of God. If the Lord has placed means in our hands, so that we can relieve those who are in need, there should not be a question in our minds as to the part we should act toward these unfortunate ones.

But I am stretching out my letter lengthily. I shall now close by saying that I am of your mind regarding the well. Before any more money is expended on it, prove that which you have already obtained. Let the blessing of success lead all who are interested in this work to be thankful, and praise the Lord. We desire that everything shall be done economically, but not in a niggardly way.

We feel grateful to God that Brother Palmer has been able to connect with the work for a time. He can now thank God that the efforts put forth have been a success. Those who have been interested in this institution, and have given of their means to set it in operation, should be encouraged.

Lt 55, 1905

Olsen, O. A.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

January 30, 1905

Elder O. A. Olsen

My dear Brother,—

We had a very pleasant journey from College View to Battle Creek. We were given a very hearty welcome by the friends in Battle Creek. I was treated with all the attention possible by Dr. Kellogg. He urged me to go to St. Louis and bear my testimony there. He treats me with great consideration. I could ask no more from him on this line.

During my short stay in Battle Creek, I spoke five times, three times in the Tabernacle, once to the students in the medical College, and once to the patients and helpers in the sanitarium. I had a message to bear, and the Spirit of the Lord seemed to impress those present. I know that God gave me strength to speak. On Sabbath there were about three thousand people present in the tabernacle and on Sunday about two thousand.

The meeting on Sunday afternoon was attended by many of the citizens of Battle Creek. They paid the best of attention. At this meeting I had opportunity to state decidedly that my views have not changed. The blessing of the Lord rested upon many of those who heard the words spoken.

I understood that some were anxious to know if Mrs. White held the same views as she did years ago when they had heard her speak in the sanitarium grove, in the Tabernacle, and at the camp-meetings held in the suburbs of Battle Creek. I assured them that the message she bears today is the same that she has borne during the sixty years of her public ministry. She has the same service to do for the Master that was laid upon her in her girlhood. She receives lessons from the same Instructor. The directions given her are, “Make known to others what I have revealed to you. Write out the messages that I give you, that the people may have them.” This is what she has endeavored to do.

I have written many books, and they have been given a wide circulation. Of myself, I could not have brought out the truths in these books, but the Lord has given me the help of His Holy Spirit. These books, giving the instruction that the Lord has given me during the past sixty years, contain light from heaven and will bear the test of investigation.

The question is sometimes raised, "What if Mrs. White should die?" I answer: "The books that she has written will not die. They are a living witness to what saith the Scriptures."

The truth that Seventh-day Adventists proclaim today is the same truth that they have proclaimed for more than fifty years. We can say, as John says in his first epistle: "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. This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." [1 John 1:1-5.]

During the discourse, I said that I did not claim to be a prophetess. Some were surprised at this statement, and as much is being said in regard to it, I will make an explanation. Others have called me a prophetess, but I have never assumed that title. I have not felt that it was my duty thus to designate myself. Those who boldly assume that they are prophets in this our day are often a reproach to the cause of Christ.

My work includes much more than this name signifies. I regard myself as a messenger, entrusted by the Lord with messages for His people.

When this work was first given me, I begged the Lord to lay the burden on someone else. The work was so large and broad and deep that I feared I could not do it. I have been weak and feeble physically much of my life, but by His Holy Spirit the Lord has given me ability to perform the work entrusted to me.

God has made plain to me the various ways in which He would use me to carry forward a special work. Visions have been given me with the promise, "If you deliver the message faithfully, and endure unto the end, you shall eat of the fruit of the tree of life, and drink of the water of the river of life."

The Lord gave me great light on health reform. In connection with my husband I was to be a medical missionary worker. I was to set an example to the church by taking the sick to my home and caring for them. This I have done, myself giving the women and children most vigorous treatment. I was also to speak on the subject of Christian temperance, as the Lord's appointed messenger. I engaged heartily in this work and spoke to large assemblies on temperance in its broadest and truest sense.

I was instructed that I must ever urge upon those who profess to believe the truth the necessity of practicing this truth. This means sanctification, and sanctification means the culture and training of every capability for the Lord's service.

I was charged not to neglect or pass by those who were being wronged. The Lord presented such cases before me; and disagreeable though the duty may be, I am to reprove the oppressor and plead for justice. I am to present the necessity of maintaining justice and equity in all our institutions.

If I see those in positions of trust neglecting aged ministers, I am to present the matter to those whose duty it is to care for them. Ministers who have faithfully done their work are not to be forgotten or neglected when they have become feeble in health. Our conferences are not to disregard the needs of those who have borne the burden of the work.

It was after John had grown old in the service of His Lord that he was exiled to Patmos. But God did not forsake him. Christ knew where to find him, and on that lonely island he received more communications from heaven than he had received during the rest of his lifetime. Of this we read: "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John; who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things that are written therein; for the time is at hand." [Revelation 1:1-3.]

After my marriage I was instructed that I must show a special interest in motherless and fatherless children, taking some under my own charge, for a time, and then finding homes for them. Thus I would be giving others an example of what they could do.

I have felt it my duty to bring before our people that for which those in every church should feel a responsibility. I have taken children from three to five years of age, and have educated them, and trained them for responsible positions. I have taken into my home from time to time boys from ten to sixteen years of age, giving them motherly care and a training for service. These boys have now grown to manhood, and some of them occupy positions of trust in our institutions. One was for many years head pressman in the Review and Herald Publishing House. Another stood for years as foreman of the type department in the Review and Herald. He is now assisting my son Edson in his work near Nashville.

In Australia I carried on this same work, taking into my home orphan children, who were in danger of being exposed to temptations that might cause the loss of their souls.

While we were in Australia we worked as medical missionaries in every sense of the word. At times I made my home in Cooranbong an asylum for the sick and afflicted. My secretary, who

had received a training in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, stood by my side and did the work of a missionary nurse. No charge was made for her services, and we won the confidence of the people by the interest that we manifested in the sick and suffering. After a time the health retreat at Cooranbong was built, and then we were relieved of this burden.

To claim to be a prophetess is something that I have never done. If others call me by that name, I have no controversy with them. But my work has covered so many lines that I cannot call myself other than a messenger, sent to bear a message from the Lord to His people and to take up work in any line that He points out.

I wanted to remain in Battle Creek for another week, but Sister Marian Davis was very sick, and we feared that she might die before we reached home. She was very anxious to see us, and we decided to hasten home.

We found Sister Davis very sick. She was at the sanitarium, receiving the best of care, and her sister Mrs. W. K. Kellogg was with her. About a week after our return, she rallied, and for a while we hoped for her recovery. But her strength suddenly failed, and on Tuesday, October 25, she passed away.

On leaving Battle Creek, we bought our tickets through to Los Angeles, and these tickets allowed us to spend a month at St. Helena. We had been at home for about two weeks, and the physicians thought that Sister Davis might linger for some time, so we decided to go South, planning to leave home on Monday. But something prevented us, and we decided to wait till the next day. On Tuesday morning a telephone message came from the sanitarium that Marian had been unconscious since seven o'clock A.M. She remained thus until four that afternoon, when she quietly breathed her last.

A beautiful spot in the St. Helena Cemetery was chosen for her grave, and the dear, helpful worker rests in her narrow bed until Jesus comes. No more trouble will come to her. At seventy-seven I am still toiling, but am not worth much at present; for I am very weary. We are all in the hands of the Lord. I trust in Him; for I know that He will never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him. I have committed myself to His keeping.

Lt 57, 1905

Breed, Sister [A. J.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 5, 1905

Dear Sister Breed,—

I am very glad to hear that you are improving in health. I should be very much pleased to meet you again. I am now in my seventy-eighth year. My brain is still active, and my health is good for one of my age. During my recent travels, the Lord kept and preserved me from accident and harm. He would have us look to Him in all our trials and afflictions. Be of good courage, my sister. A little longer, and we shall see Jesus. "Let not your heart be troubled," He said to His disciples, "ye believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." [John 14:1-3.]

Encourage your heart in the Lord. I rejoice in the bright prospects of the future, and so may you. Let us be cheerful and praise the Lord for His loving-kindness to the children of men. Do not look on the dark side. Have faith in God. We are Christ's property, and let us remember that He loves us and will be our helper and our God.

Last night I was awake for a long time. I was troubled and anxious; for I knew that some were tempted and tried, and I was wondering how I could help them to look to Jesus and comfort their hearts in His love. I thought, If I could only take hold of Christ's hand and hear His voice, as I lie awake, praying for myself, and much more for others who are tempted and tried! I could not sleep after one o'clock. I was so sorry, because I had writing that I wanted to do today, and I thought that I would be useless if I could not sleep. But at two o'clock I arose and dressed, made my fire, and before breakfast had written many pages. I have written many pages since breakfast and have not felt sleepy at all.

Let us be thankful for every favor. Let us try to be sunshiny Christians. The souls that I trouble about, fearing that they will not hold fast till the end, I will commit to God. That which is divinely real will shine amidst the moral darkness, because Christ's light shines upon it. To Him we own constant praise and thanksgiving; for we are kept by His power through faith. We can not keep ourselves.

Be of good courage. The Lord loves you and pities your every weakness. He will certainly strengthen and bless you if you will only trust Him. It would not satisfy the heart of the infinite God to give to those who love His Son a less blessing than He gives His Son.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in

the Beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." [Ephesians 1:3-7.]

Lt 59, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 4, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I often think of you and of those connected with you. I did not while in Los Angeles find opportunity to talk with either of you as much as I desired. I was hoping that we should have opportunity to counsel more at length about the work. But an opportunity will come. We shall see you sometime, perhaps in our own home, which you vacated for us.

I am doing as well as could be expected. I have had very little opportunity to go out riding since returning from the Mountain View meeting. We have had rain, rain, rain; and it is a blessing which God has sent us, for which we ought to praise His holy name, and be thankful. The rain has fallen softly and steadily most of the time, but some days it has been heavier. Today the sky is cloudy, but no rain is falling. I was pleased, when I rose this morning, to see the stars; but it may rain again soon; for the sky is very cloudy.

I long to be where I can bear my testimony to the people, but I dare not be presumptuous.

The remark is often made, by one and another, "Why depend so much on sanitariums? Why do we not pray for the miraculous healing of the sick, as the people of God used to do?" In the early history of our work many were healed by prayer. And some, after they were healed, pursued the same course in the indulgence of appetite that they had followed in the past. They did not live and work in such a way as to avoid sickness. They did not show that they appreciated the Lord's goodness to them. Again and again they were brought to suffering through their own careless, thoughtless course of action. How could the Lord be glorified in bestowing on them the gift of health?

When the light came that we should have a sanitarium, the reason was plainly given. There were many who needed to be educated in regard to healthful living. A place must be provided to which the sick could be taken, where they could be taught how to live so as to preserve health. At the same time light was given that the sick could be successfully treated without drugs. This was the lesson that was to be practiced and taught by physicians and nurses and by all other medical missionary workers. Drugs were to be discarded; because when they are taken

into the system, their after effect is very injurious. Many suffering from fever have died as the result of the drugs administered. They might have been alive today had they been given water treatment by those competent to administer it.

Another point presented to me was that by careful watching and proper dieting, patients may be prepared for the thorough treatment that is required in fevers. However severe the fever, in most cases it can be mastered without once administering drugs. Some of our physicians are in need of being converted to the use of simple healthful treatments without the use of drugs.

Our sanitarium work is not to be done in mammoth buildings in a few places. Every large city should if possible have a small sanitarium, in the outskirts, where the air is not contaminated by the smoke from many chimneys, and where the noise and confusion of the streets cannot be heard.

