

Ellen G. White 1905 Letters 101-200

Lt 101, 1905

Packham, James

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 7, 1905

James Packham

Dear Brother,—

I have a message from the Lord to you. He has blessed you with health and strength, and He would have you place yourself where you can impart to others the light and knowledge He has given you. You have intelligence, and you should, by communicating to others what you have learned, improve your mind. You place too small an estimate upon your own capabilities, and you will never overcome this tendency until you realize that you are amenable to the Lord God of heaven, and that it is your duty to put your talents to use for the Master.

Your mental and physical powers are God’s entrusted gifts, and by burying these talents you are withholding from Him that which is His own. Will you not now seek to give back to God in loving service what He has given you of physical, mental, and moral capabilities?

It is not for me to say precisely what you should do, but I urge you to overcome the disposition to isolate yourself from us all, as though you were not fit for our society. This we know God does not approve. We are to have companionship one with another. You should meet with the people of God when they assemble to worship. On this point He speaks decidedly: “Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.” [Hebrews 10:25.]

My brother, time is very short, and through your backwardness you have lost much. I desire now to see you put your whole heart and mind and soul into the work of God. All around us, in the hills and valleys near St. Helena, are those who are perishing because they know not the Bible truths so essential for this time. You could visit some of these settlements, distribute reading matter, and teach the people from the Scriptures. There are some whom you could reach better than could a regular minister of the gospel. I entreat of you to do something to help needy, perishing souls.

“At that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found

written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to same and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." [Daniel 12:1-3.]

The Lord calls you now to make a decided move that you may stand in your lot and place. We have no time to lose. There are troublous times ahead for the world, but God's people will be protected, though some of them may lose their lives for the truth's sake.

You are now building for time and for eternity. May the Lord bless and guide you.

Lt 102, 1905

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 4, 1905

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Children Edson and Emma,—

I thank the Lord that it is as well with me as it is at the present time. For more than a week Willie has been in Mountain View, and he will likely remain there for still another week. He is looking after the interests of the book Ministry of Healing, which is now going through the press and which is nearly completed. Many think that this will be a grand book. If it accomplishes the object for which it was prepared, I shall be very grateful to my heavenly Father.

Yesterday was a trying day for me. I suffered from a severe pain in my heart and thought I was going to die. I looked to my Saviour and had no fear of death, but the intense pain passed away, and I have done all I could to preserve my health.

Our family has been very much broken up of late. Sister Nelson has left us for the purpose of completing the nurses' course and engaging in medical missionary work. She has worked nobly and has been a great help to me. A few days ago Sister Hall was called away to visit her sister who was quite ill. Many changes have seemed to come in our family at the same time. Sara's eyes have troubled her so that she has been advised to take treatment from a specialist in San Francisco and has now been in the city for a week. A Miss Carlson from Sweden has now come to help us. When she came here there was no one to help her become acquainted with her work, but Sister Hall returned soon after and is now here.

I am receiving many urgent invitations to visit various places. I am urged to attend a meeting in Mountain View, when the Pacific Press buildings are to be dedicated. I have been invited to attend a meeting at Fernando of the Southern California Conference. But until the book Ministry of Healing and the book regarding the work in the Southern field are out, I shall not feel free to travel much. If I were to go anywhere it would be to the General Conference. But such a long journey as this might be more than I can undertake.

I think of you often and wish that I might see you. If I do attend the General Conference, I may be able to make you a visit. But the matter of my going is not yet decided. I dare not say, Nay, nor do I dare to say, Yea. My prayer is that the Lord will teach His servant what to do.

In the night seasons I have received decided instruction for you, Edson. In our conversation, you were presenting some plans. I was bidden to advise you not to increase your responsibilities. You are not to take to yourself extra burdens. Your nervous system needs rest and quiet. Christ has a work for you to do in opening the Scriptures to those who will be interested. You must not take upon yourself burdens that will disqualify the soul for devotional exercises in searching the Scriptures and in prayer.

You need to rest in God. He would have your mind calm and free from everything that would prevent the richest Christian experience. You have so burdened your mind by commercial matters that you have been held back from the work God would have you do in presenting the Bible truths to the people. You need rather to unload than to gather new responsibilities. Some things that seem to you to be advantageous or necessary are but a snare to lead you into deeper worry and perplexity.

All that we have has been entrusted to us by God for wise investment. In the service of the Master we are to invest our means and our physical and mental powers. We must seek to increase the talents given us of God.

The Lord Jesus has entrusted His goods to you, and to others, that with them you may accomplish results which will be as far reaching as eternity. Our Lord's entrusted goods are sacred and are to be kept unmingled with worldly merchandise. Few, even among church members, realize their accountability to God as His servants. The leaven of worldliness permeates the mind, and spiritual discernment is lost. Cleanse the soul temple from the buyers and the sellers.

To do the Master's bidding, and to promote His work, is to be the one aim and purpose of our lives. Then there will be an upward growth, and the Holy Spirit will work upon the heart to transform the character. We shall not bear the reproach of doing nothing; for the mind will not be stagnant. A generous spirit will be revealed in kindness and in tender regard for others. Self will be hid with Christ in God.

By beholding the character of Christ, we shall become changed into His likeness.

Let us forsake self and accept Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Faith in Him is the only valuable science. He is the living representative of perfect obedience to the eternal Word. He took human flesh into vital union with divinity. He passed over the same ground where Adam fell. He bore the test upon which our first parents failed. He was tempted in all points like as we are. Had He failed on one point, Satan would have been victorious.

In the night seasons my mind often goes over the grand work of infinite sacrifice manifested in the humiliation and death of Christ. The Creator of man, He who upon Mount Sinai proclaimed the eternal law, in His dying agony vindicated His right to pardon transgression and sin.

As He hung upon the cross His murderers and they that passed by reviled Him. "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save Thyself." "If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." "Likewise the chief priests, mocking Him with the scribes and Pharisees, said, He saved others; Himself He cannot save." [Matthew 27:40-42.]

O how His mother and His disciples hoped that He would manifest His mighty power and silence His revilers by coming down from the shameful cross! They were pained by the unfeeling taunts of the spiritually ignorant revilers. "Let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe on Him." "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God." [Verses 42, 43.] Christ prayed to His Father, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted His raiment and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be the Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked Him, offering Him vinegar to drink and saying, If Thou be the king of the Jews save Thyself." [Luke 23:34-37.]

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, If Thou be the Christ, save Thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him saying, Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." [Verses 39-42.]

The faith of the dying thief grasped the truth of a sin-pardoning Saviour. And Jesus showed Himself able to save to the uttermost all who should receive Him. Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say unto thee today, Shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." [Verse 43.] Jesus did not say, "I shall be in My kingdom today, and thou shalt be with Me." After His resurrection He said to Mary, "I have not yet ascended unto My Father." [John 20:17.] Even in the agonies of death, in His humiliation and apparent defeat, He asserted His right and His power to forgive sins.

I present these matters to you, that if you suffer for the truth's sake, you may know that affliction in itself is not an evidence of guilt. Christ, the Prince of Peace, endured the great humiliation that it is possible for a human being to suffer. He gave Himself as a substitute to be punished in place of the sinner.

O that all who profess to be Christian would walk humbly with God. They are not to deny that they have erred, but they are to acknowledge their sins, and repent and be converted. He who is too proud to acknowledge his mistakes will not be accepted of God, no matter what his position. All who will now confess and forsake their sins, and trust wholly in the merits of Jesus, will be proclaimed worthy of salvation, before the world and before the holy angels.

Lt 103, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 9, 1905

Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I have just read your letter. I shall be able to answer only a few questions today, but will write fully when I have more time.

I think you will have to secure a bookkeeper. Too many burdens are being placed on you.

I cannot but be pleased with the improvements made in the bathrooms. But are not the permanent bathrooms to be put up outside the main building, as was talked of when we were together at San Diego?

That which you have done to clear away the rubbish from the east porch is a good step taken in the work of reform.

In your last letter you spoke of the land. I think that it should be secured. I fear that if we delay, the price will be raised. I think we shall need the houses on the land, and the barn also, but we dare not involve ourselves. In a former letter, you said, I think, that the property with the packing house was for sale for \$3,500. The matter must be carefully considered, and if it is thought best, the property must be secured.

I was more than pleased with what you said regarding the spiritual work that you have been able to do in the institution. In my judgment, this is the most important phase of our sanitarium work. It is the work that the Lord has shown me should be done. May God help you, is the prayer that we offer at the family altar. I am sure that such cases as that of the young man you

mentioned may by the blessing of God be helped. The Lord will help us in His own way if we come to Him in faith, nothing doubting. I regret that the business matters of the institution keep you so fully employed that you cannot give the time you desire to the evangelistic part of the work.

May the Lord give His grace and His healing power to the lady you speak of—the postmistress of Coronado. We have a very powerful Medical Missionary who understands the intricacies of every case. He can heal the afflicted ones, both soul and body.

Last night I was in the night season talking to a company such as you bring to my mind in speaking of your seasons of family worship. I was repeating the promise given in the seventh chapter of Matthew, “Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” [Verses 7, 8.]

“Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” [Verses 9-12.]

Christ came to teach us, not only what we ought to know and believe, but also what we ought to do in our relations with God and with our fellow men. The golden rule of equity demands that we do unto others as we would they should do unto us. We are to keep their eternal interests in view, saying to ourselves, They are the purchase of the Saviour’s blood, bought with a price. In all our dealing with our fellow men, whether they be believers or unbelievers, we are to treat them as Christ would treat them were He in our place. If it is for our present and eternal good to obey the law of God, it will be for their present and eternal good also to do this. Our highest aim is to be to them medical missionary workers after Christ’s order.

“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.” [Verses 13, 14.]

All who enter through the pearly gates into the city of God must have set forth Christ in all their dealings. It is this that constitutes them the messengers of Christ, His witnesses. They are to bear a plain, decided testimony against all evil practices, pointing them to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. He gives to all who receive Him, power to become the sons of God. Regeneration is the only path by which we can reach the holy city. It is narrow and the gate by which we enter is strait, but along it we are to lead men and women and children, teaching them that in order to be saved, they must have a new heart and a new spirit. The old

hereditary traits of character are to be overcome. The natural desires of the soul must be changed. All deception, all falsifying, all evil speaking must be put away. The new life, which makes men and women Christlike, is to be lived. We are, as it were, to swim against the current of evil.

The way to heaven is narrow, hedged in by the divine law of Jehovah. Those who follow this way must constantly deny self. They must obey the teachings of Christ. "The words that I speak unto you," He said to His apostles, "They are spirit and they are life." [John 6:63.] Temptation will sometimes be strong. Let us not trust in man, but in Jesus Christ, who died that He might win us to righteousness. When He commands, do not stand and consult your own convenience. "Enter in at the strait gate." [Matthew 7:13.] Life and death, good and evil, are set before every soul.

Now comes a warning. "Beware of false prophets"—those who pretend to be Christians—"which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit." Why? Because the root, the heart, is purified and cleansed. "Neither can a corrupt tree," be it ever so productive, "bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." [Verses 15-20.]

I am as gratified as you are to hear of so many patients attending your meetings. I was glad to read what you wrote about the senator from Minnesota. My brother, win souls to Christ. This is the science of salvation.

I think with you that there ought to be a change in the presidency of the Southern California Conference. I fear that Brother Santee is not the best qualified to fill the place. But Brother Burden will have to remain where he is at present. It is not best to unsettle the minds of those who are filling important positions. Let every step taken first be carefully considered.

In regard to the school work, I have been instructed that the plan of charging students nothing for tuition, depending on the second tithe to support the school, will always leave a school in a condition of financial embarrassment. When I first heard of this movement, I thought I would let it be worked out. But I tell you now that the light given me is that other plans will have to be made than the plan of supporting schools from the second tithe. Students should be charged a reasonable price for their tuition. There will be an abundance of places to use the second tithe in doing earnest missionary work in new places.

In your letter you speak of having an addition of guests in the sanitarium. You may need to put up tents. The barn will have to be converted into a house. Consult over this matter. The barn should not stand there as a barn, for it is too near the building.

I can but thank God that you are getting along so well. Be of good courage in the Lord. Let us increase in faith and in love for God. The Lord Jesus will be with every one who will walk with Him. We hope and pray that souls will be converted at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, and that the power of the Holy Spirit shall be seen among your company of workers.

I am sending your letter to W. C. White with a copy of my answer.

Lt 104, 1905

White, W. C.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 4, 1905

My Son Willie White,—

I had a letter to send to you yesterday, but it was overlooked. Mabel was not here for two days [as she was] washing and ironing her clothes, for she received a letter to be ready to come at any time. Mabel wrote that she would come Thursday and if they needed her before she would come any day if they would signify it. Mabel is having her dresses and necessary wardrobe prepared. Lucinda has done the getting of meals with the little help of the girls at times. I have received a letter of a few lines with invitation to come to Los Angeles on our way to Washington and attend the coming meeting. But I shall write him that our preparation of writing will keep us here close by at work until W. C. White shall leave for the conference. I am sure we could not possibly leave here to attend the meeting in the school interest.

I have had some strength given me recently and I am thankful. Had a severe time of it today, with pain about the heart, but it yielded to treatment. I do not think I shall attend conference, but I may if I feel I must. But up to that period when we—or rather you—should start for Washington, I think there will be full work on the books to prepare them. Your wife has just been in. She says she has not heard from you. May and the children are in good health. Grace no longer wears the splints. The children have been playing in our yard today.

I have not received letters of any consequence. I have no inclination to go to the school council meeting in Los Angeles. I hope you will keep well.

Dores, Clarence, Stanley, Maggie Hare, and Sister Graham worked Sunday until half-past twelve o'clock to get off the matter your letter suggested. They came to the breakfast late, but they got the matter off. It is getting dark. Please tell us how you are getting along.

To break up now and go to Mountain View would be a great loss of time to me, and I have not the least disposition to go either to Mountain View or to Los Angeles.

Well, it is getting dark. I shall not have this copied. I thought I might go, and the letter I had written yesterday goes out tonight; but since writing it I have decided it would not be best for me to go to Mountain View.

P.S. I am of good courage, putting my entire trust in the Lord.

Lt 105, 1905

White, W. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 10, 1905

My dear Son,—

Last night I learned from your wife that Brother Russell has disconnected from the food factory. May says that he is a bookkeeper and handy at almost any kind of work. I don't like to think of Brother Ballenger being confined to bookkeeping. It is not natural to him, and he could serve the cause better in evangelistic work. Would it not be best to arrange for Brother Russell to take charge of the books at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. It seems to me that this would be wisdom. I think that such a man is needed there and that he would exert a good influence. Will you take the responsibility of advising in this matter. We need at Paradise Valley the best help we can possibly obtain; and if Brother Russell's services can be secured, should not this be done.

Sister Peck told me of a woman in San Francisco who, Brother Fulton thinks, would come in to do the cooking for my family. But this woman has a husband, from whom she has separated. She has two boys; and I see no light in her connecting with me. I fear that were we to make such a move, we would be taking on perplexities that would be hard to deal with. I think that in time we shall find the proper one.

By reading Brother Ballenger's letter, you will see that he thinks there should be a change in the presidency of the Southern California Conference. He proposes that Brother Burden be chosen as president. But I fear that this would not be the best thing to do. The peculiar elements connected with the Glendale Sanitarium make it essential for the manager of that institution to

be a man of excellent ability. I will not urge anything; but I see no light in taking Brother Burden from the position that he is now filling.