The nurses connected with these institutions should be prepared to exert a soul-saving influence. Those who are not rooted and grounded in the truth should not be employed. Let them first become established in the truth. Then let them learn to be ever on guard, ever seeking to make the right impression on the minds of the sick. We need to study the true science of healing. Nothing should be administered that will be in any way injurious. Our nurses should thoroughly understand how to give simple remedies that will prove effectual.

Nurses should always be pleasant and cheerful and should show thoughtful consideration. They are ever to strive to do their work wisely and well, realizing that they are serving the Lord, and that in the discharge of their duties they are to live out before unbelievers their faith in the truth for this time.

Great care should be shown in choosing young people to connect with our sanitariums. Those who have not the love of the truth in the soul should not be chosen. The sick need to have wise words spoken to them. The influence of every worker should make an impression on minds in favor of the religion of Christ Jesus. Light has been given me that the young people chosen to connect with our sanitariums should be those who have evidence that they have been apt learners in the school of Christ.

They are to be truly converted; then they will be prepared to speak, and work, with true wisdom.

Nurses should have regular Bible instruction, that they may be able to speak to the sick words that will enlighten and help them. Angels of God are in the rooms where the suffering ones are to take treatment, and the atmosphere surrounding the soul of the one giving treatment should be pure and fragrant. In the lives of the physicians and nurses the virtues of Christ are to be

seen. His principles are to be lived. Then by what they do and say, the sick will be drawn to the Saviour. We need the saving grace of God.

It is to save the souls, as well as to cure the bodies of men and women, that our sanitariums are at much expense established. God designs that by means of them the rich and the poor, the high and the low shall find the bread from heaven and the water of life.

I will thus explain the reason why we have sanitariums. It is to gather in a class of people who will become intelligent upon health reform and will learn how to regain health and how to prevent sickness by following right habits of eating and drinking and dressing. As a part of the treatment, lectures should be given on the different points of health reform. Instruction should be given regarding the right choice and preparation of food, showing that food may be prepared so as to be wholesome and nourishing, and at the same time appetizing and palatable. These lectures should be diligently kept up as a means of teaching the patients how to prevent disease by a wise course of action. By means of these lectures the patients may be shown the responsibility resting on them to keep the body in the most healthful condition because it is the Lord's purchased possession.

"Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.]

An experienced Christian nurse in the sickroom will use the best remedies within her knowledge for restoring the sufferer to health. And she will pleasantly and successfully draw the one for whom she is working to Christ, the healer of the soul as well as of the body. The lessons given, line upon line, here a little and there a little, will have their influence. The older nurses, whether they be men or women, should lose no opportunity of calling the attention of the sick to Christ. Those who care for the sick should be prepared to blend spiritual healing with physical healing. Let the nurses in our sanitariums show that in the solemn work of caring for the sick, they do not rely on drug medication, but on the power of Christ and the use of the simple remedies that He has provided—the application of hot and cold water and simple, nourishing food, without intoxicating liquor of any kind, with judicious exercise, and a putting away of all injurious practices. In treatment such as this there is health for the sick.

The sick may look to the great Healer for health as they do all that is possible to be done in their part, co-operating with 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. He who would be healed must cease to transgress the law of God. He must cease to choose a life of sin. God cannot bless the one who continues to bring upon himself disease and suffering by violating the laws of heaven.

But the Holy Spirit comes as a healing power to those who cease to do evil and learn to do well.

Those who have no love for God will work constantly against the best interests of soul and body. But those who awake to the responsibility and solemnity of living in this present evil world will be softened and subdued. Tenderness and love for Christ will find their hearts. They know that He is their friend. In many cases the realization that they have such a friend means more to the suffering ones in their recovery from sickness than the best treatment that can be given. But both lines of ministry are essential. They are to go hand in hand.

The Lord says to the physicians in our sanitarium, Prepare to use to the utmost all your resources in winning souls to eternal life in the kingdom of God. Place only chosen helpers in positions of responsibility. One who cares for the sick should live in close communion with God; for a bright religious experience is of the highest value to the unconverted. He should move carefully and intelligently, speaking words that Christ can use to impress the mind. As he speaks words that are helpful and appropriate, and as he offers prayer for the sinsick soul, the Lord Jesus will make the application. God speaks through human lips. The heart is reached. Humanity is brought into touch with divinity.

The souls thus saved are trophies of divine grace. They are seals of Christ's ministry—living epistles, known and read of all men.

There is medical missionary work to be done for the saving of souls. The Lord will give those who watch unto prayer a rich experience. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path." [Proverbs 3:5, 6.]

I think I have answered the question, "Why do we not pray for the healing of the sick, instead of having sanitariums?" The education of many souls is at stake. In the providence of God, instruction has been given that sanitariums be established, in order that the sick may be drawn to them and learn how to live healthfully. The establishment of sanitariums is a providential arrangement, whereby people from all churches are to be reached and made acquainted with the saving truth for this time.

It is for this reason that we urge that sanitariums be established in many places outside of our cities. The physician who is connected with a sanitarium should at all times carry himself circumspectly. He should be a truly converted man so that he can minister to the sin-sick souls of the patients. He will meet all classes, rich and poor, high and low, and he is to work for their salvation. The work placed in his hands—the care of the soul as well as of the body—calls for constant preparedness by the Holy Spirit.

The highest standard is held up before those who connect with our sanitariums, whether they be physicians, nurses, superintendents, or business managers. To all such I would say, Never think that you are out of danger. Satan is laying his snare for souls. Remember that you are

carrying weighty responsibilities. Your work brings you into association with the Lord Jesus. He is saying to you, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24.] Christ calls you. You have been chosen to do a sacred work in our sanitariums. Your conversation and attitude is to be seasoned with the grace of Christ, such as will place you on a high plane, as medical missionaries, working in union with a pure, holy God, carrying forward the greatest work ever entrusted to mortals. Those whom God has called out from among men to stand in our sanitariums as His medical missionaries are to cultivate integrity and purity of character, showing those with whom they come in contact what true Christianity means, and throwing a cheering, sanctifying light upon minds.

May the Lord bless you all and give you courage and hope and faith. May all who are connected with the Glendale Sanitarium consecrate the powers of body and mind and soul to the service of God, in singleness of purpose. "If thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." [Matthew 6:22.]

May God bless you all is the prayer that I offer for you at our family worship.

Lt 61, 1905

Breed, A. J.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 5, 1905

Dear Brother Breed,—

I have just read your letter of February 1, telling us of the report which is being circulated, that Walla Walla College is to be sold by our people and may be bought by the Mormons. I am sorry to hear of such reports. You should contradict them promptly. The instruction given me by the Lord regarding the Walla Walla College would lead us to take a course that is the very opposite of these reports.

Instruction was given me that a mistake was being made in selling so much of the school land. The land should have been kept by the school, to be utilized in raising crops that would have done much to sustain the school. I have said that if some of the land that was sold could be purchased back, it would be well.

The school in College Place is not to be discouraged or hindered. Let all show an interest in building up and strengthening this institution. For years the care of the Lord has been over this school, as His servants have striven to make it a success, and it would not be pleasing to Him for

any one to counterwork these efforts. No, no! Gather up your forces, and let all be united in carrying the work steadily forward. Thus God's name will be glorified.

Let your work advance. Discouragements will come, but do not give up. Let every one resist the enemy, saying, "I will not fail nor be discouraged." [See Isaiah 42:4.] Let the students show unselfish zeal in their efforts to build up the school. Let each one do his best. Have faith in God. Should the school be given up now, a lesson of great value would be lost.

Let the work of selling Object Lessons be revived. See if you can not plan together to make the outlook more hopeful and encouraging. Let each help the other to help the school. Consecrate the powers of body, soul, and spirit to the service of God. Let head, hands, and heart be cheerfully used for God and His work. Thus only can you make a success in life. Let your motto be, "This one thing I do." [Philippians 3:13.] Singleness of purpose will bring success.

Do not be discouraged if you do not gain immediate success, but work for it, pray for it, and believe that you will obtain it. Encourage one another to have a holy ambition to take hold anew to bring about the most excellent results for the Lord Jesus. Be in earnest to excel in holy living. Strive for the oneness for which Christ prayed, and remember that all minds and plans are not alike. We are to have much patience and unshaken faith. Let us bear with one another and help one another.

Lt 63, 1905

Farnsworth, Brother and Sister [E. W.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 5, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Farnsworth,—

Your interesting letter was handed to me today, and I will begin a letter to you at once, lest other matters come before me and I forget. I may not have time to write you all I wish, but I will make a beginning and finish when I can.

We are very busy just now with Ministry of Healing. I am so glad that this book will soon be ready to place in the hands of the many who will appreciate its contents.

I wish to write particularly about one point in your letter. You speak of the burning of the Melrose Sanitarium and ask why the sick should not be healed by the prayer of faith instead of there being so many sanitariums established. There is more to this matter than at first strikes the mind. The Lord has given instruction that sanitariums should be established and that advantage should be taken of opportunities to purchase at a reasonable price desirable

properties out of the cities. The Lord has shown me that there should be sanitariums near many important cities.

When we have shown the people that we have right principles regarding health reform, we should then take up the temperance question in all its bearings and drive it home to the hilt.

Suitable places must be provided to which we can bring the sick and suffering who know nothing of our people, and scarcely anything of Bible truth. Every effort possible is to be made to show the sick that disease may be cured by rational methods of treatment, without having recourse to drugs. Let the sick be separated from harmful surroundings and associations and placed in our sanitariums where they can receive treatment from Christian nurses and physicians.

Should all the sick be healed by prayer, very few would improve their opportunities to become acquainted with right ways of eating, drinking, and dressing. Those connected with our sanitariums should realize the duty resting upon them to give the patients an education in the principles of healthful living.

The sick have their lessons to learn. They must be denied those preparations of food that would retard or prevent their recovery to health. They must learn the science of self-denial, eating simple food prepared in a simple way. They should live much in the sunlight, which should find its way to every room of the building. Lectures on health topics should be given. These lectures will open the blinded understanding, and truths never before thought of will be fastened on the mind.

February 8

I began your letter a day or two ago, but other letters came that had to be answered immediately, and I have been interrupted again and again. I will now try to finish your letter.

I wish it were possible for me to communicate the things that come to my mind. But it is impossible. Words cannot express the matters that are opened up before me. I am assured that by beholding Christ, we shall be changed into His image. We must dwell more on the results of genuine conversion. Not only is the sinner forgiven when he repents and confesses his iniquity, he becomes a child of God, a member of the royal family, an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ to an immortal inheritance. It seems impossible for the mind to comprehend this. The power of Satan is broken. Man is brought into sacred unity with Christ.

“Christ also hath suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.” [1 Peter 3:18.] “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” “God commendeth His love

toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.” [Romans 5:1, 8-11.] We joy also in our life of tribulation, rejoicing that we can be partakers of Christ’s sufferings in this life and hereafter be partakers of His glory. By the power of His most holy name, He makes us one with Him and shares with us all that He is. We are completely identified with Him. Can we grasp the greatness of the favor bestowed on us?

Let us die to self. This we must do if we would live to God. Let us follow in the footsteps of Christ. Well might the inspired apostle say, as he sought to comprehend the great blessing presented in the gospel:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; according as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” [Ephesians 1:3-7.]

There is true sanctification for every one. Let us humble ourselves before God, and pray, “Lord, cleanse us from all selfishness, and help us to see more clearly the breadth and depth and height of the love that passeth knowledge.” [See Ephesians 3:18, 19.]

It is the purpose of God to glorify Himself in His people before the world. He longs to make us channels through which He can pour His boundless love and mercy. Why do we not grasp the offered gifts, and live out our love and gratitude? Did we do this, we should regard time as too precious to be spent in finding fault with and judging one another. Let each church member seek the Lord and confess his own sins, not the sins of some one else. In this world we are to make preparation for the world to come.

Are we what God would have us? No, we are not. The members of the church in every place need to surrender themselves to God. It is an individual work that is needed. I have been made to understand as much as I could bear regarding this subject. We need to be converted. Let us seek the Lord, not in a fitful way, but with all the heart, that we may find Him. The Word declares that Jesus is our Saviour. Let us make Him so, to all intents and purposes. There are many who touch Him only with the tips of their fingers. Let us give Him the service of our whole being and praise Him for His wonderful, matchless love to the children of men.

Lt 65, 1905

Jones, A. T.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 13, 1905

Elder A. T. Jones

My dear Brother,—

The light given me is that you should be in Washington just now. Go there, and offer to help. The Lord has a work for you to do in Washington in connection with the workers there. Stand in the place of your appointment. Again and again it has been presented to me that you would be one who, in connection with your brethren, would proclaim the message in Washington. The time has come for you to do this.

Washington and Baltimore are very close together, and in both of these places a decided interest is to be aroused. You should now be putting forth earnest efforts in Washington.

Regarding your classes, the very best education you can give those who have a desire to work is to teach them to practice what they have been taught. Those who will spend much time in prayer and will humbly take counsel will increase in a knowledge of how to work. Those who are willing to be learners will have opportunity to gain increased knowledge, while gaining success in active service. It is time for earnest work to be done throughout the field by those who desire to become missionaries.

While Elder Jones, Elder Daniells, and Elder Prescott, with other of our ministers, are doing their part in Washington, our people east and west, north and south should be preaching the Word on the same lines.

Let the youth from our schools go forth into the harvest field to do service for the Lord, praying as they go, “Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands” and our hearts “establish Thou it.” [Psalm 90:16, 17.]

Let those who have been trained for service now take their places quickly in the Lord’s work. House-to-house laborers are needed. The Lord calls for decided efforts to be put forth in places where the people know nothing of the truth. Singing and prayer and Bible readings are needed in the homes of the people. Now, just now is the time to obey the commission, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” [Matthew 28:20.] Those who do this work must have a ready knowledge of the Scriptures. “It is written” is to be their weapon of

defense. God has given us light on His Word that we may give it to our fellow men. The truth spoken by Christ will reach hearts. A "Thus saith the Lord" will fall upon the ear with power, and fruit will appear wherever honest service is done.

The Lord calls for action. The Sabbath question is being agitated in Washington; and while minds are stirred, there is an opportunity for our people everywhere to sow the seeds of truth. Should we neglect to take advantage of this time, we should miss a great opportunity for letting light from God's Word shine forth. The trumpet is to give a certain sound.

Say to the people: Know yourselves of the doctrine. Let not your lips utter a sentence of doubt. Do not come before the people with an uncertain sound. Know what is truth and proclaim truth. Christ's teaching was always positive in its nature. Never, never utter sentiments of doubt. Bear with a certain voice an affirmative message. Lift Him up, the Man of Calvary, higher and still higher. There is power in the exaltation of the cross of Christ.

Christ's divinity is to be steadfastly maintained. When the Saviour asked His disciples the question, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Said Christ, "Upon this Rock," not on Peter, but on the Son of God, "will I build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." [Matthew 16:15-18.]

Great is the mystery of godliness. There are mysteries in the life of Christ that are to be believed, even though they cannot be explained. The finite mind cannot fathom the mystery of godliness.

Christ is to be preached, not controversially, but affirmatively. Take your stand without controversy. Let not your words at any time be uncertain. The Word of the living God is to be the foundation of our faith. Gather up the strongest affirmative statements regarding the atonement made by Christ for the sins of the world. Show the necessity for this atonement, and tell men and women that they may be saved if they will repent and return to their loyalty to God's law. Gather all the affirmatives and proofs that make the gospel the glad tidings of salvation to all who receive and believe on Christ as a personal Saviour.

The charge given to Timothy is: "Take heed to thyself and to the doctrine; for in so doing thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee." "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." [2 Timothy 4:16, 2-5.]

Elder Jones, is it not time that the many held in Battle Creek were obeying this charge? Is it not time that they had some place assigned them in the harvest fields?

I hope and pray that you will now stand in your place. May God help you, is my prayer. What is Elder Waggoner doing? How is Elder Tenney?

Lt 67, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 18, 1905

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

The message given me for Brother W. O. Palmer is: We shall be placed in trying positions; but if we examine ourselves carefully, and see what our defects of character are, and then brace ourselves against temptation, with watching and prayer, God will help us to overcome. As difficulties arise, we must so conduct ourselves that our conscience will be free in Christ. If our conscience does not condemn us, then we may thank God that we are kept by His power. We can all act some part in the Lord’s work if we exercise great care that our feet do not stray from the path of righteousness. From day to day our hearts must be drawn out after victory.

“If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.” [James 1:5-7.]

Let your words be few and well chosen. The men in the office of publication know that God has committed you to me as a charge. I was surprised at the time. I could not understand why this should be done. But the experience of the past explains the matter. At times you show but little wisdom. You do not move discreetly. If, at such times, your brethren would speak to you kindly regarding your faults, and then pray with you, they would be following a course in accordance with the mind and will and example of Christ.

I have frequently been instructed to have a special charge over some who were in danger through special temptations. There are many who have weak points of character. I am instructed that when they shall be overtaken in a fault, and overcome, I am not to leave them to the unadvised words or unchristlike methods of those who have not the love and pity and grace of Christ in their hearts.

Those who can see the weakness and mark the faults of an erring one have a special responsibility to try to help him. If they push him off and crowd him away, I am to hold out to him the hand of hope, that he may grasp it and never let go. I am to say to him, Never be discouraged. I am to tell him of his mistakes, manifesting the kindest sympathy. Thus a soul may be saved and a multitude of sins hidden; for if he confesses his faults, the Lord will pardon him. And from his own experience he will learn how to deal with others who make mistakes.

In dealing with the erring, Christ showed tender, forgiving love, and we are to practice the lessons He has given.

When Christ ate with publicans and sinners, the priests and rulers made all the capital possible out of His action. But Christ did this that He might speak to erring men the words of encouragement that the priests and rulers were not willing to speak. He would satisfy the inmost longings of the soul and help the sore-troubled ones who needed guidance and encouragement. His words were always spoken with wisdom. They always exalted the truth. He presented principles that searched the recesses of the hearts of those who listened. He said that which reached the diseased imagination and drew the mind out after eternal realities.

While Christ accepted invitations to feasts and gatherings, He did not partake of all the food offered Him, but quietly ate of that which was appropriate for His physical necessities, avoiding the many things that He did not need. His disciples were frequently invited with Him, and His conduct was a lesson to them, teaching them not to indulge appetite by overeating or by eating improper food. He showed them that portions of the food provided could be passed by and portions chosen.

Christ went to these feasts because He wished to show those who were excluding themselves from the society of their fellow men how wrong their course of action was. He wished to teach them that truth was given to be imparted to those who had it not. If they had truth, why keep it selfishly to themselves.

“I came not to call the righteous,” Christ declared, “but sinners to repentance.” [Mark 2:17.] This was His work.

In church capacity there are many things that we must do if we would be laborers together with God. If we would study Christ’s methods, we would see many things to be reproved and corrected. But in doing this, we are to be sure to follow Christ’s methods.

Christian fellowship reveals duties to be performed and responsibilities to be borne. In all, we are to follow Christ’s example. In failing to deal faithfully with one who has erred, in refusing to speak kindly to him, we commit a grievous sin in the sight of God. In acting a harsh, stubborn part, in treating the one who has made a mistake in accordance with our own unchristlike traits

of character, we discourage a soul that is in danger and leave him to settle down into spiritual warfare or to relapse into spiritual death.

A disregard of Christ's directions as to how to deal with the erring leads to contention and strife. A desire to cast a mote out of the eye of a brother often creates a beam in the eye of the accuser, because of his neglect or refusal to work in Christ's way.

If the directions of Christ, so explicitly given in His lessons to His disciples, are not followed; if church members engage in accusing and condemning their brethren and sisters, refusing to heed the words of the Saviour, serious estrangements will come into the church as the result.

Christ says, "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." [Matthew 7:5.] The one who neglects to follow the directions of Christ, who accuses his brother without first going to him, and talking the matter over with him, in the spirit of the Saviour, has a beam in his eye. He pays no attention to the remedy that Christ has given for the cure of dissension and strife. He does not go to the one he has condemned, telling him kindly what appears to be against his character. An explanation might clear away the difficulty, but he does not give the one he condemns an opportunity to make the explanation.

Is it not time that we heeded the lessons of Christ, learning from Him how to proceed in wisdom in dealing with the erring? The Saviour pities the one who does wrong and in love corrects him and, if he confesses and forsakes his sin, forgives him. Christ cannot save the purchase of His blood without, through reproof and correction, administering His discipline. This is necessary for the safety of the church, for the preservation of a wholesome atmosphere in the church. But he sees the danger of unwise judgment, and he gives the following injunction:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, and considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." [Verses 1-5.]

To make His people perfect, the Lord points out their mistakes and dangers. If they give no heed to His words, He permits the sure consequence of wrongdoing to come upon them. But He does not forsake them and turn from them unless they are willfully stubborn. If after reproof on reproof has been sent to them, they still refuse to reform, He says, "Separate them from the church, lest others be defiled; for their example is detrimental to the health of the church."

But let all remember the words, "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then thou shalt see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye." [Verse 5.] Let us not be so ready to accuse. God will make His people perfect if they will be molded and fashioned after the divine similitude. If they err, and then repent, He forgives them. His reproofs and corrections are sent to make His people perfect. Then let us accept reproof, and acknowledge our errors, and seek to avoid them.

No unlikeness to Christ will be permitted in the holy city. The process of gaining perfection of character is to be carried on in this life, that we may be prepared for the future immortal life. It is God's purpose that His church on earth shall reach perfection. It is essential that His directions be strictly obeyed. The members are to help and strengthen one another. No self-exaltation or accusing or harshness are to be shown in our dealings with one another. We must purify our souls through love and obedience to the truth. We must act like saints toward one another, preparing ourselves, drilling ourselves, to be without fault in character, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

"We have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous, nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord; looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." [Hebrews 12:9-15.]

Lt 69, 1905

Brown, M. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 18, 1905

Elder M. H. Brown

Dear Brother,—

Do not make a public matter of Rodney McClure's case. I know that Brother McClure is misled and deceived by the boy he has adopted. Both he and his wife are so deceived that they cannot

be the help to the boy that they otherwise could. Brother McClure could not believe what I wrote, until Rodney himself told his father that every word was true.

Please be very discreet with the McClure letter. It is not best to have it blazed abroad. Go to the boy yourself, and talk with him, and make in his behalf the efforts you have neglected to make. Get your right bearings. I positively do not want this matter to come before the whole church. Make every effort in your power to find out Rodney's real situation. Talk with the men in positions of responsibility in the school. Make every effort to get the truth from the boy himself.

These disagreeable burdens must be borne, but they are to be borne in a way that God can approve. My heart aches for all the erring. I am very sorry that Elder McClure has allowed such an example of mismanagement in his home to be set before the church.

I shall not have time to write more now. I will send you with this [a] copy of an article written to one of our churches regarding brotherly love and unity. I have written more on this subject, and sometime I hope to have it all put together in a pamphlet so that the churches can have it.

Move judiciously and prayerfully. Before anything else is done, let the boy be visited by some one whom you may judge best. May the Lord give wisdom is my prayer.

I had hoped that the school could be moved away from Healdsburg. I still hope that a way will open for this to be done and that it will be clearly seen that it is best for the school to be in some other place. Is it thought best to move to Mountain View?

Lt 71, 1905

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 18, 1905

Dear Son Edson,—

Last night I was counselling you not to do as you proposed, not to let the deed of your property stand in my name, because the influence would not be for the best. Raise what means you can, but do not use my name as owning this property. It will not be best to make the transfer of the property to me and to dispose of it as my personal property.