Yesterday I wrote twenty-three pages of letter paper. I slept better last night than I have for some time.

I feel that I must caution you in regard to your eyes. You need rest, and you ought to take it before going to Washington; for I fear that while there you will be heavily taxed. I want your brain nerve power to be preserved.

I am glad that I closed up my writing on Washington matters yesterday; for today I am not able to do much.

Later. An hour or two ago I lay down; for I could not keep my eyes open, and I could scarcely hold my head up. I slept for an hour or more.

I must not forget to speak to you in regard to the land joining our sanitarium property in Paradise Valley. I hear that the dwelling house, packing house, and barn have been offered for \$3,500. I wish they could be secured for this; but if \$500 more is asked, would it not be well to pay it in order to secure the property. Talk with Brother Palmer in regard to this.

May the Lord clearly manifest Himself to His people, and may He direct us in all matters, is my prayer.

In love.

Lt 106, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 10, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I am so much pleased with your good letter, that all is moving in harmony, that my heart gives thanks to our heavenly Father. If these two sanitariums will draw in even cords, then the work will move much more pleasantly and after the order of the Lord.

In a letter received from Brother Ballenger, he speaks as though it would not be wisdom to keep Brother Santee as president of the conference. But while I cannot see that he is qualified to fill the bill in such an important position, who present themselves as preferable? The suggestion has been made that you shall take the place. Now while I greatly desire that there

should be a different element in the character of the managing force in the South, as president of the conference, still the most difficult problem would be presented: Who shall be the manager of the sanitarium at Glendale? Everything possible needs to be done to carry on in that sanitarium a more thorough change than has been possible prior to the settlement in Glendale.

Yourself and wife can do much to mold things in proper order. May the Lord help you all to maintain the credit of conformity, the highest pattern—which means Christ formed within, the hope of glory. To be meek is to be like the saints in light. God's glory is to be kept before the eyes, and the appreciation of Bible truth will make us followers of God, as dear children. This adjusting of the Glendale Sanitarium seemed to be a difficult matter, but the Lord will help everyone who will work in right lines.

But I must stop here. I think there is help for the sanitarium in Paradise Valley. Brother Russell is a bookkeeper and a man that will make himself useful wherever he is. Now he does not wish to connect with the food factory; and if he can be secured for Paradise Valley and give Brother Ballenger more freedom in other lines to labor as an evangelist, it would be more as God would have it; and Brother Russell is to grow in capabilities and become a more responsible man, bearing the burdens in different lines.

I wish you to consider these things I mention and may the Lord bless you and Brother and Sister Simpson to do a good work each in their several order. Brother and Sister Burden, Brother and Sister Simpson—all to draw in even cords.

I can write no more. In much love to all dear friends.

Lt 107, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 9, 1905

My dear brethren and sisters,—

I make this appeal to you: Send in your gifts and offerings to the work in Washington, that the buildings needed there may be erected. For many years, because of a lack of clear, spiritual eyesight, this work has been neglected, but it is now to be earnestly carried forward.

The work that has been done in the school buildings at Takoma Park is in the order of God. A sanitarium is to be established and a meetinghouse erected. Besides this, a building is to be

erected in which the publishing work may be carried on. The completion of these important enterprises is to be our burden now.

I know that doors are opening everywhere for the entrance of truth. In the providence of God the way has been prepared for our people to occupy buildings in the best positions in Washington, that many may have the opportunity of hearing the reasons of our faith.

I am instructed to say that the office of publication was not moved from Battle Creek any too soon. Washington and the other cities of the South are to hear the message of warning. I am also instructed to say that outward display is not to be allowed to absorb the means that should be used in bearing the message of salvation to a needy, sinful world. From town to town, from city to city, from country to country the warning is to be proclaimed, not with outward display, but in the power of the Spirit, by men of faith.

In the erection of the buildings in Washington, there is to be no extravagant outlay of means. And let all who take up the work in our large cities be careful in this respect. In no place should there be any needless expenditure of money. It is not by outward display that men and women are to learn what is comprehended by present truth. Our workers are to practice strict economy. God forbids all extravagance. Every dollar at our command is to be expended with economy. No great display is to be made. God's money is to be used to carry forward in His own way the work that He has declared must be done in our world.

What every worker needs is a thoroughly converted mind and heart. Let each one look to God for His Holy Spirit and walk before Him in all humility of mind. Those who are working for God are not to trust in men or make flesh their arm; they are to look to Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith, for aid and guidance.

My heart has been heavily burdened as representations have been given me of the lack of wisdom that has been shown in the use of means. Night after night I have been in great distress as I have seen the contrast between the work of our Master and the efforts of those who desire to make a display. Christ could have called to His side the armies of heaven and marched through the streets of Jerusalem as the King of kings and Lord of lords. But He did not do this. No pomp or display marked His work.

"Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests," He said, "but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." [Luke 9:58.]

How little good is done compared with that which might be done were the Lord's money expended in a way that would honor Him! Night after night I am awakened out of sleep with the burden upon me, and I am bidden not to withhold the message of the Lord's disapproval. God will not pass over a wasteful expenditure of His means. He is today testing men and

women, to see who are fit to give the last message of warning to our world. Who will take up his work with humility and unselfishness, refusing to disregard the claims that God has upon every human being.

Many are in danger, through worldliness and selfishness, of losing eternal life. The watchmen are to awake and watch for souls as they that must give an account. Money is called for, that new fields may be entered with the truth. From unworked places in this country and in far-off fields comes the call for workers. But the treasury is not supplied with sufficient means to send the workers who are waiting to go. The officers of the General Conference can not but feel deeply distressed when they see that they cannot comply with the urgent appeals for men and means. The fields are all ripe for the harvest, and God's people are to bring every dollar that they can spare to His treasury. When this is done, the workers in needy fields will not call in vain for help.

God has a controversy with the people of this generation, because they have been unfaithful in service. They have robbed Him by appropriating to selfish uses that which He has reserved for the proclamation of the gospel. They declare that God has deserted them. But He says, "I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from Mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?" [Malachi 3:6, 7.]

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Do not bring upon yourselves the curse of robbing God of the means He has lent you in trust. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." [Verses 8-10.]

The Lord has made us His stewards. He has placed His means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render to Him His own. He has reserved the tithe as His sacred portion, to be used in sending the gospel to all parts of the world. My brethren and sisters, confess and forsake your selfishness, and bring to the Lord your gifts and offerings. Bring Him also the tithe that you have withheld. Come confessing your neglect. Prove the Lord, as He has invited you to. "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land." [Verses 11, 12.]

Church officers should faithfully set before the members the importance of paying tithe. They should set an example in accordance with the instruction given in the Word of God. If there are those who are weak in the faith, they are to labor earnestly for them, making the Bible the great instructor. What we should pray for now is men who know what is truth and who will be as firm as a rock to principle. We need men who know what they believe and who will hold fast to the truth.

We are intensely desirous that the Washington fund shall be closed as quickly as possible. I pray that the Lord God of Israel will furnish the means necessary for the accomplishment of the work in this important place. This means is in the hands of His stewards, and I pray that He will make them willing to give liberally.

I know, my dear brethren and sisters, that you are often called upon to give; but what else can we do. We must call upon you, in order that the gospel message may be sent all over the world. Will you not now send in your gifts and offerings, that the Washington fund may be closed and the necessary buildings erected. Thus you will be doing the very work that the Lord has pointed out should be done. Delay not in this important matter. Send in your gifts as soon as possible, that the work to be done in Washington may be accomplished and the standard of truth planted in other places.

Lt 109, 1905

Walling, Addie; Walling, May

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 11, 1905

Dear children Addie and May:—

I have just finished reading over the proofs of Ministry of Healing. We hope that this book will be out before General Conference. I will send you a copy as soon as I receive some from the Press. W. C. White is now at Mountain View, helping on Ministry. When he is not there, other things are allowed to come in, and the work on my book goes very slowly.

Ella White is still at Reno, Nevada. Her school closes this week. One of the public schools there wants her to teach in its primary division for a few weeks. I think that she will. Mabel is now at Paradise Valley, San Diego. She left here last Thursday, and on her way to San Diego, she called at Mountain View and spent a few hours with her father. At Los Angeles, she spent a little time at the Glendale Sanitarium. I expect to receive a letter from her soon, saying that she reached San Diego safely.

The sanitarium at Glendale is well filled with patients. The managers think that they will have to put up a building near the sanitarium, so as to provide more accommodations for patients. Many more are desirous of coming to the sanitarium, but there is no room for them. Those in charge of the sanitarium are perplexed to know how to take care of the patients already there. Brother J. A. Burden is manager of the institution. Sister Burden is the bookkeeper. Dr. Abbie Winegar-Simpson is lady physician. She has charge of the training class. Nora Lacey is head nurse, and she assists in the class work.

A few days ago I received a letter from Brother Burden, saying that all is moving forward harmoniously and that more room is needed.

Brother Burden writes that since rain has fallen in such abundance in Los Angeles County, the property for which they paid twelve thousand five hundred dollars could not be purchased for twenty thousand. Property has gone up one third higher than it was before the rain came. We are so glad that our brethren were able to purchase the Glendale Sanitarium for so low a price. It is an imposing building and is situated in a very pleasant location.

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium is full of patients also, and those in charge will be obliged to provide more room for the accommodation of those who are coming in. Yesterday I had a letter from Brother E. S. Ballenger, the manager of the institution, in which he says that all the rooms in the building are filled, and that there are eight more persons who desire to come for treatment. As yet, no advertising at all has been done, and yet the patients continue to come. I meant to have had Brother Ballenger's letter copied, so that I might send it to you; but it was sent on to Willie.

Brother Ballenger is holding Bible studies and prayer meetings in the sanitarium, and he writes that the patients are showing much interest in these meetings. The day that he wrote the letter, twenty of the patients attended the morning service. At this service there is singing and then reading and prayer. Brother Ballenger said that all but one of the patients bowed in prayer. A deep impressing is being made by these meetings, and we hope that souls will be converted.

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium cost the original owners twenty-five thousand dollars. Almost all the rooms are furnished with a marble washstand. Water is laid on all over the house. The rooms are beautifully arranged and are very airy. There are broad verandahs round two sides of the house. The building stands on a high rise of ground, and the lawns and gardens were once very beautiful. Many of the ornamental trees died during the long drought, but this year a good supply of rain has fallen, and all the lawns are green again.

We purchased this building, with twenty acres of land, for five thousand dollars. Since then eight acres of land have been bought for eight hundred dollars. There is a piece of property

adjoining, consisting of ten acres of orange orchard, a packing house, a dwelling house, and a large barn. This property was offered for three thousand five hundred dollars, and we may buy it if it can still be secured for this price. In order to do this, I should have to borrow money, but I do not think that the property ought to be allowed to pass into the hands of worldlings.

I thank the Lord for these two sanitariums in Southern California, and I am sure that their influence for good can be made far reaching. San Diego is becoming more and more popular as a health resort. We went to considerable expense in digging a well on the sanitarium land. The diggers went down ninety feet and found an abundant supply of soft, pure water. This water is pumped into a large tank placed on the highest elevation of the property and from there carried all over the grounds. I was at the sanitarium when the well was being dug, and we were all intensely interested in the progress made by the diggers. One morning Brother Palmer came to my room to tell me that the water was coming into the well in a stream as big as his arm. The next morning he told me that there was fifteen feet of water in the well. So we knew that success was ours.

Soon after this the rain began to fall, after a drought of five years, and it fell in abundance, refreshing the dry, thirsty country. We are indeed grateful to our heavenly Father for this great blessing.

I wish that you could leave New York and make me a visit. We could find employment for you where you could be a decided help in the work and cause of God. I think the time has come when we should be where we could see each other now and then.

A few weeks ago I lost my housekeeper Mrs. Nelson, who had been with me for nearly four years. She was faithful and true in her work and a real caretaker. I shall never find a housekeeper who will suit me better. But she desired to finish the nurses' course, which she began in Battle Creek four years ago. Then, too, her husband, for whom she has been separated for six years, wishes to come back to her. Had I urged it, Mrs. Nelson might have stayed with me; but I could not have done this. It would not have been right. It would have been selfish for me to say, I cannot part with you.

Well, children, this is just a little of my recent experience. I may not attend the General Conference. I have a large amount of work to do in selecting from the Signs and the Review articles written by my husband and myself many years ago, to be reprinted in book form, that our experiences in the third angel's message may be kept fresh in the minds of our people.

April 11. I wrote the forgoing pages yesterday. This morning I found a letter from Willie under my door, saying that he will leave Mountain View on Wednesday for Los Angeles, to attend important conference meetings at Fernando. After this, he will visit San Diego. There are important questions to be decided in regard to providing greater facilities for the

accommodation of patients. This is most important medical missionary work to be done in our sanitariums. May the Lord help us and teach us and enable us to be a blessing to others.

Elder Corliss will attend the meeting at Fernando. I think that he is improving in health. He can still do excellent work in evangelistic lines.

I must now close this letter. But I want you to consider whether you would not be glad to engage in some line of work in direct connection with the cause of God. Do you not desire to aid in proclaiming the truth that all need to understand?

May the Lord bless you both and keep you and make you a blessing to others.

With much love.

Lt 111, 1905

White, W. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 11, 1905

Dear Son W. C. White,—

This morning I have received and read your short letter.

Yesterday I sent you copy of a letter I received from Brother Ballenger and would be pleased to have you return it after you have read it. When I answered this letter, I did not know that you were going so soon to Los Angeles and San Diego, or I would not have written to Brother Ballenger so fully and freely.

I do not feel a burden to attend the meeting at Mountain View. I should enjoy being present, but I feel that my work here demands my presence at this time, and a trip to Mountain View might unfit me for writing that I ought to do. From now on I mean to do less writing and obtain more exercise and more of out-of-door life. Certainly no place I have ever seen equals the beauty of the scenery around here. The weather is excellent and has been all of this month.

The sister who came to work in the house does not take to cooking and is not satisfied. She wishes to leave the last of this month, so we will have no one to do the work that Sister Nelson did. As far as cooking is concerned, Sister Carlson is inexperienced. But Sister Hall has come in to help us out. Sister Hall and Sister Carlson have been putting my hats in good condition and have been doing what sewing I need to have done. So as far as clothes are concerned, I will be prepared to go to the General Conference if I desire.

I have not decided to attend the General Conference, but I do not regard it as impossible. I should prefer to remain at home if my brain will allow me to get my writings in proper shape. But if I have to bear the burden of the perplexities here at home, and must write constantly to the brethren assembled, I feel that I would prefer to be on the field of battle rather than where it takes two weeks to write and receive a reply. I only desire to do the will of my heavenly Father. If it is according to His will, I am willing to go.

But it is a problem what to do with the matters here at home. Maggie and the rest of my working force are here, and to leave for the conference would mean a breaking up of our work for several weeks. It seems that it would be a loss of much time. When I think of this, it seems impossible for me to go.

Brother Burden writes that the sanitarium at Glendale is crowded and that they must do something to accommodate those who apply for admission. Cannot tents be erected to accommodate some of the helpers or those who would be willing to live in tents? I hope some way may be devised, so applicants will not be refused because of lack of room.

It seems to me that the land adjoining our property at Paradise Valley should be secured. I have sometimes thought of visiting San Diego if the Lord wills, and if so, I would like to stay in the house on the property yet unpurchased. I would like to try the climate once more. But I must now close.