I was counselled not to become thus entangled. To bring my name in thus would be charged as a scheme of yours to raise funds for your own benefit, and it would hurt my influence. Nothing should be brought in to give me any connection with the sale of your property. I can call for

means for the establishment of the colored sanitarium, but anything that would appear as a means of extorting money, in connection with you, would hurt me as well as you and bring me into perplexity. Therefore I dare not have you call for money in that way.

I am in such a condition of mind that my brain should be freed from all perplexity. Nothing must be done that could be interpreted as a scheme of J. E. White to influence his mother. I write this because I wish to save you and myself from further perplexities. I must stand alone as much as possible. You are at liberty to consult your mother at any time, and to be free to write to her, but do not mix me up in matters that will bring me perplexity and weariness and hurt my influence.

I write you this because I do not know that I shall have time to talk with you.

Lt 73, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 1, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I have just read the very interesting letters received in the last mail from Dr. Kress and Sister Irwin. I am always pleased to receive letters from you, and I thank you for writing so many particulars.

I am beginning this letter some days before the mail leaves, so that I shall be sure not to disappoint you. I have much to do in writing out that which must be written in order to straighten things out, lest the enemy shall come in and lead unwary feet astray. My heart is often sad, and often I spend the greater part of the night in prayer. I am thankful that the Lord is so kind and helpful to me. I desire to praise Him with heart and soul and voice.

I wish to say, my dear friends, whom I love in the Lord, that the suggestions which I make to you in my letters are not to be taken as reproofs, but as light that has shone upon my pathway for the sanitarium with which you are connected and for other sanitariums. Therefore do not, I beseech you, take these things as reproofs, but as a word of instruction from the Lord, sent to be a blessing, not to cause you discouragement. The Lord will help you and lead you and prosper you. He has done this, and He will continue to do it. He appreciates your work, and He will be with you in every emergency.

I cannot advise you to change your position and go elsewhere. You are being greatly blessed by the Lord in physical and spiritual lines, and you have qualifications that enable you to do the

work that needs to be done. We are so thankful that you are connected with the sanitarium. Do not change your place, supposing that some one else would do better. Go straight forward in the name of the Lord, and watch and pray and believe. We have stern battles to fight. And when I see that the Lord is giving you precious victories as you advance step by step, I say, "May God abundantly bless them."

Do not fear, but trust. Improvements will certainly continually be made. There is no one at work in the Lord's vineyard but needs to become more perfect in the preparation of food that is appetizing, and yet entirely wholesome. The proper combination of foods is a science in which we are to become more and more skilled. We are to stand firm by the principles of healthful living.

In the matter of diet no one can be a criterion for another. Food that may be perfectly adapted to one might not be at all advisable for another. This is why I have urged that all our people become intelligent on the point. We are to study how to meet the people where they are. The Lord has chosen you, Brother and Sister Kress, to do this work in the Wahroonga Sanitarium. You are to instruct those who need to learn the why's and wherefore's in regard to hygiene in eating, drinking, and dressing. Never, never provide an impoverished diet. I know that many have received wrong impressions in our institutions because of a failure in this respect on the part of those in charge. Those who come to the sanitarium from the higher classes are accustomed to a rich and varied diet, and they will need table fare different in many respects from the food that you or I would place on our tables. Some of us find it necessary to pass by the nicely prepared dishes that others in the family may eat freely of.

The preparation of food for sanitarium patients needs close and careful attention. Some of the patients come from homes in which the tables are daily loaded with rich food, and every effort should be made to set before them food that is both appetizing and wholesome.

The Lord would have the institution with which you are connected one of the most satisfying and enjoyable places in the world. I want you to show special care in providing for the patients a diet that will not endanger health, and at the same time will recommend our principles of health reform. This can be done, and, being done, it will make a favorable impression on the minds of the patients. It will be an education to them, showing them the advantages of hygienic living above their own way of living. And when they leave the institution, they will carry with them a report that will influence others to go there.

Dr. Kress, we would be much pleased to see you, but we dare not say, "Leave your present post of duty." We pray that the rich blessing of God may be upon you. At times I long to go to Australia again and visit you and the sanitarium that is now filling with patients. We thank the Lord for the prosperity that has attended the institution.

I have just been writing a letter to Dr. Nicola of the Melrose Sanitarium. He fears that they will not be able to get means sufficient to build a sanitarium that will accommodate the higher classes, but I have no fears in this respect.

I was glad to get the copy of the article taken from the Outlook. I was greatly pleased with most of it. It will be a means of good, I am sure. As I read the article, I felt so thankful that such words could be spoken of the sanitarium and its workers. Let us thank the Lord and praise His holy name, and let everything connected with the sanitarium give character to the truth for this time. As you strive to do this, Christ will be in you "a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life." [John 4:14.] You will be daily refreshed by the streams of His salvation, and you will be a source of refreshing to those around you; for from you will flow "rivers of living water." [John 7:38.] The beauty of holiness will be seen in your life; for the comeliness of Christ will be put upon you.

We all have the same cause for thanksgiving. The resurrection and ascension of our Lord is a sure evidence of the triumph of the saints of God over death and the grave, and a pledge that heaven is open to those who wash their robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. Jesus ascended to the Father as a representative of the human race, and God will bring those who reflect His image to behold and share with Him His glory.

There are homes for the pilgrims of earth. There are robes for the righteous, with crowns of glory and palms of victory. All that perplexed us in the providences of God will then be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find an explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken purposes, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experiences that seemed most trying and hard to bear. As we realize the tender care of Him who makes all things work together for our good, we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Pain cannot exist in the atmosphere of heaven. In the home of the redeemed there will be no tears, no funeral trains, no badges of mourning. The inhabitants shall not say, I am sick; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. One rich tide of happiness will flow and deepen as eternity rolls on. Think of this; tell it to the children of suffering and sorrow, and bid them rejoice in hope.

The nearer we come to Jesus, the more clearly we behold the purity and greatness of His character, the less we shall feel like exalting self. The contrast between our characters and His will lead to humiliation of soul and deep heart-searching. The more we love Jesus, the more entirely will self be humbled and forgotten. When our souls are filled with pride and self-esteem, we cannot realize the need of divine power; but when we are aware of our own

insufficiency, our hearts cry out, "Other refuge have I none," and we hang our helpless souls on Him who is mighty to save.

He who is meek in spirit, he who is purest and most childlike will be made strong for the battle. He will "be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man." [Ephesians 3:16.] He who feels his weakness, and wrestles with God as did Jacob, and like this servant of old cries, "I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me" [Genesis 32:26], will go forth with the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. The atmosphere of heaven will surround him. He will go about doing good. His influence will be a positive force in favor of the religion of Christ.

These words point out what the workers in the sanitarium may be. I am so glad that we can come to God in faith and humility and plead with Him until our souls are brought into such close relationship with Jesus, that we can lay our burdens at his feet, saying, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." [2 Timothy 1:12.] The Lord is able to do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." [Ephesians 3:20.] Our cold, faithless hearts may be quickened into sensibility and life, until we can pray in faith, preach in faith, and say in faith, "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." [Galatians 2:20.] Let us seek for the fulness of the salvation of Christ. Let us follow in the footsteps of the Son of God, for the promise is, "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." [John 8:12.]

I am so thankful that you can say to those who come to the sanitarium: Jesus invites you, "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.] Say to the weary and heavy laden, Have you found this blessed rest, or are you slighting the Saviour's invitation? Do you pour out your trials and grievances into human ears? Do you go for help to those who cannot give you rest?

Have faith in God. Believe His precious promises. Go to Jesus in childlike simplicity, saying, Lord, I have borne these burdens as long as I can, and now I lay them upon the Burden-bearer. Do not gather them up again, but leave them all with Jesus. Go free; for Jesus has set you free. He has said, "I will give you rest." [Verse 28.]

Our God is a very present help in time of need. He is acquainted with the most secret thoughts of our hearts, with all the intents and purposes of our souls. When we are in perplexity, even before we open to Him our distresses, He is making arrangements of our deliverance. Our sorrow is not unnoticed. He knows much better than we do just what is necessary for the good of His children, and He leads us as we would choose to be led if we could see the end from the beginning. I rejoice that we have this cheering message to give to others.

I have just received a most encouraging letter from Brother E. S. Ballenger, who is at present connected with Brother E. R. Palmer in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. He writes that they had had several nice rains and were having still more. This is a cause of great rejoicing; for it is nearly ten years since so much rain has fallen in that section of California. I will try to send you a copy of Brother Ballenger's letter.

Just now we are very busy. We are finishing up Ministry of Healing, which is now in the printers' hands, and are making an effort to prepare matter for Testimony IX. I have been reading the matter prepared for Ministry of Healing, and I feel much relieved to think that the book is ready for publication, and that it will soon be in circulation.

In Testimony IX there will be a department giving a history of the work that has been done for the colored people of the Southern states and showing the needs of this work. For years very plain testimonies have been borne regarding the necessities of this work, and yet very little has been done to aid the workers.

If the Lord will help us to complete the work on these two books before General Conference, we shall thank Him, and take courage.

I am longing to get out to ride, but it is raining; and though the rain is coming down very gently, I dare not expose myself.

I think of you all very often, and I hope that you will write as often as you can. I read your writing nearly as well as print. I may sometimes send you a letter in my own handwriting, and you must tell me whether you can read it readily.

Lt 75, 1905

Palmer, E. R.; Ballenger, E. S.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 20, 1905

Dear Brethren Palmer and Ballenger,—

We are well pleased with the reports that Brother Ballenger has sent us of the work of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. What we see being accomplished there is a fulfilment of what I have been instructed we might expect. For this we thank the Lord, and take courage for the future, believing that the Lord will bless and guide.

The patronage you are receiving, even before you are fully prepared to accommodate patients, has exceeded my expectations. The Lord has been good to us, and we must ever bear in mind that this sanitarium is to be made a means of communicating truth to those who know it not.

Treatment rooms should be fitted up soon. Let them be, as was suggested when we were there, outside the main building. Were they inside the sanitarium, the steam from them would make an unhealthful atmosphere, which would pervade the rooms of the patients. Let us take every precaution to make everything connected with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium healthful and wholesome.

We are made sad as we see in many places so much left undone that should be done. But the Lord will use in the accomplishment of His work means that we do not now see. He will raise up from among the common people men and women to do His work, even as of old He called fishermen to be His disciples. There will soon be an awakening that will surprise many. Those who do not realize the necessity of what is to be done will be passed by, and the heavenly messengers will work with those who are called the common people, fitting them to carrying the truth to many places. Now is the time for us to awake and do what we can.

I have received a letter from Brother Burrill of Canada, in which he speaks of the Sunday question that is soon to be met there. He says that they especially need Brother Robinson to help them in meeting this issue. He is a native-born Canadian and can be a great help to them at this time.

Brother Burrill has written to me because he understood that I had encouraged Brother Robinson to come to San Diego. At first I could remember nothing in regard to the matter. But after I received Brother Ballenger's letter, stating the Brother Robinson was expected in San Diego soon to act as business manager of the sanitarium, I remember that Brother Robinson was one whose name had been mentioned in some of our councils. I think he was presented as one who was not well and who needed a change of climate. I asked if he were qualified to act as manager. When it was stated that he seemed to have the qualifications necessary for the place, I think I said, "Then by all means let him come." But I did not present this as light that had been given me by the Lord. It was merely my personal judgment, formed from your presentation of the case.