Lt 113, 1905

Gotzian, J.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 11, 1905

Dear Sister Gotzian,—

I was glad to receive a letter from you a few days ago. Through my absence last summer, we lost much time on our book work, and for some time I have been very busy preparing matter for and reading the proofs of Ministry of Healing. This work has taxed my brain heavily, and I have been compelled to be somewhat moderate in my letter writing. However, I desire to keep up correspondence with you. We are united, with others, in bearing responsibilities, 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, as His agents, what to say and what to do to win souls to Christ. He will bless us in seeking to cultivate the kindness and tenderness and sympathy of Christ.

We must take up the work of the Lord disinterestedly. It has been my desire to do all I possibly can for the sanitarium at Paradise Valley, that from it the very best influence may go forth, resulting in the salvation of many souls. Our work is to win souls to Christ. It is for this purpose that we have united our interests in a determination to carry forward God's work in San Diego. But we must deal lovingly and kindly with all. To blame or to chide tries people and does not help them. We must be careful not to cast blame upon those who are trying to do the Lord's work, but rather seek to encourage them, commending them whenever possible.

If it should be my privilege to visit the Paradise Valley Sanitarium once more, I desire that we may be united in seeking to bless all with whom we associate. We are not to set ourselves up as a criterion to which others must conform. We should 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 perform 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 shall impress the minds of others in such a way that God will be glorified.

Those who are connected with our sanitariums are to be educators. By pleasant words and kindly deeds they are to make the gospel attractive. As followers of Christ, they should seek to make the most favorable impression of the religion they profess and to inspire noble thoughts. Some will be affected by their influence for time and for eternity.

In the work of helping others, we may gain most precious victories. We should devote ourselves with untiring zeal, with earnest fidelity, with self-denial, and with patience to the work of helping 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 chiding, will show themselves susceptible of improvement. The less we criticize others, the greater will be our influence over them for good. To many, frequent, positive admonitions will do more harm than good. Let Christlike kindness be enjoined upon all.

There is a science in dealing with those who seem especially weak. If we would teach others, we ourselves must first learn of Christ. We need broad views, that we may do true medical missionary work and show tact in dealing with minds.

Those who are really the least in need of help are likely to receive the most of our attention. But we need to show special wisdom in dealing with those who seem inconsiderate and thoughtless. Some do not comprehend the sacredness of the work of God. Those of the least ability, the thoughtless, and even the indolent especially demand careful, prayerful consideration. We must exercise tact in dealing with those who seem to be ignorant and out of the way. By persevering effort in their behalf, we must help them to become useful in the Lord's work. They will respond readily to a patient, tender, loving interest.

We are to co-operate with the Lord Jesus in restoring the inefficient and the erring to intelligence and purity. This work ranks equally in importance with the work of the gospel ministry. We are called upon by God to manifest an untiring, patient interest in the salvation of those who need divine polishing.

These words I seemed to be speaking before a company of teachers and students. My soul was stirred by the instruction given. God will not withhold wisdom from those who seek for it.

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 desire to vindicate their sins; but we are to teach the Word of the Lord, leaving all selfish authority out of our discipline.

The life and the teachings of Christ are intensely practical. They deal with the actual duties of life. They enjoin patience in the performance of all necessary duties, whether they be 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 is established for the healing of the souls and bodies of those who are suffering from the malady of sin. Bible truth is to be exemplified before a sinful world. By obedience to the requirements of God's law, our characters are to be made complete in Him who knew no sin.

"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, ... full of grace and truth." [John 1:12-14.]

Such is the sanctification of the soul, through the operation of the Holy Spirit. A new nature is implanted. The human being is made a partaker of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

"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.]

Lt 115, 1905

Burden, J. A.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 12, 1905

Dear Brother Burden,—

I hear that plans are being laid for Elder W. W. Simpson to leave Southern California to labor elsewhere. If Elder Simpson feels it his duty to go, I have nothing to say against it. But I had hoped to see him extend his work from Los Angeles to Redlands and Riverside. The condition of Brother Simpson's health is such that great care must be exercised in regard to the location of his field of labor. He should have suitable help, that he may be relieved from the burden of speaking so frequently. Would it not be well if Elder Corliss and Elder Simpson could labor together?

Redlands and Riverside have been presented to me as places that should be worked. These two places should not longer be neglected. I hope soon to see an earnest effort put forth in their behalf. Will you please consider the advisability of establishing a sanitarium in the vicinity of these towns, with treatment rooms in each place to act as feeders to the institution?

We cannot afford to allow these places to go unwarned. Instead of Elder Simpson's going somewhere else to [work], would it not be better to let a determined effort be put forth to make a success of the work in these places? There are other cities in Southern California in which a work similar to that carried on by Elder Simpson in Los Angeles should be conducted. The Lord would have His ministers working zealously for those who have never heard the truth. But Elder Simpson should have some one connected with him to help him in the work.

Our people in the churches of Southern California need to arouse to do a work that is necessary within their own borders. Let them awake to prayer and labor. They need more spiritual vitality. They need to be converted, that they may labor for souls. Wherever there is spiritual life, there will be an imparting as well as a receiving of light and blessing. The nourishment from God's Word will be received, and earnest work will be done. The act of imparting keeps open the channel for receiving. This truth our Saviour ever sought to keep before the people.

I have a message to bear to the church members in Southern California. "Arouse, and avail yourselves of the opportunities open to you. While Christ pleads in your behalf, plead for yourselves, that you may be purified from every unrighteous thought, every unholy action. Make an entire surrender to God of body, soul, and spirit. Be determined to do all in your power to learn the true science of soul-saving. While the light of God's day of mercy still shines, gather up every divine ray.

"Are you prepared to sell all, that you may purchase the field that contains the treasure? Said the apostle Paul, 'I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, ... that I may win Christ, and be found in Him.' [Philippians 3:8, 9.]

"Give up the self-righteousness that you have been cherishing. If the Lord permits you to behold such work as has been done in Los Angeles, seek, with all humility, to act your part. Not in your own strength, but in the strength of Christ, you are to ascend the ladder heavenward,

round by round. Make diligent, thorough work in humbling yourselves, that the old habits and practices and all evil speaking may be put away. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Die to self; live to God.”

Brother Burden, say to the church that the Lord will manifest Himself to all who seek Him with humble hearts. The end of all things is at hand. Let your eyes be fixed upon Christ. As the called and chosen of God, we must represent truth in its purity. Our lives are to be such that the world will take knowledge of us that we have been with Christ, and that truth may seem to them more desirable than error.

If rightly conducted, our sanitariums may exert a refining, ennobling influence and lead many souls to Christ. The religious principles maintained in these institutions will demonstrate that there is relief for the soul, weary and sick with sin. Many are weak and sick because of disease of the soul. Let Christ be held up before them as the great Healer who invites them to come to Him and find rest. Tell them that the heart of Christ is drawn out in compassion and love for His blood-bought heritage. He will heal the troubled heart that looks to Him in faith.

To the poor, sin-sick soul repeat the Saviour’s invitation: “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” [Matthew 11:28-30.] There is true joy in learning of Christ.

Tell the suffering ones of a compassionate Saviour. He is the only Physician who can heal both body and soul. He has given His life for the world, that men should not perish, but have everlasting life. He looks with compassion upon those who regard their case as hopeless.

While the soul is filled with fear and terror, the mind cannot see the tender compassion of Christ. Our sanitariums are to be an agency for bringing peace and rest to the troubled minds. If you can inspire the despondent with hopeful, saving faith, contentment and cheerfulness will take the place of discouragement and unrest. Wonderful changes can then be wrought in their physical condition. Christ will restore both body and soul, and, realizing His compassion and love, they will rest in Him. He is the bright and morning star, shining amid the moral darkness of this sinful, corrupt world. He is the light of the world, and all who give their hearts to Him will find peace, rest, and joy.

The world is filled with sickness. Sin is increasing, especially in the large cities. Death is taking away large numbers. But the great Medical Missionary invites men to come to Him. “Come unto Me,” He says, “and I will give you rest.” [Verse 28.] “Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” [Matthew 7:7.]

Our part is, by believing His Word, to find rest in Christ Jesus. His words are spirit and life. In believing them there is rest and peace. "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Verse 7.] Our prayers will reach the ear of Christ, and He will open unto us the rich treasures of His grace. Through prayer we are brought into communion with the high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity. He opens the door to every one who will knock.

As I think of how the skilful Physician longs to heal every sin-sick soul, I feel so anxious that those who are drawn to our sanitariums may there find what they need for the cure of their physical and spiritual maladies.

"Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." [2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.] This invitation will be accepted by those who are burdened for souls. They will become members of the royal family, children of the heavenly King.

The law of God is to be obeyed. Obedience is the life of the soul. It brings health and peace and assurance. Seek the Lord in every necessity, and know that you have a friend in Jesus, one who loves you with an everlasting love. He will be as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast. When men and women come just as they are, He cleanses them from their sins, and they become His sons and daughters.

P.S. Since writing this letter, I have learned that Brother Simpson is wanted to be present in Portland, Oregon, at the World's Fair. If God calls him there, I have no objection to offer. May the Lord guide His servant is my prayer.

Lt 116, 1905

Kellogg, J. H.

April 22, 1905

Dr. J. H. Kellogg,—

We have come to a time when church members grieve the Lord by searching into scientific problems that make void the past experience of the people of God. And because they cannot have the influence they desire to have over minds, to sway them in the same channel, which they suppose is an evidence of higher education, they become dissatisfied. They suppose that with their superficial minds they can comprehend God and His working, when they cannot comprehend the past facts of faith. It is to such that the instruction is given that is contained in the first three chapters of Revelation. Let our churches read and study this instruction, lest they follow a course that God condemns.

I have great burden of soul for you, Dr. Kellogg. If I could see you in the road that leads onward and upward, I should be more than thankful. Were you a child, I would say that you had been spoiled through flattery, vain conceit, and self-exaltation. That which makes your case so sorrowful, so hopeless, is that you are not a man of truth. You frame for the occasion any sentiments that may come into your mind. You twist words; you misinterpret; you make assurances that are false. You have cultivated this deceptive influence until you have become an unreliable man. With what grief and sadness the Lord has looked upon you!

When a man reaches the place where he will resort to any subterfuge to accomplish his own will, and to appear to be just and righteous, his condition is grave indeed. O that you would repent and turn to the Lord before it is forever too late. When you obey the truth that works by love and purifies the soul, then you will have fallen on the Rock and been broken.

Men who are ignorant of the byways you have entered, the crooked paths you have made, are in danger of following your lead. I have been compelled to bear my testimony to the church, "Enter not into that path, to follow a course of action that will leaven your faith with evil, spoil your confidence in Bible truth, and lead you to build castles that will fill you with self-confidence and separate you from God."

There are occasions when God calls upon His people to take a firm stand on His side. If one man should bear rule and another man should bear rule, there would be collision. What shall be done? Each may claim as much authority as the other. The Lord has His messengers to whom He has given a special message. These messages point out God's way. There must be men who take a firm stand for God and for conscience. The course of action some will pursue will be no rule for those who take the Lord as their counselor. The man who fears God, who believes and practices the Word of God with high, unbending integrity of character, will make straight paths for his feet, that the lame be not turned out of the way.

A great crisis is upon us, and all who stand under the bloodstained banner of Prince Emmanuel, girding themselves for the battle, will be led and taught of God. The world, with all its selfish projects, its burden of leaven of dishonesty and craftiness, its boasting and its desire for the supremacy, its neglect of the things of God, is not to receive our attention or our confidence. Upon all who have received light in regard to the truth for this time is laid the obligation of proclaiming the warning message. The labors of our ministers are not to be confined to the churches who have received the truth.

"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.] Under His generalship, we are safe under all circumstances.

I have a word for you from the Lord. Take your stand for the right, and cease to suppose that you are safe where you are now standing. You need to undergo a transformation that will give you an experience which is the opposite of the experience that you now have.

Clearly and decidedly I am to bear my testimony to the people, and I am to trace this testimony on paper, that should I fall asleep in Jesus, the witness to the truth might still be borne. It is a matter of vital importance for you to become obedient to the light God has given you and to show yourself a pattern of religious decision. We are placed where we have not the semblance of an excuse for walking in the broad path that leads to death. In the world is seen the condition of things that Christ said would come upon those who do not receive the truth in the love of Christ. All who honor Christ and adorn the religion of the cross will be honored by God. But the Lord will not honor you as you now stand. Those who suppose that you are worthy to be honored will give you credit that does not belong to you. You know this; I need not tell you. When you accept the obligations laid upon you as one worthy of the position you occupy, you will show an altogether different character. You have a standard to maintain that you have not maintained for years. When you come into harmony with the Lord Jesus Christ, our churches will hear from your lips a testimony of Christian strength, Christian courage, the very root and groundwork of a thoroughly Christian life. You will be steadfast in the faith. You will not see in false science the charms you now see. You will see the danger of your erroneous sentiments becoming woven into the characters of men who do not view things in a correct light.

If every physician in our ranks would separate from your influence, they would sound the keynote of Christian medical education; for the angels of God would give them life and courage in the [Lord], and power to stand against your persuasive influence. It is the privilege of every man who is converted to the truth to show moral independence, to stand firm for the truth and for righteousness. When propositions are laid before a believer to engage in business that would lead him to deviate from the principles of the law given for the guidance of every man’s life, it is his privilege and duty to make a firm, decided refusal. The strongest representations that may be made should not lead him to engage in any enterprise that would pollute his conscience. He is to hearken to the Holy Spirit, who would lead him to say to the tempter, “So did not I, because of the fear of God.” [Nehemiah 5:15.] I tell you, a great crisis is upon us, and those men who have united with you and sustained you have not said, “So did not I, because of the fear of God.”

In our work, we need men of moral independence, uncontaminated and unshackled, so that when a principle of religion or duty is at stake, they will stand firm in defense of the truth. We

need men who will not hold their peace when they see evils coming in and wrongs being done. We need men who will refuse to give consent by silence to unjust actions.

Nehemiah is an example of the standard that must be maintained at any expense. Neither danger nor difficulty would shake his adherence to the just, holy, righteous principles of truth. The honor that must be maintained in the work to be done for this time requires staunch determination. Men are needed who will say, "The hand of God is good upon me; I will arise and build." [See Nehemiah 2:18, 20.] There are today too many pliables. Beware of the inclination to follow your own impulses. Adam, hiding himself from God, encompassed himself in obstructing darkness.

My brother, unless you change square about, calling sin, sin, and deception by its right name, you will continue to deny God, and the hindrance to rightdoing will become stronger and stronger. Yield no longer to the deceptive power of sin. Let your scientific researches be turned into a wholesome channel. Do not pretend to have fellowship with God, while you are an alien from Him. Fellowship it is impossible for you to have while you yourself make it impossible to recognize what God is and what you are. The Lord is too pure to behold iniquity. So long have you refused light that I do not know that it is in your power to see yourself as you are.

And your associates, bewildered by your scientific problems and your presentation of good works, mingled with false statements, need to study the message given to John as recorded in the third chapter of Revelation.

"Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh, I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from My God; and I will write upon him My new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

"And to 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 upon His throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” [Verses 11-22.]