Brother Burrill also stated that Elder W. W. Simpson is a Canadian, and that such men as he are needed in Canada. He seems to think that it is not right that Elder Simpson should be held in Los Angeles. I know nothing in regard to Elder Simpson's case, except that he has been used by the Lord in His work in Los Angeles and that he has been greatly blessed. Over one hundred have taken their stand for the truth as a result of his labors. At the close of his last series of tent-meetings, he thought of changing his field of labor; but he received a petition signed by

many of the citizens of Los Angeles, asking him to remain and continue his meetings. The Lord has given Brother Simpson a spirit of adaptability, with wisdom to plan and carry out his work; and He has blessed him in the bringing out of leaflets, notices, and charts that have aroused the interest of the people.

I would say, Let Brother Simpson labor where his message is evidently accomplishing great good. Those who have come to his meetings have given freely of their means to sustain the work that he has carried forward. At this time, when there is such urgent need of workers in Los Angeles, when the brethren are seeking to establish a sanitarium there, I dare not say to Elder Simpson, You must go back to Canada. And, besides, such a move might not be best for his health. For the present let him remain in Los Angeles; for the Lord is giving him marked success in bearing the message to the people. Let him give the trumpet a certain sound, arousing those who have never heard the truth. May the Lord encourage him to remain in Los Angeles until the church members are aroused to gird on the armor and show that they have a burden to give the message. Our ministers are not to hover over the churches. They are to proclaim the truth, as Elder Simpson is doing. Let those who know not the truth be given an opportunity to hear the reasons of our faith.

I believe that Brother Simpson is presenting the truth as God would have many others present it. Some of the brethren in Los Angeles felt that he should do more in the church there. When this was suggested to me, I thought of the answer that Christ gave when the priests and rulers reproached Him for eating with publicans and sinners. "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," He declared. [Mark 2:17.] Let the work now being accomplished for those who have never before heard the truth lead our ministers and church members in Los Angeles to arouse; let them take hold, as they see that God is working. Let them make diligent work in repenting of their coldness and indifference and selfishness. As the church is by repentance cleansed from this neglect, and the members are converted, they will heartily engage in laboring from house to house. By teaching those who are seeking for the light of truth, they themselves will receive a valuable education.

Let no one, by precept or example, seek to draw Elder Simpson from his God-appointed work. Let all take hold with him in an effort to carry the work in clear lines. The members of the Los Angeles church need to heed every message that comes to them, bidding them arouse from their stupor. If they will earnestly seek the Lord, He will give them light and life and the quickening power of the Holy Spirit.

The message that I have to bear to the church in Los Angeles is, Awake, and put on the whole armor of God. There is selfishness in the church that must be rooted out. Seek the Lord earnestly. Reveal in your lives the sanctifying power of the truth. Co-operate with the evangelist that the Lord has placed amongst you. God would have you work as fishers of men. Pray much,

and practice self-denial, that you may help in establishing the sanitarium at Glendale, which is struggling to make a beginning. Seek to make it an institution after God's order. Some can do more than others, but all can do something. There are those who, if they will deny self, may do much more than they have done, and if all will take hold in earnest, the Glendale Sanitarium may be made a praise in the earth.

In the securing of buildings for sanitarium work in Southern California, we see the gracious leading of God. These buildings have been secured at a very small cost, and the Lord would now have His people build up and strengthen the work.

The Glendale Sanitarium must be furnished and equipped. There is a great work to be done for that institution. Do not discourage those who are trying to do what they can to carry on the work. Help Brother Burden and those who are placed in charge of the sanitarium work, that they may do all that needs to be done.

I make a special appeal to the church in Los Angeles. God expects you, as a church, to be purified and refined. Put away all accusing and dissension, lay aside all fault-finding and jealousy, and let every one come up to the help of the Lord. You need to arise and trim your lamps, that they may give a clearer light. All should appreciate what is being done to bring the truth before unbelievers.

Let the older members be an example to those who have recently come into the truth. I entreat those who have been long in the truth not to hurt the new converts by living irreligious lives. Lay aside all murmuring, and do thorough work in your own hearts. Break up the fallow ground of your hearts, and seek to know what you can do to advance the work in Los Angeles.

Temptations are being brought in by men who have been long in the truth. The truths that we received in 1841, '42, '43, and '44 are now to be studied and proclaimed. The messages of the first, second, and third angels will in the future be proclaimed with a loud voice. They will be given with earnest determination and in the power of the Spirit.

The members of the Los Angeles church need to have a deep work of grace done in their own hearts. Let every one build over against his own house. The messages given by Elder Simpson, which convert sinners, should be sufficient to arouse you also. Awake, awake, and give to the unconverted evidence that you believe the truth of heavenly origin. Unless you do awake, the world will not believe that you practice the truth that you profess to hold.

Pray earnestly. Read and study the prayer of Christ, as given in the seventeenth chapter of John, and then seek to live lives that will answer that prayer. Read also the messages given in the third chapter of Revelation. God sent His angel from heaven to give these messages. The

message to the Laodicean church belongs to the church in Los Angeles and to our churches generally. Will they arouse and do the work that God has given them to do?

Lt 77, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

February 21, 1905

Dear Son Edson,—

I will send this letter to Walla Walla, hoping that it will reach you there. I am anxious about you. When Dores told me that you spoke for so long a time in Healdsburg, and that you were very hoarse, I feared for your health. I wish to say, Be careful of your words, and do not wear yourself out, so that you will be used up when you reach Nashville.

I have cautions to give you. Do not speak words that will disparage Brethren Prescott and Daniells. Let your words be well chosen. Nothing will hurt your influence more than for you to speak as if the present administration were to blame for diverting means into the wrong channel. This will react on you and will be displeasing to God. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt. The light given me is that by accusing those bearing responsibilities, you will in the end hedge up your own way. Be a man of sound judgment. Make no breach between you and your brethren. By criticizing and condemning, you will make of no effect the testimonies of the Spirit of God given to your mother.

I hope that you will bear this warning in mind. Do not leave behind you the record of a mischief maker. If you speak unwisely, those who hear you will suppose that you voice my mind and express my opinions. Please be guarded; for all that you say will be reported. As you visit the churches, do not, for Christ's sake, in this perilous time, criticize others. Do not seek to disparage the General Conference or to judge any man. Do not speak words that will leave a wrong impression on the minds of any regarding your brethren who have been appointed to do a special work for this time. We must keep a clean record.

The light given me by the Lord is that we are all to stand shoulder to shoulder, united as brethren under the influence and control of the Holy Spirit.

There is need that a thorough work be done in your heart and mind day by day, else you will make a record that will be to your disadvantage. And again, be guarded; for unless you are, words will be reported as having been spoken by you, which will place you in a strange light. Constantly preserve nobility of soul and the sweetness and grace of Christ.

I want to publish an account of your labors in the South, but you will kill this book if you do not move discreetly. We must give no place to the enemy, but pray and watch unto prayer. Said Christ, "I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified." [John 17:19.] This is the work of every true follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. Unify, unify, is the word spoken. Put away dissension. Put away fault-finding and accusing. Unity is strength. Since you do not admire the spirit of criticism, be careful not to criticize. O when shall we answer Christ's prayer for unity? When shall we be one with Him as He is one with the Father?

Edson, my heart is heavy, very heavy. I fear much for W. O. Palmer. His assurances were so strong that he was trusted, but he will never again exert the influence for good that he might have exerted. I fear greatly that he will be a hindrance to you. I was unable to sleep last night because this burden rested so heavily upon me.

I beg of you, my son, to keep very clearly on the Lord's side. Be true to principle. Let nothing lead you to do one wrong act. Do not speak one word that might arouse suspicions regarding the men bearing responsibilities in the General Conference. Do not sow seeds of mistrust.

I have a most pointed message to bear regarding the necessity of coming into unity and refusing to join the enemy in accusing and criticizing. Be true to yourself, true to your brethren, and true to God. There must be no judging of one another. We are each to walk as in the sight of a holy God.

O how my heart has ached all day. I had not heard by voice or pen from anyone. But when I retired to rest, the whole scene of estrangement passed before me, and I saw what it means to us as a people. I will write more tomorrow, but I am too sick at heart to write more tonight. If you raise means for the Southern Missionary Society, this will in itself arouse unpleasant issues; but I have not seen how you could do otherwise. But do not cast reflections on the men in positions of trust in the General Conference. Were you in Elder Daniells' place, carrying the heavy burden that he carries, you might not do as well as he does. Edson, it pays to walk humbly with God. I beseech you to cherish no feelings of bitterness; for if you do, they will spring up to bear fruit whereby many will be defiled.

Lt 79, 1905

Kress, D. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 17, 1905

Dear Brother Kress,—

I have received and read your letter, and I will answer it at once, fearing that if I leave it till later, something will occur that will prevent me from writing to you at all. We are pressed on every side with urgent work. For a long time I have been unable to sleep as I should. But I am endeavoring by the help of God to write letters that will be a help, not merely to those to whom they are addressed, but to many others who need them.

We see the necessity in many places of the help that you and your wife could give. But we dare not call you from your work in Australia. The Lord is prospering you and giving you health and a precious experience, and you are doing a good work. We praise God that you and your family are in the Wahroonga Sanitarium. We want you to continue to make a success in that place. I would not dare to say to you, "Come," unless I had clear light on the point. We must remain where the Lord places us until we have evidence that He desires a change to be made. To exchange you just now for other physicians would not be wise. When the Lord desires you to cross the broad waters, He will let you know.

There is a work to do all over the world, and as we near the time of the end, the Lord will impress many minds to engage in this work. If you are able to use your influence in setting in operation the work that needs to be done in Sydney, many souls will be saved, who have never yet heard the truth. The cities are to be worked. The saving power of God is to go forth through them as a lamp that burneth.

I have had no evidence that Dr. Kellogg's heart has been changed or that he has given up his erroneous theories. There are hundreds held in Battle Creek who at this very time should be working in the large cities that have never heard the truth.

Our sanitariums are to reach a class that can be reached by no other means. "Why," asks one and another, "is not prayer offered for the miraculous healing of the sick, instead of so many sanitariums being established?" Should this be done, great fanaticism would arise in our ranks. Those who have much self-confidence would start into action, as did certain ones in Indiana who had a great deal to say about holy flesh. These were carried away by a spiritualistic delusion. At the General Conference of 1901, they were rebuked by a message given me for them by the Lord. Should we carry out the plans that some would be pleased to have us carry out, companies would be formed who would bring in spiritualistic manifestations that would confuse the faith of many.

The Lord has opened this matter before me. The perverted habits of the world and the declension of religion have brought in indulgence of appetite and wrong habits of eating and drinking. The world is given over to self-indulgence and extravagance. Our sanitariums are established to educate people in regard to right habits of living.

Before our first sanitarium was established, the Lord opened the plan before me, showing me that the work would be solidified if those connected with the institution were men who had a genuine experience and who were fully settled in present truth.

Errors will come in and strange doctrines will be advocated. Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. As far back as the establishment of the first sanitarium, these things began to appear. They were similar to the errors that manifested themselves soon after the disappointment of 1844. A strong phase of fanaticism appeared, calling itself the witness of the Holy Ghost. I was given a message to rebuke this evil work.

The light given me was that a sanitarium should be established and that in it drug medication should be discarded and simple, rational methods of treatment employed for the healing of disease. In this institution people were to be taught how to dress, breathe, and eat properly—how to prevent sickness by proper habits of living.

I will send you a copy of a letter written to Brother Burden regarding this subject.

The medical missionary work is to be to the third angel's message as the right hand to the body. To be indifferent in regard to the medical missionary work is to dishonor God. The Lord would have perfect harmony prevail among His workers. The strife for advantage in any institution is a curse to that institution, although those connected with the institution may not thus interpret it. Received into the heart, truth exerts a sanctifying, purifying influence, making men and women kind, considerate, tender-hearted.

A true appreciation of the plan of salvation will fill us with wonder and love. Our hearts will be melted with the love that Christ has manifested for us. We shall devote ourselves to His service, refusing to allow our time and attention to be taken up with the selfish interests of the world. When Christ abides in our hearts, we have a true conception of the sacrifices that He has made. We understand something of the perfection of the law that He came to magnify and make honorable. The privilege of obedience seems precious to our souls.

From age to age Christ takes His position in His church as a refiner and purifier. He works continually to cleanse the hearts of all who are sincere. But He will separate from those who are bringing in dissension and strife. He will make the path of His true followers bright and certain. Proportionate to the advancement made by the church in holiness will be her increase in strength and influence.

Lt 81, 1905

Faulkhead, N. D.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 27, 1905

Dear Brother Faulkhead,—

We received the money, and thank you for sending it; for we needed it. For several years I have been carrying a heavy debt caused by borrowing money to advance the work in different places. I have brought out large and small books, but I am still heavily in debt. After the burning of the Review and Herald office, I purchased the plates of Patriarchs and Prophets and several other of my books in the German, Danish, and Finnish languages, because I desired to bring out a new edition. I hope that in the future my books may be given a wide circulation in this country and that sometime I may be free from debt.

I have recently added to my indebtedness by borrowing two thousand dollars from the bank to help in the purchase of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium property. I could not endure the thought that the opportunity to purchase this property for so low a price should not be improved, and Sister Gotzian and I clasped hands over the table in a resolution that we would purchase it and set the sanitarium in operation.

This we have done, with the help of some others, and now the building is filled with patients. A good flow of soft, pure water has been secured by digging a well on the lower part of the land. This means much in a country where water is so scarce.

I should be very much pleased to visit Australia; but this I can not do; for my work is here. I have much to do in writing. Last year I went to Washington and was away from home nearly a year. This put us so much behind with our work that I shall never make so long a trip again without a positive "Thou shalt" from the Lord.

My work is very much behind, and I hardly think that I shall attend the coming General Conference; for when I am away from home, my workers cannot labor to much advantage. W. C. White will go, but will return as soon as possible to help me.

The Lord is my helper, and if He spares my life a few years longer, I can bring out books that will be a great help to our people. Then, should my life close, the printed matter will remain and do its work.

We are to live in this world a life that will give us a right to enter in through the gates into the city of God.

I would be very much pleased to see you and talk with you. I wish to say to our brethren in Australia, Give Brother Robert Hare encouragement to go right into the cities and labor for those who have never heard the truth.

Lt 83, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 26, 1905

Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I received your letter on Friday, and we feel deep sympathy with you in your emergency. I wish that Sister Hall could spend some time with you, but she is under engagement to leave us in two or three weeks to stay with her relatives for a while.

I have been trying to think of some one who could go to your assistance. But we do not know exactly what you want. Sister Hall has been telling me of a friend of hers, a Miss Webber, who worked with her for a time in the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Miss Webber has had a long experience in sanitarium work and has diplomas from two schools at least. She is thorough in all that she does and is as firm as a rock to duty and principle. I think she would answer your purpose. She would come to California if we asked her to.

But even though we should decide to send for Miss Webber, I suppose it would be necessary to get some one to fill the place till she could get here. If necessary I could spare my matron Mrs. Nelson, who is an excellent cook and caretaker and who has taken part of the nurses' course in Battle Creek.

I have asked Mrs. Ings to consider the matter and see if there is any one at the sanitarium here who could fill the bill. I could barely mention the matter to her, as it was Sabbath, and I had only a few minutes in which to talk with her before going to the chapel to speak. I asked her to report to me after the Sabbath, and I shall doubtless hear from her soon.

Please let me know whether you have any one in mind who could fill the vacancy. Of course, you will stand by, and your wife might be able to help until we can make other arrangements. Perhaps Sister Howard could come in for a while until a suitable matron could be found.

I can think of no one more competent than Miss Webber. I know her to be a faithful woman, one who will show a care for things indoors and out-of-doors. Sister Hall has just received a letter from her, saying that she will be coming to California in about two months.

Brother Ballenger, I am very desirous that the buildings and land that we designed to purchase shall not be allowed to pass into other hands. I think we ought to obtain this property, even if four thousand dollars are asked for it. If we had only purchased it before the rain came, what a

good thing it would have been. We must ask the Lord so to arrange matters that we can obtain this property. We shall need every foot of the land.

I hope, Brother Ballenger, that when you see a suitable place in Redlands, which could be used as a sanitarium, offered for sale at a reasonable price, you will let us know about it. We shall need a sanitarium in Redlands. Unless we start an enterprise of this kind, others will. I understand that the property owners are afraid that consumptives will come in, and thus the reputation of the place be spoiled.

But of course, we should make it clear that we were not going to establish a consumptives' home.

I merely mention this matter so that you and Brother Burden may keep it in view. We shall not take any steps to establish a sanitarium in Redlands until we can be assured that we are doing the right thing. Brother Burden and you can visit the place from time to time and see what openings there are. And in all that you do, be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.

Our sanitarium work is one of the most successful means of reaching such people as live in Redlands and bringing the truth before them. We must educate, educate, educate pleasantly and intelligently. We must preach the truth, pray the truth, and live the truth, bringing it with its gracious, health-giving influences within the reach of those who know it not. As the sick are brought into touch with the Life-giver, their faculties of mind and body will be renewed. But in order for this to be, they must practice self-denial and be temperate in all things. Thus only can they be saved from physical and spiritual death and restored to health.

When the human machinery moves in harmony with the life-giving arrangements of God, as brought to light through the gospel, disease is overcome and health springs forth speedily. When human beings work in union with the Lifegiver, who offered up His life for them, happy thoughts fill the mind. Body and mind and soul are sanctified. Human beings learn of the great Teacher, and all upon which they look ennobles and enriches the thoughts. The affections are drawn out in gladness and thankfulness to the Creator. The life of the man who is renewed in the image of Christ is as a light shining in darkness.

Adam listened to the specious sophistry of Satan and received it as truth. He had originally the wonderful gift of a sinless nature. But he listened to the falsehoods of the one who fell from his first estate. Satan exercised his hypnotism upon him, and Adam, listening to him, sinned and thus opened the door through which the enemy could ever after gain access to human beings. Adam and Eve lost the spiritual life that would have been theirs by continual endowment.

Christ came to this world bearing a message freighted with redemption. To all who receive Him as a personal Saviour, He gives power to become the sons of God. "The Word was made flesh,

and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." [John 1:14, 16.]

All who become the sons of God are possessed of His nature. They are the objects of His love and special affection. They dwell in Christ as Christ dwells in God. Knowing the power of His grace, they are commissioned and qualified to bear the message of salvation to a sinful world, to make known His grace and truth. As they consecrate themselves wholly to God, the grace they impart will be continually renewed in increased measure. Converted to the truth, imbued with the Holy Spirit, they are under the transforming influence of divine grace. The life of self-indulgence they once lived has been changed to a life of service. They become sons of God, spiritual children, adopted into the Lord's family.

Lt 85, 1905

Gotzian, J.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 26, 1905

Dear Sister Gotzian,—

I am wondering why we do not hear from you. You and I were united in the purchase of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, and I think we should have a mutual understanding regarding its work. Please write and tell me whatever you think may be of interest. Brother Ballenger has written me some letters, but you will be able to tell me some things regarding the inside working of the institution that he has not mentioned. Women generally enter more deeply into detail in their letters than do men.

I would be pleased could I visit you in San Diego at this season of the year, but my time is fully employed in the preparation of Ministry of Healing and some matter pertaining to the Southern field that is to be published in the next volume of the Testimonies. I hope that when these books come out, some of the burden I now feel can be laid aside, because of the knowledge that the light that God has given me is placed where the people can receive it. O if the truths that are taught in the Ministry of Healing shall be effective, a genuine religious interest will be manifested in the sick and suffering in our sanitariums. Though my life may be ended, these books will live and teach the truth.

The times in which we live call for reformatory action. We hope and pray that those who believe the truth may have a genuine religious experience. Let every one carry into life and speech and action such pleasantness as will melt away prejudice and win souls to Christ. In the

sanitarium where you are, let Christ be revealed as the One altogether lovely and the chiefest among ten thousand.

I am praying that if it is in harmony with the will of God, He will yet place in our hands the property we desired at first to obtain. Unless the price is placed so high that we cannot reach it, we should have the extra land and the buildings that we expected to purchase. We will pray that if it is for His name's glory, the Lord will open the way for us to obtain this property. And we must also act in faith, if we desire the Lord to break down the impediments. Those who carry their burdens to the Lord and exercise a working faith will find relief in every perplexity.

W. C. White is now in Mountain View to look after the publication of some of the books we have been preparing. Miss Peck also left us this morning for Mountain View.

Last Friday Willie's little girl Gracie fell from a wagon and broke her arm. It is rather a bad break, but Dr. Bush, who is attending to it, thinks that with care it will heal nicely.

I did not sleep very well last night and therefore am not in a condition to write much this morning.

Lt 87, 1905

Haskell, Brother and Sister

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 25, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell,—

I have just finished my dinner. This morning, for the first time in several weeks, I spoke to the church at the sanitarium. Of late, I have not thought it advisable for me to undertake to speak, fearing that the exertion might unfit me for the necessary work in closing up the book Ministry of Healing and the collection of material in regard to the Southern field. I hope that the Ministry of Healing and the next volume of the Testimonies may soon be in circulation.

My work now is to publish plainly the light that the Lord has given me during the past years. In my diary are thousands of pages of matter, some of which is personal testimony to individuals, but which may, if necessity demands, have to be made public. I have received word that Elder Tenney and others have taken some of the statements in my writings and are using them in such a way as to make it appear that I have advocated theories they wish to advocate—theories I have never acknowledged. Such a use of the testimonies is condemned. Dr. Kellogg was reproved for endeavoring to make it appear that the erroneous theories taught in Living Temple were to be sustained by my writings.

If isolated sentences, separated from their true setting, are taken from my writings and used to substantiate erroneous positions, I must meet this effort by publishing some things that I would prefer to withhold. I am weary of trying to withstand the attempts that are being made to do violence to the truth that should be proclaimed at this time.

If my words are taken by some to sustain error, I shall not be led into controversy, but I shall continue to set before the people the truth as God designs them to understand it. I shall endeavor to make my words so plain that they cannot be misinterpreted. The truth of God will be vindicated and effect the purpose that God designed it should. The mind can only be freed from error when every thread is cut that binds it to the fallacy of the enemy.

A great reformation is needed among the people of God. Many sapless and unfruitful branches are to be removed from the parent vine. Everything will be shaken that can be shaken, that which cannot be shaken may remain.

The enemy has worked upon the minds of some and has led them to do violence to our past experience by mingling with the truth erroneous and false theories. He has led ministers and teachers to weave into their doctrines some pleasing figures of his own invention. Every deviation from the truth as we have advocated it in the past is a departure from truth that has been witnessed by the Holy Spirit and upon which God has placed His seal.

Truth must stand in its own order, linked only with truth. Unbelief disturbs the balance of the system of truth and tends to destroy the whole. The mind that cherishes sentiments that tend to destroy the foundation of the faith that has made us what we are becomes confused and cannot discern between truth and error.

The truths that have been substantiated by the manifest working of God are to stand fast. Let no one presume to move a pin or a foundation stone from the structure. Those who attempt to undermine the pillars of our faith are among those of whom the Bible says that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." [1 Timothy 4:1.]

One step from the path in which God has ordained us to walk places us where we are subject to the temptations of Satan. This is represented in the case of Adam and Eve. Outside of God's way, we may be led to believe a lie. But angels of God will commune with those who obey His laws. Let mind and heart be united in following in the light that God has given. Keep soul and body pure and clean and holy. When we do those things that God has commanded in His Word, angels of God will act as our teachers. Our happiness is dependent upon our living a righteous life.