I have a message for those who have sustained Dr. Kellogg in his deceptive science. Those who have received and voiced his words have greatly hindered the work of God. To these I am instructed to say, Take your stand upon the platform of eternal truth that God has laid. Christ has pronounced a distinct blessing upon those who day by day accept and follow His teaching. His beatitudes are for those who receive the Word into good and honest hearts.

God calls upon His people to unify, that the harmony among those who love Him and keep His law may convince those in the world that He sent His Son to save sinners. Christ calls upon those who love God and keep His commandments to unify on the truths that have called us out from the world as God’s denominated people. God is love, and all who are truly practicing the truth will bear the precious fruit of love. Today Christ is standing at the right hand of God. He will teach every earnest seeker the true science, which is Christ within, the hope of glory.

The testimony borne by the apostles confirms the teaching of the Old and New Testaments. The testimonies that they have borne come down the ages to our time, that we might have fellowship with the men who bore these testimonies. Before Christ left His disciples, He declared that the Holy Spirit would bring all things to their remembrance. “I will pray the Father,” He said, “and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. ... Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me; because I live, ye shall live also.” [John 14:16, 17, 19.]

“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, 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. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth; and if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” [1 John 1:1-10.]

Let your efforts be put forth to become acquainted with the science of pure, undefiled religion. Come into line; come into line. No man who dishonors God is worthy of praise or honor. These words the angels stood repeating with deepest power.

“I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their words; that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me.” [John 17:15-23.]

If these words were believed and practiced, a powerful influence would go forth from the Lord’s commandment-keeping people.

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

There is a great work to be done in a short time. The Lord will take men from the plow, even as He took Elisha, and will give them a part in the closing work. John the evangelist was called from his fishing boat and made a fisher of men. It is he who says, “And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” [1 John 1:3.] Can we lay hold of this greatest of all science? Is our fellowship with the Father and with Christ?

The Lord will not much longer allow Dr. Kellogg to pursue the course of deception that he has pursued for years. He will take his case in hand. He has borne long with him, but the medical missionary work, so long controlled by him, shall not always bear the marks of his defection. God would have made Dr. Kellogg a man after His own mind, but Dr. Kellogg refused to place himself under God’s control. His crooked ways and deceptive works are a great dishonor to the truth. I have seen that Satan’s power over him has not been broken. Those who choose to sustain the man who so greatly dishonors God, and stood directly in the way of His work, will themselves become so deceived that their work will not be accepted by God.

I have felt reluctant to say these things, but I know that the Lord would not have souls endangered any longer by Dr. Kellogg. Tares have been sown in the minds of God’s people, and

as a result of this, some have given up the truth. Some have become infidels; the misrepresentations that Dr. Kellogg has made of the work that God has given me to do has made them infidels.

If the crisis must come, let it come while I am alive. There are those who have been diligently gathering together what appear to them to be contradictions in the testimonies given me. But God stands at the helm. Let Satan be rebuked. Dr. Kellogg has followed strange devisings to keep from acknowledging his course as wrong. He has not yet fallen on the Rock and been broken. Unless he does this, the Rock will fall upon him and grind him, with all his pretensions, to powder. I dare not sustain him in his course. I would not have the crookedness of his ways brought before the world, if it can possibly be avoided; but unless he renounces his companionship with Satan, and links up with Christ, the break must come.

I have tried to keep silent, but as I have seen him exercising his subtle influence over the men who do not seem to realize that he is wrong, who do not understand the work that Satan is carrying on through him, I am constrained to speak. These men are binding up with Satan's sophistry, fastening their leader and themselves in Satan's snare, to practice the works of the enemy. God demanded of them truth in showing Dr. Kellogg his peril, but those whom we believed would receive the warnings given them have rejected them and have given him encouragement in an erratic course of action. I am now to say to our brethren, Cut loose, cut loose. Take your stand decidedly if you would save your souls; take your position for truth and righteousness.

Lt 117, 1905

White, W. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 14, 1905

My dear son Willie,—

I have just read your letter and the enclosures. After reading your letter, I nearly decided to awaken the family and go to Mountain View by the morning train. But I was admonished otherwise by a pain in my hip. I dare not be presumptuous, so I have entirely given up all idea of attending the meeting at Mountain View. I shall remain at home and keep as quiet as possible; for I dare not venture the trip to Mountain View with the many changes.

For some time I have had considerable trouble with my hip. I have not said much about it to the family, but it has been very painful and has kept me awake several nights. I have not even dared to ride much in the carriage. By frequently changing my position, from a chair to the lounge or

to the bed, I have managed to keep up, but I do not think it wise to leave my home at this time. I feel very reluctant to leave a place where I have conveniences to relieve my infirmities.

For three nights I have slept well, and I feel rested this morning. The Lord is my Helper and my strong Defense. I will put my trust in Him and will not worry. I will be encouraged by the promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Matthew 7:7.] I have not lost my courage in the Lord. If the pain will only keep away from my heart, I can bear it and be cheerful in the Lord.

This world is not our abiding place, but I feel very grateful for the comforts of a good home. I consider the country here to be one of the most beautiful I have ever seen. I am thankful that the Lord Jesus knows all our necessities. He will provide for us, if we will look to Him in faith.

If I can only continue to sleep well, my head will remain clear, and I will be able to do a great deal of writing. I will leave my case in the hands of my heavenly Father. If it is His will for me to go to Washington to the General Conference, I will say, Amen. But I do not yet see it to be my duty.

If the property adjoining the sanitarium at Paradise Valley is purchased, I may be able to spend some time in the house that will be included in the sale, and which we will have to furnish.

We have not yet found a woman to act as matron of our home. Miss Carlson is an excellent seamstress, but she does not like house work and wishes to leave by the end of the month. I believe that the Lord will provide me with the help I need.

I hope you will be very careful in regard to your health. You have a family dependent upon you, and you must not weary brain and muscle so that you are unfitted to do your duty to your wife and children.

We are coming into troublous times, but let not one of the people of God, by his individual course of action, create a time of trouble beforehand. We are to follow on to know the Lord. We can not put our trust in any human being, but we will trust in the Lord God of Israel. We have an individual case pending in the courts of heaven, and we cannot afford to make mistakes that will lead others into a wrong course of action. An earnest desire to be humble and to walk circumspectly before the Lord is our only safety.

O that we may heed the words spoken to Abraham. The Lord appeared unto him when he was ninety[-nine] years old, and said, "I am the almighty God. Walk before Me, and be thou perfect." [Genesis 17:1.] So long as life shall last, it should be our endeavor to perfect a character after the divine similitude.

I feel greatly troubled because we have heard nothing from Mabel since she left Mountain View, except a post card to her mother, written on the train and posted in Los Angeles. I do not understand why we do not hear from her. If you know anything about her whereabouts, please let us know. I hope nothing serious has happened.

This forenoon I have been to town with Dores and Mrs. Crisler and was unable to finish this letter in time to get it into the noon mail. I have written several pages of matter and will send you copies when it is written out.

Lt 119, 1905

Members of the Nashville Church

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 14, 1905

To the members of the Nashville church

Dear brethren and sisters,—

I ask you, What are you doing as individuals to benefit the colored people? Are you engaged in personal missionary work? As a church, what are you doing to provide a suitable sanitarium for the colored race?

In the night season, I received counsel from One who never errs. I heard some who spoke in favor of purchasing the dark, unhealthful place now used as a sanitarium, putting in some improvements, and continuing the work in the same place. Decided instruction was given:

“You are not to carry out the plans you contemplate. The present situation of the colored sanitarium is very objectionable. Let some place be secured where there is plenty of sunlight and where there is land to raise fruit and vegetables. Let the sanitarium be moved to a suitable location and so equipped that the better class of colored people may be accommodated and may be favorably impressed.”

For some time I have considered that the place which J. E. White left is the proper place for the establishment of a colored sanitarium. I hope that our brethren will see the necessity of making this move; for it is sensible, merciful, and consistent. The present showing of neglect of the colored people must be changed.

The fact that some one of our brethren is located on or near the property is not a sufficient excuse for not securing it for a colored sanitarium. For any one to urge merely a personal consideration against such a move is a sign of selfishness and shows a disregard of the Lord’s

plans. Far better would it be to repay what such a one had invested than to permit the enterprise to be blocked by such an excuse.

Will our brethren and sisters in Nashville consider that they are being tested and tried? Some who have neglected to do the work that should have been done long ago are, in heaven, accounted as unfaithful stewards. A more decided interest should be manifested in the work of helping the colored people.

If in the future we are to do nothing more for the colored people than we have done in the past, let us lay aside all pretense that we have entered Nashville for the purpose of helping them. If the interest we have taken in helping those who are laboring in the South is to have no better results, we had better turn our attention to the opening of the work in new fields, until the converting power of God comes upon the church in Nashville and barriers are removed. The Lord is not pleased with the present showing. Let there now be a reformation, and the Lord will work with those who are willing to co-operate with Him.

The men whom God has called to act a part in the work in the Southern field need closely to examine themselves in the light of God's Word. From the example of Christ they need to learn to manifest kindness and tender sympathy for those who are afflicted, or who are laboring in hard and trying places. Those who are connected with the work of God should be ministers of healing. They should strive to overcome all selfishness. It is time that men who are placed in the position of leaders in the work of God learn that they themselves are to receive their orders from the highest source. They are not to be a law unto themselves, acting as their own impulse may lead them. It would be far better if no one were to take hold of the Lord's work unless he is willing to be taught of God.

I am instructed to say, "Clear the King's highway. The Lord Jesus will go before His people. Satan will intrude himself in every place possible. God forbid that men who feel themselves to be self-sufficient should come in with their devisings and place barriers in the way of the Lord's work. Clear the way."

"Behold," Christ said, "I send you forth as lambs among wolves." [Luke 10:3.] But you are not to assume the character of wolves, to hurt and to destroy. Do not, by a determination to carry out your own mind and spirit, create dissensions among yourselves. The disposition to make self supreme has been for years a barrier, preventing the work of God from being carried forward solidly in the South. If all our brethren had acted under the direction of Christ, in self-denial and self-sacrifice, the work in the South would be greatly advanced today. Thousands would have been converted to God, and men of ability would have been raised up who could have acted an important part in accomplishing the Lord's purpose.

How long shall this counter-working continue? There are those whom God holds accountable for the present showing of neglect. Will those who have not a sense of what God requires of them stand out of the way, and let the Lord lead and guide those who will take up the work and carry it intelligently?

Let those connected with the publishing house crucify self and receive the Spirit of Jesus Christ. The work of our institutions is in vain unless there are connected with them workers who are converted, and who will receive the sanctification of the Spirit of God, to subdue and cleanse away the haughtiness of self.

Let us serve God with pure, unalloyed motives, working with an eye single to His glory. The language of our heart should be, "I have set the Lord ever before me." [Psalm 16:8.] If this principle regulates our actions, our faith will increase, and we will make the Lord Jesus our Pattern in all things.

Lessons From the Sending Out of the Seventy

The workers in the cause of God may learn valuable lessons from the instruction Jesus gave to the seventy disciples and from their experiences. These disciples were sent to the cities and villages whither Jesus Himself was to follow, to awaken an interest in the work of Jesus, that the people might be prepared to receive the grand truths that He would impart to them.

"After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come. Therefore said He unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

"Carry neither purse nor scrip, nor shoes; and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say to them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." [Luke 10:1-9.]

This was to be the burden of their message. They were not to lose sight of this message nor to enter into controversy over matters that were unessential or that would close the door to the important truths Jesus had bid them teach. They were to teach from the Old Testament, explaining the prophecies of the mission and work of Christ, and presenting truths that would

soften the hearts of the people, that they might be prepared to receive Christ when He should follow.

“But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.” [Verses 10, 11.]

The messengers of God have a high calling. If, after giving positive evidence of their mission, in preaching the gospel and in healing the sick, their message is not received, they are to go to new fields where they will be received gladly. Those who reject the message of God and His messengers will be called to account.

“Woe unto thee Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shall be thrust down to hell.” [Verses 13-15.] The cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum had received great opportunity through the ministry of Christ and His disciples; and having rejected the truth, their condemnation was greater than that of those who had not received so great light.

The disciples who were sent forth received their authority from Christ. Jesus said to them, “He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that despiseth you despiseth Me; and he that despiseth Me despiseth Him that sent Me.” [Verse 16.]

The instruction given to the seventy was similar to the instruction given to the twelve disciples who had been sent forth previously. The seventy had not, like the twelve, been constantly with Jesus, yet they had often heard His lessons of instruction. They were sent forth under His direction, to work as He Himself was working. Wherever they went, they were to sound the message, “The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. All may be admitted into His kingdom who will receive His message and His Messenger. This is the day of your visitation.” They were to present the truth of God in such a manner that the people might be led to lay hold upon the blessings placed within their reach.

These disciples constituted at that time the church of Christ, all entrusted with a message from Him to the world, all living and active in His service. They passed through varied experiences, going through trial and meeting opposition. Yet they were blessed in their work.

“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.” [Verse 17.]

To Christ they gave all the glory for their success. His name is the power of God unto salvation to every one who will humble himself and become meek and lowly in heart.

“And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents, and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” [Verses 18-20.]

The Saviour had followed the disciples in their work. He rejoiced at the success that attended their efforts put forth in faith. The disciples did not complain of the hardship, fatigue, or opposition they had encountered. They rejoiced as they reported to their Master, “Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.” [Verse 17.]

Jesus assured them that He had beheld their success. “I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven,” He said. [Verse 18.] Satan was once an angel of light in the heavenly courts. He was entrusted with an important position. But he coveted more power and sought to be even as God. As a result of his unholy apostasy, he and his followers were cast out of heaven and became angels of darkness. As Satan was cast out of heaven, so also he will be dispossessed of his dominion in the hearts and minds of those who will glorify God.

Through the preaching of the gospel, Satan and his angels are cast out from the minds of men. Through faith in the Word preached, men are enabled to gain the victory, and the devil loses his hold upon them. So he will eventually lose his power over all who continue to believe. His kingdom totters and falls before the presentation of sanctified truth.

Let every one be on guard against selfishness and seeking to grasp advantages that are not his right. The Lord gives to every man his work; but if a man seeks to exalt himself, the Lord will humble him. He must not consider himself self-sufficient and think that his special work is to humble others. Let the work be carried forward by those whose hearts are renewed and purified from all selfishness.

“And He turned Him unto His disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things which ye see: for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see these things which ye see, and have not seen them: and to hear these things which ye hear, and have not heard them.” [Verses 23, 24.]

I have been instructed that men will be raised up to do the work of God, men who are not self-established, but who are humble, willing to learn of Christ, rather than from erring man. The Lord will remove those who are placing their own unconverted selves directly in the way to hinder the work of God from advancing in purity and holy principles.

“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.” [James 1:5, 6.]

Lt 121, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

March 15, 1905

Dear son Edson,—

I have slept but little the past night. You have been represented to me as laying out many plans. You had written out on paper some things you desired to carry out.

One who guards your interests stood by your side, and said, “You are not to carry out your present purposes. These plans will prove a snare to you and will hinder you in the work you should do with pen and voice. You are inclined to make unnecessary burdens for yourself. No sooner is your mind relieved from one perplexity than you plan to engage in some other enterprise.”

The heavenly Messenger continued: “Bind about your plans. You need now to gather your thoughts, not to launch out into new perplexities. Take time to prepare yourself to do a work with pen and with voice in the ministry of the Word.

“You should withdraw from all contention. Let the peace of God dwell in you richly, representing in heart, mind, and soul the work of grace upon the human character. Cultivate the principles of peace. There must be less friction and more harmonious action with your brethren. You gather on your soul burdens that you should not carry. Serve the Lord by whole-souled consecration. If you allow your character to be defective, these defects will lead others to question your religious standing. Free yourself from everything that brings in perplexities and grievous trials.

“The words of Paul to Timothy are appropriate for every church member: ‘Take heed to thyself, and to the doctrine’—to thyself first, and then to the doctrine. [1 Timothy 4:16.] The ministry is a sacred office. Let the inner lamp of the soul be kept trimmed, that it may ever reflect the precious light from heaven. Then you may discern the voice of God, as you read His Word and as you pray in meekness and humility of mind.

“Take time to pray, and then believe that God hears you. ‘If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God.’ [James 1:5.] Do not give utterance to complaints against any. Keep your mouth closed as

with a bridle against all accusations, lest there be implanted in other minds thoughts that will work injury to their brethren.

“God wants you to stand upon an elevated platform. Draw not a thread of selfishness into the fabric of your character. Pray earnestly that your heart may be refined and purified from all dross and filled with the knowledge of God in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. ‘That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.’” [Colossians 1:10, 11.]

Your countenance lighted up, as you replied, “I will not grieve the Holy Spirit of God with my imperfections of character. I will not offend God with my lips. I consecrate myself unto my Lord who has redeemed me by the sacrifice of His own life.”

These words were spoken, “You must always set before you the highest standard of duty, acting in the fear and love of God. Give no place to Satan’s temptations.”

The time has come when things must be called by their right names. The truth is to triumph gloriously, and those who have long been halting between two opinions must take their stand decidedly for or against the law of God. Some will take up with theories that misinterpret the Word of God and undermine the foundation of the truth that has been firmly established, point by point, and sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The old truths are to be revived, in order that the false theories that have been brought in by the enemy may be intelligently met. There can be no unity between truth and error. We can unite with those who have been led into deception only when they are converted.

There is a God, and I am commissioned to say that His truth must be vindicated, that the evil, seductive theories that are coming in may be uprooted. Many minds have been taken captive because for years they have placed confidence in some one who has prepared a dish of scientific fables to suit their appetite.

We may well be alarmed at the crisis that is upon us. God’s law has been transgressed, and the result is seen in the misrule and lawlessness that floods the world. Human lives are regarded as of little value. The spirit of disaffection is running riot.

The inhabitants of the Noachic world were destroyed because, after being granted a period of one hundred and twenty years in which to choose between the evil and the good, they deliberately chose to follow their own wicked ways. Because they did not avail themselves of the opportunity God gave them to repent and turn to Him, they were destroyed by the flood.

Once again, before the great destruction of the world by fire, there is granted a period of test and trial. Men are given opportunity to show whether or not they will be loyal to God. Satan is seeking to lead men in positions of trust to seek the regeneration of the world by plans of their own devising. These men desire to be reformers, but they fail because they do not work in Christ's lines. Can they reform others, when they cannot reform themselves?

Men are today being tested to see if they will obey the law of God. In the beginning Satan promised Eve that if she would only follow his suggestion, she would be greatly increased in knowledge. And today he leads men to look for great blessings to come as a result of following their own unsanctified plans. Many choose to believe the words of a fallen angel rather than the words of God. Man's only hope is in repentance and conversion.

The word of God came to Isaiah: "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Isaiah 58:1.] As God's witnesses, we have a message to bear to all the world. The Lord has many children who have never heard the truth for this time. God's servants must give them the final warning.

Soon the Lord will demonstrate to the universe of heaven the utter inability of men to reform the world, while they themselves are living in transgression of the law of God. He is about to set aside the transgressors of His law, as He would cast away a despised and polluted vessel. The years of man's probation are soon to close. The great men of earth, the kings, the princes, and the statesmen will soon perish. Wickedness will come to an end. The little moment of time still remaining is most precious to those who, while making a profession of Christianity, have disregarded the laws of God. Will they now turn to Him, before it is too late?

Lt 123, 1905

Lane, S. H.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 16, 1905

Elder S. H. Lane,—

Sister Peck, my bookkeeper, has just brought me a note for five hundred dollars to sign. This is the note that you sent in your letter, which I received today. I thank you for obtaining this money for me. For two or three years I have been using a thousand dollars belonging to Sister McEnterfer. The time has come when she needs this money, and I desire to borrow a thousand dollars in order to return her loan. If you can secure the one thousand on the two notes, please do so; and if not, please secure for me the three hundred.

For several years I have been rather closely pressed for means. Before leaving Australia, I invested all the money I could spare in the work there. How glad I am that I did this; for now the cause of God in Australia is established on a firm basis, and the work is rapidly being made self-supporting. I do not begrudge one dollar that I have invested in the cause of God, even though I am obliged to pay a thousand dollars a year interest. It would be a relief to me not to have to pay out so much money for interest. But I have nothing to worry about, save that there will not be manifested in souls unsaved all the interest that should be manifested in them.

I am not surprised at the conversion of the persons mentioned in your letter; for I am instructed to look for the conversion of a large number from the highways and from the byways. Unexpected talent will be developed in those in the common walks of life. If men and women can only have the message of truth brought to them, many who hear will receive it. Those of every rank of life, high and low, rich and poor, will accept the truth for this time. Some who are regarded as uneducated will be called to the service of the Master, even as the humble, unlearned fishermen were called by the Saviour. Men will be called from the plow, as was Elisha, and will be moved to take up the work that God has appointed them. They will begin to labor in simplicity and quietness, reading and explaining the Scriptures to others. Their simple efforts will be successful.

House-to-house work will be done by men and women who will realize that they can labor for the Lord because He has put His Spirit upon them. As they go forth in humble faith, Christ will impart to them grace that they will impart to others. The Lord will give them the same love for perishing souls that He gave to the disciples of old.

In the future, human beings through whom angels can work will accept the truth. In the past, heavenly messengers have worked in co-operation with human agencies, giving them a force of language and power of influence that has furnished persuasive argument which has reached the citadel of the soul. The labors of apparently illiterate, unlearned men often have a wonderful influence for good. Men are spending precious time in the study of books, when, if they would give themselves to the Lord, and go forth to humble, earnest service, a holy influence would come upon them, and they would be enabled to speak words that would be like apples of gold in pictures of silver to unbelieving, hungry souls.

What think you, Elder Lane, of thousands converted in a day, after the Holy Spirit had come upon the apostles? After the day of Pentecost, the disciples went everywhere, preaching the simple, yet powerful truths that Christ had commanded them to preach.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,” said the Saviour. “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.]

None who catch the divine rays from the Sun of righteousness will lack for fitting words. It will not be oratory, as the world counts oratory, but heavenly eloquence. They will speak words that will go direct to minds, awakening conviction and causing their hearers to ask, What is truth? We are to depend upon the great, invisible Master-teacher for appropriate words. In the days of the apostles, men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. In this our day, men supposed to be illiterate will speak words dictated by the Holy Spirit.

Let men with the love of Jesus in their hearts go forth to give the invitation, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:29.] Such workers we may encourage, saying, I am sure that you will exert an influence for good in this grand and holy work, if you will take heed to yourselves, realizing that you are subjects of saving grace, brought into sacred family relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, and commissioned to work for the saving of souls.

I fear that I shall not be understood, but I know what I am writing about. "I live, yet not I; but Christ liveth in me," is to be our watchword. [Galatians 2:20.] Christ is our adviser. We are not to trust in men or make flesh our arm. Day by day we are to unlearn the lessons that we have learned in the world, and come into blessed relationship with Christ. The true child of God has no ambition but to be His consecrated messenger, found worthy to escape the things that will come to pass and to stand before the Son of man, not having his own righteousness, but the righteousness of Christ.

"Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labor. When they see it, they shall fear and be troubled, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, which is so far beyond their expectation. And they, repenting and groaning from anguish of spirit, shall say within themselves, This is he whom we held in derision, making of him a proverb of reproach. We fools counted his life madness and his end to be without honor. Now he is numbered among the children of God, and his lot among the saints."

Lt 125, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 10, 1905

My dear children Edson and Emma,—

I have letters written to you, but I fear they will not be copied in time to be sent to you today, so I will send you a few lines, with some copies of things that I have written.

I am in better health than I have been for several weeks, and I am thinking that it may be my duty to attend the General Conference. I will do this, if I am given light that it is my duty. I greatly hope that the work in Washington is moving forward in straight lines, and that means will come in speedily so that the buildings can be completed.

Over and over again I am instructed that there must be no hindrance in this work.

Please write to me, telling me what you are doing and how you are getting on. I have a word from the Lord for my son Edson. You are not to load yourself down with responsibilities. For a long time you have been in the midst of perplexities, and you must now compel yourself to give your brain rest. Place all your burdens upon the great Burden-bearer. Heed the invitation: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.] Do not, I beseech of you, gather responsibilities to yourself. I am instructed, as the Lord's messenger, to tell you to make God your trust and to leave your perplexities in His hands. He will bring to pass His will. Now is your time to find rest of soul. Let not your dependence be in man, but in God. You must every moment make Him your trust. You, and all the Lord's people, have a work to do. We are to build the old waste places and raise up the foundations of many generations. The great issue regarding the law of God will soon be upon us. We are to work as those who are called and chosen of God. Our influence is to be united with that of the great Physician in repairing the breach and restoring paths to dwell in. We are to make a determined stand for the truth. Read the whole of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah.

No one is to be idle now. O that those who have allowed continual differences to arise could see the loss they have thus sustained. Let us work on the plan given in the fifty-eighth of Isaiah. The instruction of this chapter shows what we are to do in co-operation with the great Master-worker. My son, do what you can to relieve the situation of the colored people of the South, and especially the situation of the colored people in Nashville. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness? to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?" [Verses 6, 7.]

This message is given me to give to others everywhere. God abhors selfishness. Let every one of us abhor it. Let us deal justly and mercifully with every line of the work of God. Those who change the issue, as had so often been done, to shun the doing of the work laid out in this scripture, will lose a most precious blessing. The Word of the Lord is sufficient. God calls us to action. Let us all take hold unitedly, with the will to do what God has said must be done. Success will attend those who co-operate with God all the time, not just once in a while, when

it is for their advantage to do so. We are to regard it as a sacred privilege to work out the purposes of God.

“Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am.” [Verses 8, 9.] What does this mean, but that obstructions will be placed in the way to hinder the advancement of the work which has been kept before the Lord’s people for many years?

Are the souls for whom Christ has given His life cared for as they should be? Are those whom He has entrusted with means moving consistently in relieving the oppressed? Are not the cries and complaints of the poor and needy entering the ears of the Lord God of hosts because His stewards are remiss in the work that they should do as His helping hand? Is not this evil in every church? “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice as a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” [Verse 1.] Let the present order of things be changed.

“If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday.” [Verses 9, 10.]

God will not permit selfish adoration of some, while others, striving with all their capabilities, are left unhelped and are deprived of the blessings that more favored ones have.

I call upon all to arouse to their responsibilities. The Lord Jesus has said, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.] He takes observation and writes in His book the deeds of His children here below. He sees when His faithful ones are put in the hardest places and are permitted to do their God-given work under great disadvantages. He says, “Will I not judge for these things.” [Jeremiah 5:9.]

“And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” [Isaiah 58:11.]

These rich promises are to be fulfilled. The Lord will co-operate with men in all their works of reform. But their salvation depends on their cutting loose from the scientific falsehoods of Satan.

“And they that be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.” [Verse 12.]

The Christian world has been drawn into a fallacy and has been led to trample on the law of Jehovah. The message of the immutability of this law is to be proclaimed by all medical missionaries and by all ministers of the gospel. The foundation of many generations is the law of God, and in clear, decided tones the message is to be given that the breach which has been made in the law of God is to be repaired.

“If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.” [Verses 13, 14.]

The command concerning the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is still binding upon all the inhabitants of this earth. God has set apart this day as a sign between Him and His people of their loyalty. God’s commandments never change; they are as enduring as eternity. The Lord has His messengers whom He bids to proclaim His law as changeless in its character. Those who obey this law will bear the seal of the living God. There is no sanctity in the first day of the week. The seventh day was set apart as a memorial of the work of creation. Every one is to look to God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, for light and guidance, and Him alone are they to honor.

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins.” [Verse 1.] The messenger must deal faithfully with the great deception. He must convince the people of their sins. They are called the people of God, the house of Jacob. They bear honorable title, but because of the high privileges bestowed on them they have become self-exalted. They are not to be flattered. Their defects of character, their failure to honor God by self-denial and self-sacrifice, according to Christ’s example, must be plainly revealed to them.

Said Christ, “My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.” [John 4:34.] “I seek not Mine own glory, but the glory of Him that sent Me.” [See John 8:50.] The people of God are to be aroused to a sense of their deficiencies and of the work that they must do. They are to break every yoke and make their prayers practical. “Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” [Isaiah 58:1.] For the eternal interest of the people of God, their sins and their defects of character must be plainly pointed out. So long have they exalted themselves as supreme in wisdom that they are self-deceived. They have not on the robe of Christ’s righteousness; but it is not yet too late for them to repent and confess their sins and be converted and bring mercy, justice, and judgment into their lives. If they would receive the message and do the merciful acts of Christ, they would live

a new life in Him, putting away all boasting, all falsifying, all evil speaking, and humbling their hearts before God, according to the instruction given by Christ in the Old and the New Testaments, remembering that in life and character they must be representatives of Christ. They would honor their Redeemer by daily living the new life—a life hid with Christ in God.

Practical Christianity means not working for God now and then, but continuously. It means being laborers together with God. A neglect to reveal this practical righteousness in our lives is a denial of the faith and of the power of God and makes of but little effect His principles of godliness. Such negligent Christians become faultfinders, at discord with their brethren and pronouncing judgment against many good works. They are spiritual paralytics.

Those who thus refuse to exercise for Christ the capabilities and powers of the soul are lukewarm Christians, neither cold nor hot, and they are nauseating to Christ. He cannot endure their unsanctified traits of character. Their lives bear the evidence: I do not care to confess my sins. The confession may never be made until it is made in awful agony, when it is too late for wrongs to be righted.

Those who allow themselves to be deceived by the enemy are held accountable by God for failing in a faithful discharge of duty. These unfaithful stewards have aided in strengthening the deception that God designed should be broken. The testimony to be borne is, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Verse 1.] There are those who are self-deceived, yet, for fear of hurting their feelings, their brethren permit them to go on, though feeling that their course is not in harmony with the will of the Lord. These deceived ones commit sins that they will not acknowledge to be sins. They may appear to be reformed in some things, but they are not doing thorough work in confession and repentance. Those who might have saved them, but did not, become in their turn like them. Sentiments of a misleading character are presented. Sins are committed that are not acknowledged as sins.

God said to Isaiah, "Show My people their transgression." [Verse 1.] Let their sins appear as they are, whether or not they confess them, that the message of reproof sent them may be vindicated, and that God's faithfulness in warning them and condemning their wrong course of action may be shown. Evidence is to be given to the evil worker that the Lord knows the course followed by those who refuse to repent and be converted, that others may shun a similar course of affronting God and setting a wrong example. Those who make no difference between those who serve God with the whole heart and those whom He has reproved become a snare and lose their power of discernment.