Let not the mind be occupied with sophistry, with strained applications or misinterpretations of the Word. Such action of the mind leads into false paths. And, once started in such a path, it is often the case that an individual, thinking that a confession of his sin will lower his dignity, goes on and on in a similar course. And the further he goes the more easily will he be beguiled by Satan, until it becomes for him forever too late for repentance and forsaking of sin, because he would not consent to heed the words of Christ.

We are subject to certain laws, even as the plants are subject to law. Every tree will bear its appointed fruit. Disobedience to the laws that govern our being result in sickness and suffering and death.

The soul is also subject to laws, and a disregard of these laws, by the wresting and misinterpretation of Scripture, will result in the sickness and death of the soul. Those following in a path of error lose from the heart the genuine peace of Christ and become like the troubled sea, casting up mire and dirt.

Spiritual life is the result of the action of the soul in obedience to the Word and in harmony with the laws of God. Let the soul be regulated by the law, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." "This do, and thou shalt live." [Luke 10:27, 28.]

Lt 88, 1905

White, W. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 25, 1905

Elder W. C. White,—

It is evening after the Sabbath, and I will write you a few lines, and Sister Peck will take the same to you as she leaves in the morning. I spoke to quite a full congregation in the chapel. All gave the best of attention. I think it was right for me to speak. We received this letter, which I send to you, in yesterday's mail.

I have been trying to get Lucinda to consent to go according to request, but she says it costs money to go there and only remain a few weeks—about forty dollars to go and return. Sister Nelson would go for a month or two until a girl could be obtained, but it is a most expensive route. I spoke to Sister Ings. She spoke favorably of seeing if one could not be spared from [the] sanitarium, but it being on the Sabbath she would have to wait until after the Sabbath before introducing the matter. I shall try to find out tonight.

May and the boys are here just making a call. They say Grace is getting along nicely.

I present the matter. Sister Nelson could go for a few weeks, but will it pay to have this done? Lucinda speaks of Sister Webber. Says she is wanting to come to California. She thinks she would look after everything and see that there was no extravagance and would work for a reasonable sum. What think you? You know Emma Webber, graduate of several schools. She has an excellent education. She is wanting to come to California. I think it would be well. She would be an experienced hand. Please think of this matter and say what shall be done.

Lt 89, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 1, 1905

Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I have just had an interview with Sister Taphouse about a Miss Williams, who, it is thought, would make an excellent matron for the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Mrs. Taphouse says that Miss Williams received the truth through Bible readings given by her husband, and she gives her the highest recommendations. Miss Williams is now in Nebraska, where she has been nursing. She has been earning twenty dollars a week, but she is a Christian woman and she would not ask the sanitarium to pay her this. Mrs. Taphouse says that just now Miss Williams is free, and I told her to write to her and see if she would be willing to come. We must make an effort to secure her; for, from what I hear of her, she seems to be thoroughly competent. She is well fitted to receive the patients. We need a matron who will make a favorable impression on those who come to the institution, and one who can help them spiritually.

I am in favor of securing the services of Miss Williams, if this can be done. Please let me know what you think of it. I think we would be doing the right thing in engaging one so competent. The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is just beginning its work, and at this time it needs the best kind of help. I think that Miss Williams is the one we should have as matron. We need first-class helpers, and I am in favor of her coming.

Please let us know if there is any opening for Mabel White in the sanitarium. She has been nursing in Reno, but I think that the work is too heavy for her to do continuously. I should be glad to have her connected with the sanitarium in San Diego.

W. C. White is still at Mountain View. He may not return till the beginning of next week. He will wish to see Brother Palmer, I am sure. I understand that Brother and Sister Palmer are to leave Paradise Valley today, Wednesday.

I am very busy reading the proofs of Ministry of Healing and the matter that is to go into the next Testimony regarding the work for the colored people of the Southern states.

I am glad that you are of good courage in the Lord. You cannot think how thankful I am that there are two sanitariums in running order in Southern California. I hope that great good will be accomplished by these institutions. I was glad to read what you wrote about some belonging to the higher classes being at the San Diego sanitarium. This is a class that we need to reach. Time is short, and the Lord would have the truth proclaimed in the highways and the byways. Angels of God will go before those who lift up the standard and wisely proclaim the truth.

In closing, I would ask you not to forget that sometime a sanitarium will be needed in Redlands. When you have opportunity, examine the field cautiously, and tell us what you find there. We must not allow others to get in ahead of us and shut us off. Now is the time to make discreet inquiries.

Lt 91, 1905

Williams, Jennie

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 1, 1905

Dear Sister Williams,—

We are in great need of a matron at the San Diego sanitarium. I have talked with Sister Taphouse about the matter, and she encourages me to write to you. Will you tell me whether you can come. Brother Palmer's family leaves there today, and we need such help as you can give us. Please write us in reference to this matter, or come without writing. I hope that the matter can be settled as soon as possible. May the Lord impress your heart in this matter, so that you will come to our help in San Diego.

I dare not wait to hear from W. C. White before writing to you, but I know that he will be much relieved if you can come as soon as possible. Let us hear from you, but we would rather see you.

Lt 93, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 5, 1905

Dear Son Edson,—

I will write you a few lines today, Sunday, trusting that we may receive a letter from you soon.

I have carefully examined the matter that has been selected for publication regarding the work in the Southern field with which for many years you have been connected. I am much pleased with the matter and believe its publication will do much good. We shall push forward the work on this book as rapidly as possible, but I fear we shall not be able to complete it before the General Conference shall convene.

I am not sure that I shall attend the General Conference. It is a question whether I ought to go where there is a liability of strife and contention. It all seems so inconsistent with our profession, so ill-timed, in the very midst of the great scenes preceding the close of this earth's history.

Scene after scene has passed before me of what is about to take place, as recorded in the eighteenth chapter of Revelation. My heart is burdened as I contemplate these things. Last night I was unable to sleep until after one o'clock, and I awoke at half-past three. I then arose and finished reading the matter that had been left for my examination. I have some things pertaining to the early experience in your work, but I am too weary today to look them over carefully.

I hope that you will reach your home safely. I read in yesterday's paper of an accident that happened to a train crowded with people who were going to attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt. These calamities will continue till the end.

I have been reading the Review this morning. It is full of precious matter. This paper should be in every family of our people, not only in America but in every country. It is our church paper for the world. I shall endeavor to obtain subscribers for it in America and Australia. I do not disparage the Signs of the Times. Both the Review and Signs should be widely circulated. And I hope the subscription list of the Watchman may be greatly increased. I hope you will endeavor to obtain subscriptions for the Watchman and for the Review, for these papers contain important matter for this time.

W. C. White has been at Mountain View for a week. He came home Friday afternoon and after a few days at home will make another trip to Mountain View.

I thank the Lord for His mercy and goodness in sparing my life. May He care for you also. I shall be glad when I hear of your safe arrival at home.

I hope the Lord will open the hearts of the people to be liberal in their gifts and offerings for the destitute fields in the South. We hope you will have good health, and that the Lord will make your testimony a blessing to the people. Be of good courage in the Lord.

Your Mother.

Lt 94, 1905

Gotzian, J.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 11, 1905

Dear Sister Gotzian,—

I was glad a few days ago to receive a letter from you. We lost much time on our book work last summer, and I have been very busy for some time reading over the proofs and preparing the matter for Ministry of Healing. This has been very trying to my brain, and I have been obliged to be somewhat moderate in my letter writing. But I desire to keep up a correspondence with you. We are united together, with others, in bearing a responsibility, and we should communicate with each other frequently.

There is an important work to be done in the place where you are. If we seek the Lord earnestly, He will teach us what to say and what to do as His agents to win souls to Christ. If we will only cultivate the kindness and tenderness and sympathy of Christ, He will make us a blessing. It has been my great desire to do all I possibly can for the sanitarium at Paradise Valley, that from it the very best influence may go out and may result in the salvation of souls.

We must take up the work of the Lord disinterestedly. We must all be careful not to cast blame upon those who are trying to do the Lord's work, but rather seek to encourage them in what is commendable. Our work is to win souls. For this purpose we—you and I—have united and pledged our interests before God. But we must deal lovingly and kindly with all. We must not get in a habit to blame or chide, for this tries people and does not help them.

If it should be my privilege to visit the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, I desire that we may be united in the strong bonds of Christian union in seeking to bless all with whom we associate. We cannot set ourselves as a criterion to which others must conform. We will reveal a tenderness of heart and a whole-souled enthusiasm in promoting the happiness of all with whom we are connected. We have a duty to do in eliminating self from our plans and in feeling

a personal responsibility to act as Christ would act in circumstances similar to those with which we are surrounded. Then we will impress the minds of others in such a way that God will be glorified.

As followers of Christ we should seek to make the most favorable impression upon the minds of all we have connection with, of the religion we profess, and to inspire noble thoughts. Some will be affected by our influence through time and through eternity.

Those who are connected with our sanitariums must be educators. By pleasant words and kindly deeds they are to make the gospel attractive. If we would teach others, we ourselves must daily learn lessons from Christ. There are some who do not comprehend the sacredness of the work of God. Those of the least ability, the most thoughtless and even the indolent youth, especially demand our prayerful consideration. We need special wisdom to know how to help those who seem inconsiderate and thoughtless. Said David, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." [Psalm 18:35.]

In the work of applying ourselves to help others, we may gain most precious victories. We must devote ourselves with untiring zeal, with earnest fidelity, with self-denial, and with patience to the work of encouraging those who need to develop. Kind, encouraging words will do wonders. There are many who, if a constant, cheerful effort is put forth in their behalf, without faultfinding or continual chiding, will show themselves susceptible of improvement. The less we criticize others, the greater will be our influence over them for reformation. Let Christlike kindness be enjoined upon every soul.

There is a science in dealing with those who have special weakness in character. Those who are least objectionable, who are least in need of help, are likely to receive most of our attention. But there are others who may, by persevering effort in their behalf, be helped to become useful in the Lord's work. We must exercise wise discretion in dealing with those who seem to be ignorant and out of the way. We want broad views, that we may do the true medical missionary work, that we may exercise tact in dealing with minds. Bear in mind that they will respond to a patient, tender, loving interest. This work ranks equal in importance with the work of the gospel minister.

We are to co-operate with the Lord Jesus in restoring the inefficient and the erring to intelligence and sacred purity. We are called by God to manifest an untiring, patient interest in the salvation of those who need divine polishing.

Too many frequent, positive admonitions will do more harm than good. Let us pray and work with self-sacrificing zeal. God will not withhold wisdom from those who seek for it. He gives grace to one, that he in turn may impart it to some other needy soul.

Last night I seemed to be speaking these words before a company of teachers and students. My soul is stirred by the instruction given me. The mind is to act intelligently, not to follow inclination, but to bring all the actions into harmony with the divine law. We may be opposed by those who would have their sins vindicated. But teach the Word of the Lord, and leave selfish authority out of all discipline.

The life and the teachings of Christ are intensely practical. They are fitted to deal with the actual duties of life. They enjoin patience in the performance of all necessary duties, whether agreeable or disagreeable. "Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." [Colossians 3:17.]

This is the sanctification that is needed in every institution that shall be established for the healing of the souls and bodies of those who are suffering from the malady of sin. All the requirements of God's law are to make the character complete in Christ, He who knew no sin.

In the Christian graces, Bible truth is to be exemplified before a sinful world.

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." [John 1:12-14.]

Such is the sanctification of the soul, through the operation of the Holy Spirit of God. A new nature is implanted. The human is made a partaker of the divine, having escaped the corruptions that are in the world through lust. Ye are the light of the world. ... Let your light so shine before men, that they, by seeing your good works, may glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Lt 95, 1905

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 14, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Kress,—

I did hope to have time and strength to write to you fully in this mail; but I can write but little; for I have a tired brain. Many letters come to me, and I try to respond, but there is for me none of that feeling of safety in writing that there once was; for sometimes a wrong interpretation is placed on my writings, and it is becoming a very serious matter to write in full confidence even

to those who for years have known my views. I do not wish you to think that any of this applies to you. I have been free to write to you, and I am glad that you have written freely to me.