There are plain, decided testimonies to be borne under the power of the Holy Spirit to men who will not see and acknowledge their sins. Such ones are a snare to others, setting them an

example that leads them to do likewise. And when the word of the Lord comes to His messengers, as it came to Isaiah, then wrong must be called wrong, and the right must be presented as it is presented in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. The reproof is to be given with the earnestness and faithfulness represented in the words, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Verse 1.]

"Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God; they ask of Me the ordinance of justice; they take delight in approaching to God." [Verse 2.] The Lord sends His message to lay bare the deceptions of these ones, lest others, and among them those entrusted with large responsibilities, shall become unworthy of their trust. The reprover, the messenger of God, must speak with earnestness, as to ears that are deaf, because those addressed do not want to be convinced. They want to stand as wise men, who make no mistakes. But they are under the power of the enemy and bring in sentiments that are dishonoring to God. "Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and Thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge? behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure and exact all your labors. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness; ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day unto the Lord?"

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? ...

"If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." [Verses 3-7, 10, 11.]

Lt 127, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 26, 1905

Dear brethren and sisters,—

I am greatly burdened because means come in so slowly toward the making up of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund, which is needed for the completion of the buildings that the Lord has said should be erected in Takoma Park. These institutions should be put in working order as soon as possible. We have no time to lose.

I address all our church members. Not merely to a few has the Lord entrusted talents, but to all, and from each one, according to his several ability, He expects returns. The rapidly increasing wickedness in the world testifies plainly that the end of all things is at hand. Every believer should now use his talents in the accomplishment of the work that must be done before the coming of the Lord. We are to labor diligently, earnestly, unselfishly, looking to the Lord for success, and counting no sacrifice too great to make for His sake.

My brethren and sisters, take hold without delay to supply the means needed for the completion of the work in Washington. If you will open your hearts to the influence of the Holy Spirit, this work can soon be accomplished. Let your piety and liberality now be concentrated on this one object—the accomplishment of the work that must be done in Washington. Put your hearts into the effort, that soon the word may go forth that the needed means has been supplied, and that the work may go forward with joyful dispatch.

The Lord has entrusted you with means to be used in this very emergency. The work being carried on at the capital of our nation concerns us all. Every believer has a part to act in helping to carry out the purposes of God for the establishment of His truth in this place. More than twenty years ago institutions should have been established in Washington. It is with deep regret that we think of the work that has been neglected. It must be neglected no longer. The erection of the necessary buildings must be carried forward without delay. Let not your zeal lessen till this work is accomplished. The training school must be fully equipped, that those who come may receive a thorough training as medical missionaries and teachers.

Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in certain tones. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard the truth for this time. Lift up the standard. Proclaim the last message of mercy to a fallen world. We are not to establish institutions to rival in size and splendor the institutions of the world; but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into his labor, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.

Notwithstanding the continual opposition of His own nation, Christ carried forward His work until they crucified Him. He commissioned His disciples to carry forward the work He had begun. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:18-20.]

This is our work. As a people we greatly need to humble our hearts before God, pleading His forgiveness for our neglect to fulfil this commission. We have made large centers in a few places, leaving unworked many important cities. Let us now take up the work entrusted to us and proclaim the message that is to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger. If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is. In all the cities of America, there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the law of God.

In some places the message regarding the observance of the Sabbath has been set forth with clearness and power, while other places have been left without warning. Will not those who know the truth awake to the responsibilities resting upon them? My brethren, you cannot afford to bury yourselves in worldly enterprises or interests. You cannot afford to neglect the commission given you by the Saviour.

Lt 128, 1905

Hare, G. A.

Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1905

Dr. G. A. Hare

Fresno, California

Dear Brother,—

I have an intense desire that you shall make a complete success of your work of managing the sanitarium which you have labored so hard to establish. You would be greatly helped if your wife would connect with you as a physician and supply your lack, while a trustworthy woman was taking care of your children. But this is a matter that must be adjusted by yourselves. We must all act intelligently. You need to be more systematic. Bring system and order into the sanitarium.

Your wife and children need your co-operation; each is to help the other. Your children need wise, tender, even discipline and training. Educate the elder to take some responsibility in the care of the younger members of the family. The whole universe is subject to law. Every tree and plant that grows is subject to law. If by imperfect treatment they are twisted and marred, they themselves testify to the abuse. So it is with our natural life. The laws of God for our being must

be obeyed. If there is a diverging from these laws, given to preserve the human family from sin and injury, we reveal in our characters and persons the marks of our transgression.

It is for our health and peace to obey the laws of God; for every infringement upon the laws of health, for every indulgence, we must pay the penalty in suffering. Habits must not be allowed to sway us in ways contrary to the Lord's ways. Our being is placed under the law of God, that we may escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. The Lord calls us to come to the light He has given us. He has instructed us how to act in order to have health and capabilities to work in lines of obedience to Him.

Father and mother, guard your dear children. Do for them the work that God has given you to do, giving them line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little. The Lord will certainly bless and strengthen you in this work.

Some matters have been opened before me that I am grieved at heart to speak of. There have been defects in the management at the sanitarium. The patients have felt that they were not treated as they should be. Appointments have been made which have not been filled. Such failures as these will greatly militate against the influence of a physician. The patients will not be often thus disappointed without feeling bitterness of soul and mind.

My dear brother, you are not aware how much is at stake in this new sanitarium in the city of Washington. The leading physician must give character to the work. If he would retain the confidence of the patients, he must be prompt in keeping his appointments. The sick pay for their treatment in order that they may recover health; but if they are disappointed again and again, the reputation of the sanitarium will be imperiled. This evil must be corrected; the attention that has been promised must be given to the patients or the physician breaks his word. If the leading physician cannot possibly meet the appointment, he should have his associate physician meet it for him, explaining to the patient the cause of his absence.

Unless the physicians in our sanitariums are men of thorough habits, unless they attend promptly to their duties, their work will become a reproach, and the Lord's appointed agencies will lose their influence. By a course of negligence to duty, the physician humiliates the great Physician, of whom he should be a representative. Strict hours should be kept with all patients, high or low. No careless neglect should be allowed in any of the nurses. Ever be true to your word, prompt in meeting your appointments; for this means much to the sick.

There is another serious matter to be considered. Among Christian physicians there should ever be a striving for the maintenance of the highest order of true refinement and delicacy, a preservation of those barriers of reserve that should exist between men and women. The light given me of the Lord regarding this matter is that as far as possible lady physicians should have the care of lady patients and gentleman physicians the care of gentleman patients. Every

physician should respect the delicacy of the patients. Delicate treatments should not be given by male physicians to women in our institutions. Never should a lady patient be alone with a gentleman physician, either for special examination or for treatment. Let physicians be faithful in preserving delicacy and modesty under all circumstances. In the giving of all those treatments be guarded; for great scandal may be created and the physician lose his reputation by the circulation of falsehoods that have a seeming foundation. Satan is a very busy agent in all such matters.

The report that went out concerning you surely was a false one; but it is high time that greater care be exercised. "Abstain from all appearance of evil." [1 Thessalonians 5:22.] The publication of such falsehood as went forth concerning this matter will bring no credit to the ones who gave publicity to it; but our physicians must work in such a manner that those who wish to make up such reports will be given no opportunity.

Those who would spread evil reports are not the ones to do credit to our institutions. I am charged to urge upon every physician to guard his reputation. If nurses are employed who by their talk would injure the reputation of the physician, he should make such laws for the sanitarium workers as will keep his name untainted by the strife of tongues; and he should see that these laws are strictly obeyed.

The utmost care should be observed never to take a lady patient into the physician's room unless a lady physician can be present or the wife of the practitioner. This matter must be adjusted, that we give no place to the devil to spoil the reputation of one who is innocent. The practicing physician is to be wide awake to preserve his influence from one taint of suspicion, or undeserved reproach may fall on him, and through him upon the institution. The physician should guard continually every action that will affect the standing of the sanitarium.

My brother, the Lord would have you stand in moral dignity as a physician. Heed the cautions given. There has been a neglect of religious services in the sanitarium home and of the work of educating the family in the sanitarium line upon line and precept upon precept.

Organization and discipline and order are essential. Surface work will never do. There must be a purification of the very springs of the life practice, a cutting away of everything that will taint and defile the soul.

The Lord wants you to be cheerful and to have cheerful words for the sick. Let the Sun of righteousness shine forth in your features. Be very decided in your religious service. Make the Lord Jesus your confidant. Make your aim a high one, and let your attainments be higher and higher still in the knowledge of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You must improve decidedly, if you would fill properly your position as physician. No haphazard work must be allowed. Set your standard high. Respect yourself, but counsel with your associate physician. In some

matters you need to consult much with other minds and take their advice; if you would do this, you would be greatly helped.

The illness of your wife has been a great discouragement to you. Let not your mind become confused because of this. If she will bring herself, heart and soul and mind, to health reform, she will not die in the process, but live. This dear soul must not be molded and fashioned by the customs of the world. She needs to be reconverted, to put her faith and trust in God, and to stand out as a child of God.

Ever bear in mind that the physician is dealing with the souls of men and women who are God's property, bought with a price. Keep before them a perfect example. Teach them what it means to be sons and daughters of God. Set before them the great and eternal reward. Exalt your position as a true, God-fearing physician, a pattern of good judgment. You can win the crown of life. Keep the prize continually before you. Feed the flock of God with pure provender, thoroughly winnowed. Labor to build up souls in the most holy faith.

Lt 129, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 28, 1905

Dear children Edson and Emma,—

I have been waiting anxiously for a letter from you, my son. There have been so many accidents on the road lately, and the trains have been so long delayed that I have been somewhat troubled on your account. I know that you have been sick in body and worried in mind.

I am glad that you had so much success in raising means to place the colored sanitarium in Nashville on a more favorable position. I think the property in North Nashville will be a most appropriate place for this institution.

The work at Huntsville is another burden of intense interest. I hope the orphanage will soon be established there. There ought to be a primary school at Huntsville, and a school for older children, where they can be thoroughly educated and disciplined and given instruction in Bible subjects and in practical lines of work. Let them be taught the meaning of the words, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." [Luke 10:27.]

I have strong assurance that the right thing is being done at Huntsville. Let all connected with this school be interested in its success. Let the farm be diligently worked. Let lessons be given in

various lines that can be applied to the character building. "We are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [1 Corinthians 3:9.]

No man, whatever his capabilities and powers, has a right to depart from the Lord's way. However high the position he may occupy, he is but an instrument in the Lord's hands, to be used in His work. He is not the author of his faith. He is not to follow his own devising in his character building.

Medical missionaries and Bible teachers are not the authors or finishers of our faith. Do not spoil the men who are chosen to do a certain work. These teachers are not to be deified as if they were gods. "All ye are brethren." [Matthew 23:8.] Men are not to be ruined by being upheld in a wrong course and placed where God should be.

We have the truth, and the word given us is, "Remember therefore how thou hast received, and heard, and hold fast, and repent." [Revelation 3:3.]

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." [1 Corinthians 3:10.]

It is not safe to rely upon men who would bring in sophistries as the authorized Word of God.

"Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire." [Verses 11-15.]

We need now to heed the warning, "Let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon." [Verse 10.] Instruction is to be given line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. The same faithful work needed in the cultivation of the land is needed in soul-culture. Let us not be slow to learn the lessons that God would teach us. Let us take heed how we build. Let us remember that we are forming characters for eternity. Let us be very careful of our spirit, our words, our acts. Every stroke of work is to bear the divine signature.

I am charged to say to every minister, and to every one who is being educated as a medical missionary, Do not let any man, whatever his position, indoctrinate you with spiritualistic theories. Such theories militate directly against the principles given us by God. The truth that God has given us in His holy Word is our only safeguard. Only by steadfast adherence to this truth shall we be able to stand in the trials that we shall meet in the future.

It is upon the Rock of Ages that we are to build. We are to place our dependence on no living being. In these days of peril, we are to take Christ as our teacher. The truths that He taught we are to teach, without any mixture of false science. The precious words of Christ are not to be mingled with Satan's leaven. We know not where these erroneous theories may lead us if they are accepted. Theories represented by hay, wood, and stubble lead poor souls astray. The truth for this time is to stand forth in its purity, without any mixture of the corrupting theories of the enemy.

The day of trial is already upon us. Who will abide the test? The material represented by wood, hay, and stubble, which has been brought to the foundation, will be utterly consumed. And those who have turned to fables instead of purifying their hearts by obedience to the truth will also be consumed.

I have a word to speak to our workers. Be true to God and to your Redeemer. Head the warning given by the Saviour. "Take heed that no man deceive you," He said; "for many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." [Matthew 24:4-14.]

I have been called off to attend to an important matter and can not write more this evening. I will try to send you another letter tomorrow. I beg of you to take time to rest. Do not gather more burdens upon your soul. I am warned that it is thus that you make your mistakes.

In love.

Lt 130, 1905

Brethren and Sisters

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 30, 1905

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

I am greatly burdened because the money needed for the completion of our school and sanitarium at Takoma Park comes in so slowly. The Lord has said that these institutions should be put in working order as soon as possible. We have no time to lose.

I address our church members. Not merely to a few, but to all, has the Lord entrusted talents; and from each one, according to his several ability, He expects returns. The rapidly increasing wickedness in the world testifies plainly that the end of all things is at hand. Every believer should now use his talents in the accomplishment of the work that must be done before the coming of the Lord. We are to labor diligently, earnestly, and unselfishly, looking to the Lord for success and counting no sacrifice too great to make for His sake.

My brethren and sisters, take hold without delay to supply the means needed for the completion of the work at Washington. If you will open your hearts to the influence of the Holy Spirit, this work can soon be accomplished. Let your piety and liberality be shown just now in the accomplishment of the work that must be done in Washington and in the sending forth of missionaries to all parts of the world. Put your hearts into the effort, that soon the words may go forth that the needed means has been supplied, and that the work may go forward with joyful dispatch.

The Lord has entrusted you with means to be used in this very emergency. The work being carried on at the capital of our nation concerns us all. Every believer has a part to act in helping to carry out the purposes of God for the establishment of His truth in this place. More than twenty years ago institutions should have been established in Washington. It is with deep regret that we think of how the work has been neglected. It must be neglected no longer. The erection of the necessary buildings must be carried forward without delay. Let not your zeal lessen till this work is accomplished. The training school must be fully equipped, that those who come may receive a thorough training as evangelists, medical missionaries, and teachers.

Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in clear, certain tones. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard the truth for this time. Lift up the standard. Proclaim the last message of mercy to a fallen world. We are not to establish institutions to rival the size and splendor the institutions of the world; but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into His labors, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.

Notwithstanding the continual opposition of His own nation, Christ carried forward His work until they crucified Him. He commissioned His disciples to press on in the work He had begun. "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth," He said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;

teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

These words outline our work. As a people we greatly need to humble our hearts before God, pleading forgiveness for our neglect to fulfil the gospel commission. We have made large centers in a few places, leaving unworked many important cities. Let us now take up the work entrusted to us and proclaim with power the message that is to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger. If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is. In all the cities of America, there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the law of God.

In some places the message regarding the observance of the Sabbath has been set forth with clearness and power, while other places have been left without warning. Will not those who know the truth awake to the responsibilities resting upon them? They cannot afford to bury themselves in worldly enterprises or interests. They cannot afford to neglect the commission given them by the Saviour.

My brethren, read carefully the communications that accompany this letter. Study diligently what has recently appeared in the Review on this subject. Present this matter with clearness to the people in our churches and from house to house. Gather the people together as families, and pray with them; and, with hearts made tender by the Holy Spirit, show them the importance of leaving nothing undone that can be done at this important time. Let us be determined that the Washington fund shall be closed during the General Conference.

Paul wrote of the churches in Macedonia: "In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift." [2 Corinthians 8:2-4.] Shall not this be the testimony borne of our people at this important time?

Lt 131, 1905

McEnterfer, Sara

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 2, 1905

Dear Sara,—

I am feeling quite well this morning. Yesterday I was strengthened to speak for one hour at the Sanitarium. I spoke from the third chapter of Malachi, and the Lord gave me freedom. The

chapel was well filled, and all listened attentively. Dores took down my talk, and it will be written out as soon as he can get time. I spoke of the needs of the work in Washington and of the importance of our now doing our best to advance the work there, that unbelievers may see that having begun the work, we are able to finish it. I also mentioned the calls that are constantly coming in from foreign fields for men and means with which to carry on the work.

After I had finished, Elder Taylor spoke a few words. He said that after such a discourse, it would be but appropriate to respond by taking up a collection for the work in Washington. I did not stay till the close of the meeting, but I heard afterward that a contribution of one hundred and ninety dollars was taken up. We have decided that it shall be made up to two hundred dollars.

A week ago Elder Irwin spoke at the sanitarium on the needs of the mission work in the Malay Islands, where Elder Munson is working. He did not ask for a contribution, but twenty-five dollars was raised for him.

We all feel greatly cheered and encouraged by the result of yesterday's meeting. I am none the worse for speaking, but really feel stronger.

Mabel comes over every day and gets the dinner for us, while Sister Carlson is doing some sewing for her. I am glad that things could be arranged in this way. I think that Mabel's wardrobe will be in a very good condition.

We are all hoping and praying that the treatment which you are taking for your eyes will prove successful. You need not feel that you must come home till you are fully ready. But we shall be very glad to see you when you can come. It seems strange and unnatural without you. We believe that the Lord God of Israel will help you. We depend upon Him to save to the uttermost; for He is our Redeemer. I hope that your eyes will be improving all the time you are away. I know that you have suffered much, and if you are permanently relieved, we shall be so thankful and will give thanks to the Lord.

We are all of good courage. I shall ride out today; for it is a beautiful day.

With love.

Lt 133, 1905

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 30, 1905

My dear son Edson,—

I have been sick for about two weeks with a second attack of influenza. I have been unable to use my brain, and I could not read the manuscripts I so much desired to read. I have been obliged to keep as quiet as possible. This morning is the first one that I have not coughed a great deal. I have forced myself to eat, but there has been no taste in the food. I feel weak; nevertheless, if the Lord will, I shall join the party leaving Wednesday morning for the General Conference.

Willie has been away from home almost all the time during the past month. I have felt that it would have been a great blessing for him to be at home, so that I might talk with him on important matters, which concern our future work; but just at present, the condition of my head will not permit me to talk on these subjects. I spend considerable time knitting, but my mind would be relieved could I write. This I cannot do; for my head aches whenever I try to think.

The day before yesterday I received the sad news that your large barn had burned and that your horses and carriages had burned with it. This will be a heavy loss, and we are sincerely sorry; but in the end it may prove a blessing in disguise. God's Word tells us to faint not when we are chastened; "for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son in whom He delighteth." [Hebrews 12:6.] The flesh passeth away, and his glory departeth, but the Word of the Lord abideth forever. Go straight forward. Steadfastly endure the chastening of the Lord. Walk humbly before God, glorifying His name. We must lift and carry the cross, if we ever become able to wear the crown. Follow Christ more closely, and let His meekness be revealed in you, as it should be because you are following the One who gave His life for you.

Our time to be witnesses for Christ is short. Be quick to discern and correct every mistake that you make. In trial reveal your faith, laying hold of the Infinite. Keep your soul free from murmuring. Look beyond the present. Never despond; never murmur. "Ye are My witnesses," saith the One who in your behalf gave Himself up to a death of shame. [Isaiah 43:10.] Now, just now, is your time to show your fellowship with Christ. We must show Christian fortitude, refusing to murmur or complain. Stormy times are before us; but our strength and hope are in God. His grace is sufficient.

It is not enough merely to acknowledge Christ. We must follow where He leads the way. His grace is sufficient. He suffered for us, and He has left us an example, that we should follow where He has led the way. The present is our time of proving. The experience necessary in order to gain the crown of life will bring us far greater crucifixion of self than we have hitherto thought possible. What is the message that the apostle Paul bears to every one who names the name of Christ?—"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of

witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." [Hebrews 12:1-3.]

Christ was the Lord of heaven and earth, yet for our sake He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. He was made in the likeness of God, yet He humbled Himself and took upon Him the form of a servant, that He might save us. He gave His life for our redemption. Will we accept the sacrifice? The only begotten Son of God was numbered with the transgressors, that human beings might not perish, but have everlasting life. Life eternal will be their inheritance if they will consent to humble their proud hearts and become partakers of His suffering. He patiently endured shame and mockery and derision that He might save every sinful human being who would lay hold of Him by living faith. While He hung on the cross, giving His life for our redemption, His murderers mocked Him, saying, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the Christ, let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." [Matthew 27:42.] He could have come down from the cross; He could have refused thus to die; but He was suffering that the world through Him might be redeemed from Satan's claim and authority. Through His death all who believe in Him may have eternal life.

"He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." [Isaiah 53:3-5.] All this He did that those who follow Him, denying self and taking up the cross, might have a seat with Him in the kingdom of heaven.

If we are dead with Christ, we shall also live with Him. If we suffer for His sake, we shall also rejoice with Him in His kingdom. But if in our profession of godliness we deny Him, refusing to share in His humiliation, He also will deny us when His glory shall be revealed and given to every soul who has exemplified His life and character. Oh, we do not enjoy the strength provided for every Christian, because we refuse to be Christlike. We refuse to follow our divine Example in all things. We are not willing to count it all joy to suffer for His sake. Christ endured the contradiction of sinners against Himself. Remember what Jesus endured to save us, "lest ye be wearied, and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him; for whom

the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons." [Hebrews 12:3-8.] The Lord does not allow those who are His children to go on frowardly in their own errors, following misconceived opinions. He would have them understand that correction is needful for the salvation of their souls. Let us submit to be chastening of the Lord, and learn the lessons that He would have us learn, becoming meek and lowly under the influence of His correction.

The salvation of human beings means much more than many realize. It means that we are to choose God's way rather than our own. The Lord cannot save men while they refuse to humble themselves under the reproofs and warnings that He sends, strenuously asserting their own will, and following their own course of action, making it appear that they are in no need of correction.

"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" [Verse 7.] "He that findeth his life shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it." [Matthew 10:39.] "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed with white raiment, and I will not blot out his name from the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels." [Revelation 2:7; 3:5.] "He whom I love will I rebuke and chasten, and in him will I delight, even as a father in his son; yea, they shall go forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, and shall inherit all things."

I have many pages more in mind, but I am called to breakfast. I dare not attend family worship; for in my present condition, it would not be advisable.

I hope to meet you soon at the General Conference in Washington.

Lt 135, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

"Sanitarium," Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1905

Dear Children Edson and Emma,—

I send you from Washington the assurance that the protecting care of our heavenly Father was over us on our long journey. I want you to know of the goodness and love of God.

I stood the trip remarkably well and was stronger when I left the cars at Washington than when I got on board at San Francisco. Every morning and evening I washed myself all over with cold water, and I know that this was a blessing to me.

During the first part of the trip, the train moved very gently and quietly. It was a pleasure to be on something that moved, and yet did not annoy me in moving. I rested more during the journey than it would have been possible for me to rest in my own home; for, had I remained at home, I fear that I would have been troubled by a constant regret that I had not exercised faith by starting out on the journey.

We travelled under the escort of Mr. Phillips, a very pleasant and obliging young man, who did all in his power to make us comfortable. He seemed to watch for opportunities to suggest something for my comfort and convenience.

All the way along through Texas and Louisiana the ground was brilliantly carpeted with wild flowers; and at every stop the train made, some of the men would get out to gather flowers for those inside.

On Sabbath we had a song service. Brother Lawrence, who is a musician, led the singing. All the passengers in the car seemed to enjoy the service greatly, many of them joining in the singing. On Sunday we had another song service, after which Elder Corliss gave a short talk, taking as his text the words, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." [1 John 3:1.] The passengers listened attentively and seemed to enjoy what was said.

On Monday we had more singing, and we all seemed to be drawing closer together. I dared not address the people, fearing that I would strain my vocal organs. I knew that I would have to speak often during the General Conference, and that I must be guarded and get all the rest I could beforehand. There was a larger number of passengers on the car than when we came East last year, but during the whole trip nothing occurred to mar the harmony.

During the trip I gave away several of my books, and those to whom I gave them were very much pleased. I gave a copy of Christ's Object Lessons to Mr. Phillips, and he seemed to appreciate the gift very highly.

On reaching Welsh, La., we were met by about thirty of our people. In spite of the fact that the train stopped there only a few minutes, several of the sisters pressed into the car bringing me three boxes of beautiful flowers. I shook hands with the few who managed to get in, but how I did wish that the train would stop longer, so that I could have spoken to all who came.

At Atlanta, Brother R. M. Kilgore and several others met us. They were expecting us to spend the day with them, but as matters turned out, we were unable to do this. It was very pleasant indeed to meet these friends along the way, and we were sorry that we could not stop longer at each place.

We reached Washington at ten o'clock Tuesday morning. There was no one there to meet us; for our people had not been notified of our coming, so we went over to the Branch Sanitarium. Here we were given a hearty welcome. This sanitarium is a beautiful place in a very fine location. The building is rented furnished throughout, and the house and its appointments are just what is needed in a place like Washington. It is in the city, within easy access, and yet there is plenty of space on all sides. In front of the building, across the street, is a fine park, in which the patients can walk or sit, enjoying the precious sunshine.

I have a very nice room, and Willie and May occupy one opening out of it. May accompanied me this time, in place of Sara, who for some weeks has been suffering from an affliction of the right eye. At one time she feared that she would lose the sight of this eye. But she placed the case in the hands of the great Physician, and with grieved, sorrowing hearts we prayed most earnestly for healing. As we prayed, we had the assurance that the Spirit of the great Healer was among us.

In order to make it possible for May to leave the children and come with me, Ella White and Dores Robinson, who had been engaged for some time, were united in marriage a day or two before we left home. They will care for the children during May's absence. The solemn ceremony was performed on Monday evening in the sanitarium chapel. I felt very thankful that by this marriage, which we feel fully authorized to say bears the approval of God, the way was opened for May to accompany me. She can with full confidence leave the children in the care of Dores and Ella; for they are faithful and competent. I thank the Lord for this.

God can work wonders in preparing the way before us. I can but say, Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name, for the love and care that He has shown in opening the way for me to come to this conference. I have nothing but words of encouragement to write regarding my journey across the continent. I had opportunity to give away some of my books and to speak to some of my fellow passengers regarding the love and goodness of God. Those with whom I talked seemed eager for opportunities to hear more. There was one young man on our car with whom I became deeply interested. I made a strong effort to persuade him to give up the use of tobacco, and I have every encouragement to think that my effort was not in vain. I held myself in readiness to speak a word in season and out of season, here a little and there a little. I can but feel that the Lord is in my coming to Washington at this time. I have a message to bear. God helping me, I will stand firm for the right, presenting truth unmixed with the falsities that have been stealthily creeping in. Those who are on the

Lord's side will refuse to be drawn astray by false science, which makes a jingle of the true Word of prophecy. May the Lord give me much of His grace, that in every word and act I may reveal the light of truth.

Lt 137, 1905

Irwin, Sister [G. A.]

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

May 18, 1905

Dear Sister Irwin,—

It is thought best for your husband to remain with Brother [Farnsworth] and help Brother Daniells with his work. There is a large and important work to be accomplished, and your husband and Brother and Sister Farnsworth should at this crisis remain in America. It is necessary to have strong men here at this time. I understand that Elder Daniells has been chosen as president of the General Conference, and Elder Irwin, vice-president. This arrangement seems to be satisfactory to all.

There is much work to be done in the large cities of America—work that ought to have been done long ago. These cities must be worked. Our young men and women, instead of collecting at Battle Creek for a long term of years, ought to be working in these cities.

Elder Haskell and his wife have done a good work in establishing Bible training schools in New York and in Nashville. They gather round them a small company of young men and women and give them a practical training in holding Bible readings and selling our papers. This work should be done in many other cities. The young people who go out to work in these cities should be under the care of experienced leaders. There should be a place to which they can return when their day's work is done, where they can have seasons of prayer together and relate their experiences. It was in this way that the fishermen who left their nets at the call of Christ were trained.

The gathering together of a large company of people in Battle Creek is not God's plan, but one of human invention.

The Lord has a precious, sacred work of soul-saving to be done in the world, and it is to be done now. This work is to be carried forward on a higher plane of individual responsibility than ever before.

The plan that I have suggested regarding the work in our cities is a plan that has been carried out with success. Let the workers be provided with a good home, and let them be under the

charge of consecrated leaders. They can then receive family training and discipline, and both men and women can compose the family of workers.

I am pleased with the idea of Brother Irwin and yourself spending some time in America. I am indeed grateful for the help that you have been able to render to the sanitarium work. We hope that suitable help can be provided to take your place; for your help and influence will be just as much needed in connection with your husband's work in America as it has been in Australia.

Elder Daniells has had a hard and trying place for many months, and besides, it is of no use to place the burden of the work of the presidency on one man. The light given me is that no less than three men should be united in this work. One man should not try to do all the work.

We hope, my sister, that you will not feel that we want you to rush away from your work in Australia; but we would be pleased to have you come as early as possible, that you may be united with your husband in his work. I know that it will be a hard pull for you to leave your son, but such things have to be done, and the making of the sacrifice brings great blessing. May the Lord give you wisdom and judgment.

To your children I would say, Be of good courage in the Lord. We cannot say to you, Break away from the school, and come also. Your position cannot well be filled, and the Lord has blessed you and given you increased ability. There is a great work to be done, and in acting your individual part, you will certainly receive blessing in this life and in the future life, when the members of the Lord's family shall be gathered together to enjoy one another's society through an eternity of bliss. May the Lord bless you in all your labors to prepare the youth to do their appointed work, and may you at last hear the "Well done" from the lips of the Saviour.
[Matthew 25:21.]

Lt 139, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 14, 1905

Dear Brother Burden,—

Your letter has just been read. I had no sooner finished reading it than I said, "I will consult no one; for I have no question at all about the matter." I advised Willie to send you a telegram without spending time to ask the advice of the brethren. Secure the property by all means, so that it can be held, and then obtain all the money you can and make sufficient payments to hold the place. This is the very property that we ought to have. Do not delay; for it is just what

is needed. As soon as it is secured, a working force can begin operations in it. I think that sufficient help can be secured to carry this matter through. I want you to be sure to lose no time in securing the right to purchase the property. We will do our utmost to help you raise the money. I know that Redlands and Riverside are to be worked, and I pray that the Lord may be gracious and not allow any one else to get this property instead of us.

We had a very pleasant trip from San Francisco to Washington. Several times a song service was held in the car, and this took well. Many of the passengers outside of our party united in the singing.