The time has come when whatever I may write in private letters to some of our brethren will do little good; for those who have not held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be liable to interpret my communications in a false way. To have ministers and physicians, who have long known the truth, using my writings in a way that gives the impression that these writings uphold the very sentiments that are condemned by the testimonies I have received from God places a very heavy burden on my soul. These men place such an interpretation on extracts which they take from my writings, that the reproofs given by God are made of no effect. The Lord God of heaven declares: If they repent, I will pardon their transgressions; but if they do not repent, I will call them to account for that which they have misinterpreted in order to serve theories that are not true. By their course, souls have been led astray; and when I cease My forbearance, because they will not repent, I will punish them for all the evil they have done by mingling false sentiments with the true. They have departed from the faith themselves and have led others astray.

This manner of working is making my burden heavier than God ever designed it to be. This painful experience makes my heart ache. I am instructed to say [to] those who endeavor to tear down the foundation that has made us Seventh-day Adventists: We are God's commandment-keeping people. For the past fifty years every phase of heresy has been brought to bear upon us, to becloud our minds regarding the teaching of the Word—especially concerning the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary and the message of heaven for these last days, as given by the angels of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. Messages of every order and kind have been urged upon Seventh-day Adventists to take the place of the truth which, point by point, has been sought out by prayerful study and testified to by the miracle-working power of the Lord. But the waymarks which have made us what we are are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His Word and the testimonies of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.

God has placed in our hands a banner on which is inscribed the words, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." [Verse 12.] "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ," He declares. [Revelation 12:17.] At all times and in all places we are to hold the banner firmly aloft. God's denominated people are to take a firm stand under the banner of truth. The truths that we have been proclaiming for more than half a century have been contested again and again. Again and again the facts of faith have been disputed, but every time the Lord has established the truth by the working of His Holy Spirit.

Those who have arisen to question and overthrow the principles of present truth have been sternly rebuked.

“Unto the angel of the church at 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.]

Among the many things which those to whom this message applies are truth, there are theories that are so objectionable that they endanger the faith and spoil the experience of many.

“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.” [Verse 5.] They are not to give heed to seducing spirits. They are not to remove one pin from the foundation of truth that the Lord has built up from point to point by the ministration of the Holy Spirit. If one point is yielded, there is no surety that other points will not be discarded; and point by point, the structure of truth will be assailed and discarded.

“Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.” [Verse 4.] This represents a moral fall. There can be no abatement of this love without a moral fall. God calls for unity among His people in these last days, but there cannot be unity without firm adherence to right principles.

“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.” [Revelation 3:1, 2.]

With some there is an outward show, a form of godliness, but there is no real power; and against them is pronounced the sentence, “Thou art weighed in the balances, and found wanting.” [Daniel 5:27.] They are deficient, yet, in false confidence, they are deceiving themselves and misleading others. Yielding to Satan’s sophistry, they stand on a false track, and by their representations endeavor to tear down truths that God has made fast, never to be moved. By their course, the inexperienced are led to wonder whether these special truths are not, after all, errors that ought to be shunned. When brought into strait places, they will give up the Sabbath and its powerful endorsement, and the more they are opposed in their apostasy,

the more self-sufficient and self-deceived they become. They have lifted up their souls unto vanity, and God says, "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 3:3.]

"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." [Verses 4, 5.]

Those addressed in the message to the church in Sardis have heard and received the principles of truth. We are to be true to the evidences that God has given us in the representation of heavenly things. We are to hold fast the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. The right path is plainly outlined before us. Those who misinterpret the precious things God has given me for His people; those who take the sentiments by which God so beautifully shows the difference between the earthly and the heavenly, removing these sentiments from the position in which God has placed them, and making them testify to seducing errors, are removing landmarks. They cherish sentiments which they should resolutely have discarded. In an unmistakable, decided manner the reproof of God has come to them, forbidding them to spoil the people of God, forbidding them to teach sophistry for truth.

Dangerous things have been written and dangerous things have been said, which God declares that our youth should not hear. I am bidden to say in the name of the Lord, "Beware of the leaven of philosophy and false science that has been introduced among the medical missionary workers at Battle Creek. Beware of the spiritualistic leaven that has already been placed in the meal, to leaven many minds. By the introduction of this leaven, the messages sent by God to His people are made of no effect. The leaven works until the whole mass is leavened."

The messages that the Lord has been giving me for the past half century have never, never sanctioned the cherishing of these erroneous sentiments. And yet the assertion of some is that Sister White teaches these very things. I say in the name of the Lord that the truth has been misinterpreted and misapplied.

I am filled with sorrow because statements made under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and designed by God to be a great blessing to His people, to guard them against the seducing sentiments of Satan, are woven in with spiritualistic views and are thus made to testify to falsehoods of Satan's own creating. How can I say to our people, Harmonize with peace, and say, Unify. God gives me the message, Beware of the leaven of those who have been destroying the faith of Seventh-day Adventists. There are those to whom I fear to write personally. God says, Beware of the leaven of those who have stepped off the platform of truth. Those who use

my writings, given me by God, to build themselves up in sophistry and deceptive theories, steal that which was given to establish souls in the sanctification of the truth, and use it to testify to theories against which I am bidden to warn our people. Beware of the leaven that some who have lost their connection with God will introduce, declaring their theories to be in harmony with that which Sister White has written.

Have I not a knowledge of how to present these things without spoiling the faith of our people? I shall write just as God bids me write. What I have written, I have written. Every word is truth. I am to give to the people of God the warnings given me. But I am not to send these warnings in private letters to those who claim to be vindicating the truth, while in reality they are leading in a false track.

“Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.” [Verses 14-21.]

Lt 97, 1905

Workers in the Glendale Sanitarium

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 14, 1905

To the Workers in the Glendale Sanitarium,—

We are glad that, notwithstanding some delay, the property at Glendale has been secured for a sanitarium. Years ago the Lord gave me instruction that there should be a sanitarium near the city of Los Angeles. Instruction was also given that we should find properties for sale on which there would be buildings suitable for sanitarium purposes, and that we might secure such properties at a very low cost. The location of the Glendale Sanitarium meets the representation

given me of a place God has reserved for us. The electric cars running close by the institution make access to it very convenient.

Let all connected with this sanitarium keep in mind the purpose for which this property has been secured. The institution is to act a special part in bringing souls to Christ, leading them to love God and keep His commandments. Unless the workers have a living connection with God, unless there is seen in the institution a spirit of kindness and compassion, which will recommend Bible truth and win souls to Christ, the establishment of the sanitarium will have been in vain. Spiritual as well as physical healing is to be brought to those who come for healing.

Brother and Sister Burden, I am glad that you have a part in the work of the Glendale Sanitarium. May the Lord increase your wisdom and courage and faith. I am glad that Dr. Simpson and her husband can unite with you. You and Dr. Abbott and the other workers may do a precious work in letting the light of present truth shine forth in clear rays. Remember that you are doing a work for time and for eternity. You should have an ever-increasing faith in the promises of God's Word. It is your privilege to seek wisdom and help from God. Come to the Saviour in humility, confessing your sins and asking for strength and grace.

The Holy Spirit enlightens the mind of the one who depends on the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour and indites a prayer of confession and repentance that is acceptable to the Lord. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us, with groanings that cannot be uttered." "He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." [Romans 8:26, 27.]

Let no man boast that he does not confess the sins that the Lord has pointed out to him. If he makes no confession, he receives not forgiveness and pardon from God. He must go forth in sorrow, to work in his own strength. The enemy finds him in this position, a subject to be deceived.

There are many, many of this class. May the Lord open their eyes, that they may see the danger of their self-sufficiency. A superficial work is always a snare to every professed Christian. Satan finds easy access to the heart of the one who is careless and slack in his experience and beguiles him with seducing theories that will destroy his faith in God. "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, (as He has declared Himself in His personality) and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." [Hebrews 11:6.]

In every sanitarium there must be kept before all in the institution the principles of true service. From the institution is to go forth light and knowledge. All connected with it are to act their

part intelligently, as representatives of the truth for this time. It is that they may be trained to do true missionary work that young people are brought to our sanitariums.

If you will co-operate with God, He will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rearward. Heavenly angels will break forth into singing as souls receive the great gift of God through Jesus Christ. You may assure the sick and afflicted that Christ is the great healer. They may believe on Him and trust in His Word; for it will never fail.

“Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.” [Isaiah 56:1, 2.]

What a representation is here given! “My salvation is near to come”—that great salvation wrought out for each soul through Jesus Christ, the salvation for which the prophets have inquired and searched diligently. Our Lord is soon to come to us in mercy and compassion and love. We must go forth to receive Him as a welcome guest.

The Lord Jesus calls upon every one to become interestedly engaged in the work of becoming a channel of light through which the grace of Christ may flow. Jesus has said, “Ye are the light of the world. ... 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.] In the great salvation wrought through Jesus Christ, the unbelieving world is to be helped through the work of believers. In the work you do in the sanitarium, many may become convinced that you are indeed the children of God.

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” [Isaiah 55:6-11.]

All the promises of God’s Word are made on gospel terms. If we on our part will fulfil the condition, if we will seek the Lord while He may be found, we may claim the promise:

“For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign, that shall not be cut off.” [Verses 12, 13.]

Let this message be sounded to all people, Seek the Lord while He may be found. Seek Him against whom you have been in rebellion. Let us make every effort to check the seducing sentiments that would come into our ranks. Let every soul be wide awake to close every avenue of the soul to the sophistry of Satan, as revealed in heaven and in Eden. Let us be armed with that vigilance that shall resist his enchantments.

Lt 99, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 6, 1905

Elder W. C. White,—

I have just received a letter from Elder Ballenger, written from Paradise Valley. I think a similar one came to you and is being forwarded in this mail.

I have been thinking in regard to the purchase of the land of which Brother Ballenger writes, on which are a packing house, two dwelling houses, and a barn, all of which can now be secured for three thousand five hundred dollars. Do you not think it best to secure this property. It seems so to me.

Unless we take immediate steps to secure this property, the price may be raised. Brother Burden writes from Glendale that the sanitarium there is crowded to its utmost capacity, and they have been obliged to put off some applicants because they had not sufficient room for their accommodation. He says that had we waited until now before purchasing the Glendale Sanitarium, it could not be secured for less than twenty thousand dollars, as the recent rains have so raised the price of land.

Did I send you a copy of the letter I received from Brother Ballenger a few days ago? I cannot find it. Brother Ballenger has written no particulars regarding the work at Paradise Valley for some time.

For a few days I have been having some trouble with my hip. Last night I slept but little, but slept a little before dinner today. I hope Sister Hall will remain with us for a time.

I do not think it will be my duty to go to the General Conference. The long distance to travel is not the greatest consideration, but there will be the difficulty of securing proper conveniences, and there will be many perplexities to be met that will tax my mind.

I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord's witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions. This instruction has been repeated recently. I must present before the people the testimonies of Bible truth and repeat the decided messages given years ago. I desire that my sermons given at camp-meetings and in churches may live and do their appointed work.

There will be constant warfare with seducing spirits that will bring in theories to counteract the truth of God. All who turn from the warnings that God sends them will be linked up with these seducing agencies. Every soul must be wide awake. The science of the Lord Jesus Christ will teach us to awake. The science of the Lord Jesus Christ will teach us to abhor all dishonesty and prevarication and every form of iniquity.

"Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
[John 3:3.] "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin." [1 John 3:9.]

I must get this copied now so it may go in this mail.