I am recovering from the cold that I caught about three weeks before leaving home. On Thursday morning I spoke in the large tent, and on Sabbath morning I spoke again. The large tent was crowded, and I am told that my voice could be heard very distinctly even by those on the seats at the very back. I shall send you a copy of my talk when it is written out.

Today, Sunday, Elder Haskell spoke in the forenoon. The afternoon meeting was broken up by a thunderstorm. The rain came through the large tent, and people were obliged to hurry away to the small tents.

A good work is being done on the school and sanitarium land here. Money is coming in for the completion of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund. Last Friday morning, at a meeting held for this purpose, about six thousand dollars was handed in by the delegates for the Washington work. A great many conferences had not at that time reported fully, and at the end of this week, there will be several thousand dollars more to hand in.

We hope that this meeting will be the means of accomplishing much good. If the Lord sees that we are in earnest in seeking Him, He will be found of us. Oh, it would be sad indeed to get above the simplicity of the work. When we are humble enough to receive wisdom, the Lord will certainly teach us His way. I have such a hungering and thirsting after God! I must have a strong faith, and I must bear a decided testimony, which will not be weakened. Bible truth will prevail, and oh, how my heart longs to see our church members obtaining a deep experience, which will stand the test that is before us.

Let us seek the Lord while He may be found and call 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." [Isaiah 55:6, 7.]

Let us make straight paths for our feet. The Lord will not leave those who love Him and keep His commandments to be spoiled by the enemy. A short work will the Lord do upon the earth, and He will stir His people mightily. A great work is to be done. Let us read and study the fifty-fifth

and fifty-sixth chapters of Isaiah; for they contain wonderful encouragement, and the Lord wants us to bring all the uplifting possible to His people.

“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.

“Neither let the son of the stranger that hath joined himself to the Lord speak saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep My Sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant: Even to them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

“Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon Mine altar; for Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people. The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.” [Isaiah 56:1-8.]

Here is the word of the Lord. Open up every place possible. We are to labor in faith, taking hold of a power that is pledged to do large things for us. We are to reach out in faith in Los Angeles and in Redlands and Riverside.

[The copy of this letter printed in the Medical Evangelistic Library, No. 4, p. 20, includes an additional paragraph, which is also found in handwritten form as copied below.]

If we do not succeed in getting the place we hope to have, then we shall have to search for another; for a sanitarium should be started at once. But I believe the Lord means that we shall have that place and that money can be obtained to purchase it. Let not this opportunity slip, for just such a place has been put before me that would be greatly to our advantage to obtain. May the Lord impress His people with the work long neglected in the South [Southern California]. W. C. White sent the telegram yesterday afternoon with a decided affirmative to purchase the place. There was a small building in Pennsylvania offered for twenty thousand, I think, and just the land where the building stands they want more land. It must be purchased at large cost.

Lt 141, 1905

Butler, G. I.

1905

Elder G. I. Butler

My dear Brother,—

The Lord would have us as believers combine our strength. He would have us individually take to the Saviour's words and wear His yoke. "Come unto Me," Christ says, "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.] If we pray and watch unto prayer, we shall see the workings of the Holy Spirit.

Turn now unto Christ, ye prisoners of hope. Unify, unify. It is Satan who seeks to divide. Christ works to unify.

Elder Butler, if we can blend together as believers, and draw in even cords, we shall see the salvation of God. Let us talk more of the Lord Jesus and become imbued with His Spirit. He must be formed within us, the hope of glory. His power alone can cleanse us from sin.

Christ is our sufficiency. Those who indeed receive Him as a personal Saviour will reveal honesty and integrity in all their dealings. There will be no robbery, no underhand dealing. We are to be rooted and built up in Christ, that we may not be carried away by the science of the great deceiver. Already some are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. There are those who boast that they have been studying science for years. But what has this science done for them? Just what it did for Satan in the heavenly courts.

The businessman in the commercial world will get money at any cost to piety, to religion, in order to pay his debts. The inquiry may be made, What else could he do? He could keep within his income, and then he would have no debts to harass him.

Our spiritual needs must be supplied with spiritual food. Many of those who profess to be followers of Christ are acting a lie. Receiving Him in truth means bringing the entire being into submission to His will. His grace will regenerate, sanctify, cleanse, and refine us. Then we shall shine as lights in the world, guiding others to Christ.

Press together. Let every difference be adjusted. Press together, press together. Let us make a healthy growth in grace. Do not stop to brood over troubles, but place yourself in close connection with God. The Lord will draw near to all who draw near to Him. We are to be rooted and built up in Christ. Let us look and live. May God help us, is my prayer.

Lt 143, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 23, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

I feel very grateful to the Lord that He has strengthened me to speak six times at this meeting. When I left my home in St. Helena, I was suffering from a severe cold, and I thought it rather a risk to run to attempt to attend the meeting. But I decided to start with the party, thinking that I would go as far as Los Angeles, and then, if I could not go any farther, I would return to St. Helena. The Lord strengthened me, and I have been able to bear my testimony six times since the meeting began. All seem surprised that my voice is so clear and strong. I have said many things that the Lord has given me to say, and I still have more to say. I attend only those meetings in which I can bear my testimony.

I have been waiting to hear from you again regarding the place near Redlands, about which you wrote not long ago. I hope that this place can be secured, because I think that the Lord has made it possible for us to obtain it. If you have anything further to tell us, please do so. We do not want this place to be a snare to us; for I feel impressed that it will be a great blessing. I hope that you will send me a line when you have come to a decision regarding the place.

Redlands and Riverside must be worked, and they could be worked from the place about which you have written us. If Brother and Sister Haskell can possibly get away from Nashville, I should like them to spend a little time in Southern California. They ought to spend the winter in a more even climate than that of Nashville.

Our meetings are going on well, and we have every reason to be grateful to our heavenly Father. Dr. Kellogg came on the ground a few days ago. He spoke a few words in a council meeting, I think it was. Then he went to Philadelphia to attend to some business. His brother Will is still on the ground.

The conference is a large and interesting one. I think the meeting will close next Tuesday or Wednesday. Willie thinks that we shall be obliged to remain here a week after that. I am anxious to get home. We are in haste to get Ministry of Healing on the market so that our sanitariums can have help.

I cannot write any more today; for I am very tired, and my head will not work. I fall asleep while I am writing.

With much love to your family and the others whom we know in the sanitarium.

Lt 145, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 24, 1905

Dear Brother Burden,—

We received your letter today. I wish to say that I cannot ask the conference to invest in a sanitarium at Redlands. They have enough responsibilities to carry without taking upon them other responsibilities. If you in Los Angeles will do your best, we will do our best. If you will do nothing, say so, and we will do nothing. If you will work intelligently, as we know you can, then we will do what we can. But if you do nothing, waiting for the conference, you will lose your chance. If you are going to depend on the conference's purchasing it, I have no hope of your obtaining it.

Can you give us definite terms of payment? Then we shall know what to tell the people. I am anxious to secure the place for a sanitarium, but if you cannot state anything definite as to the terms of payment, we are left without any certain information.

Brother Burden, if you wait for Brother Santee to work out the plans, there will be no hope at all in the matter. I will not write more till I hear something further from you. Telegraph us at once the price of the property and the best terms of payment you can obtain.

Lt 146, 1905

Olsen, O. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 24, 1905

Elder O. A. Olsen,—

I desire that all should understand matters in the right light. The messages given at the conference of 1901, and since that time, that our sanitariums should not be linked up with the Medical Missionary Association at Battle Creek, were plain enough to be understood by all our medical workers. Had our physicians, whom God has greatly honored by giving them light and encouragement, listened to the counsels and warnings then given them, they would have saved themselves and our people generally from many perplexities and temptations. The Lord designed that these men should be His physicians, light bearers to the world; but they have

misappropriated the words of warning, and the enemy has been permitted to work a strange work among those who should have stood as standard-bearers of the truth.

The book Living Temple contains specious, deceptive sentiments regarding the personality of God and of Christ. The Lord opened before me the true meaning of these sentiments, showing me that unless they were steadfastly repudiated, they would deceive the very elect. Precious truth and beautiful sentiments were woven in with false, misleading theories. Thus truth was used to substantiate the most dangerous errors. The precious representations of God are so misconstrued as to appear to uphold falsehoods originated by the great apostate. Sentiments that belong to the revealings of God are mingled with specious, deceptive theories of satanic agencies.

In the controversy over these theories it has been asserted that I believed and taught the same things that I have been instructed to condemn in the book Living Temple. This I deny. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I say that this is not so.

Truths are being used to serve the purpose of upholding theories that I have repeatedly condemned. There are those who persist in taking the precious representations given me by God and weaving them in with sentiments that God never designed should be presented to His people. I protest against this use of my writings, and I am forced to speak to this conference, saying, Be not deceived; God is not mocked; he who misplaces and misapplies the precious things of God is sinning against heaven.

I had hoped that these matters would be straightened out at this conference. I hoped that after the many decided warnings that have been sent to our medical workers at Battle Creek, they would take a stand for the right and remove the stumbling blocks out of the way. But another opportunity has passed by unimproved; and I can not and will not keep silent. The truth of God is imperilled. The students who have gone to Battle Creek to obtain an education in medical missionary lines are in danger of receiving specious errors. In the name of the Lord I say to our people, Let your children receive instruction in medical missionary lines from those who are true and loyal to the faith which has been delivered to the people of God under the ministrations of the Holy Spirit. Amidst the perils of these last days, this truth is to shine forth as a lamp that burneth.

When Dr. Kellogg receives the messages of warning given during the last twenty years; when he is sincerely converted; when he acts as a consistent, level-headed Christian worker; when his energies are devoted to carrying forward medical missionary work in right lines; when he bears a testimony that has in it no signs of double meaning or of a misconstruction of the light God has given, then we may have confidence that he is following the light. But until then, we have no right to regard him as a safe leader in the interpretation of the Scriptures. He will confuse

minds and will commingle specious scientific errors with the instruction that he gives. It is not right to allow this seductive influence to be breathed by men and women who are training to be Christian missionaries; for thus they will be deceived and led away from the truths that Christ gave to John to give to the churches.

It has been presented to me that in view of Dr. Kellogg's course of action at the Berrien Springs meeting, we are not to treat him as a man led of the Lord who should be invited to attend our general meetings as a teacher and leader.

Lt 147, 1905

White, Mabel

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 24, 1905

My dear child Mabel,—

I have spoken seven times since coming here. Last Sabbath the Lord gave me strength to speak to a congregation of over a thousand in the large tent. All seemed astonished to see that my voice was strong enough to reach all in the large tent and even those standing on the outside. An excellent impression was made.

Since coming here, I have written considerable that it seemed necessary I should write. My health has been quite good. I am glad that I came. All seem surprised that I can step round as spry as I do. I do not want to leave a painful impression on the minds of those who at this meeting may see me for the last time.

Our party has four rooms in the west end of the boy's dormitory, on the first floor. On one side of the hall I have two rooms, a small sitting room and a bedroom, with a bathroom between. Whenever I wish, I can take a hot or cold bath. This I enjoy very much. Your father and mother have the front room across the hall from my sitting room, and Maggie has the room opposite my bedroom. The dormitory is an excellent building. Everything about it is strong and firm. Thorough work has been done in its construction.

Your mother is an excellent nurse, and I appreciate her very much. She neglects nothing that is necessary for my comfort. We go out riding nearly every day in a nice, easy carriage. Everything possible has been done to make me comfortable.

We are having a profitable meeting. You will no doubt see the particulars in the Review and Herald. We have had beautiful singing at the meetings, and several different kinds of musical

instruments have produced the sweetest sounds. Nothing has been gotten up for display, but all the arrangements are characterized by good taste and propriety.

During the first part of the meeting there was some rain, but for days the weather has been very fine, though not hot.

I have had the privilege of meeting many old friends. They remembered me, but I could not remember all of them. I have been obliged to keep myself from visiting; for I had writing and public speaking to do, and I knew that I must save my strength for this. The people seem to listen to every word I say, and if they will work with an eye single to the glory of God, their lives will reflect the light of heaven.

Mabel, remember that Jesus is your helper. He loves you and will be your sympathizing friend. Keep your heart in the love of God; and when you recover from the sickness, do not use your strength unadvisedly. You can keep a reserve fund of strength if you will avoid unnecessary taxation. I greatly desire you to have health of body and health of soul.

Jesus will be everything to every one of us if we will look constantly to Him, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord. If we think of His goodness and talk of His power, the result will be that we shall be changed into His image. His will and His way will become our will and our way. By beholding Him, and choosing Him as our all and in all, we shall become assimilated to His image. Our restless efforts will be changed to an abiding peace. We commit the keeping of our souls to God as unto a faithful Creator. We try to do as Christ would do under similar circumstances, and as we follow His way, we become meek and lowly.

I was sorry, my dear child, to learn that you had been sick. This causes me to grieve much over your case. But do not be discouraged. I pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon you, and that health may come to your body and to your soul, and that the transforming grace and power that Christ bestows may be given you. The image of the Saviour is to be engraved upon the heart, His character is to be revealed in spirit and word and act, and His light is to be reflected in clear rays to all around.

I love Jesus because He first loved me. When we contemplate Christ as our pattern, as well as our compassionate, loving Redeemer, we shall enjoy peace and joy in the Lord, in whom dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily, and in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. His light, His love, His work become to us most precious and satisfying.

We all need to keep our eyes fixed on Christ and to follow in His footsteps, doing our best, and remembering that we are thus being prepared for the mansions that He has gone to prepare for those who love Him as their best friend and counsellor. O that we all realized that true happiness is found in taking Christ as our nearest and dearest friend. He has bought us with a

price, and with such a price that He expects of us full service. Looking unto Jesus, becoming conformed to His image, we are made complete in Him who is the head of all principalities and powers. We have such a love for Christ that our happiness in Him is complete.

Shall we not strive to attain to the possibilities held out before us? In this work there is no disappointment. Christ will be our helper, our assurance. Nothing can be added to the completeness that He gives. Therefore I greatly desire all to be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Christ left the royal courts and came in this world that human beings might be made complete in Him. He has made provision that those who trust in Him, following His way and heeding His instruction, shall be conformed to His likeness. Those who do this will be filled with peace and contentment and joy and sacred love.

Let us be determined to be a light to those around us, revealing Christ in character. At this time, when the close of the earth's history is so near, we should make most earnest efforts to become worthy of a place in the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for all who love Him and believe in Him.

My dear child, have courage in the Lord. Pray, and believe, and trust in your Saviour, and He will be your joy and crown of rejoicing.

Lt 149, 1905

Collins, Gilbert

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 27, 1905

Dear Brother Gilbert Collins,—

We who are upon this camp-ground have had a season of prayer for you. We earnestly desire that if it is the Lord's will your life may be spared. I hope that when your life shall close, you will indeed be peaceful and happy. But I trust that God will grant the prayers that we have offered in the public meeting, and those that I have offered in my own room, that if it is in accordance with His holy will, He may spare your life. We pray that the great Physician may stay the course of the disease and make you well.

It makes us very sad to part with any of those who have grown up in the truth. We want every one to be spared, if it is for the glory of God. Have faith in God, Brother Collins. Ask for yourself, in faith. We will keep your case before the Lord. I was not able to be in the tent when you were prayed for. I was lying on my bed, exhausted; but faith seemed to bring you nigh.

I have just come in from speaking to a very large congregation. I spoke from 1 John 3:1-9. The people seemed to be surprised that I could make all on the inside and the outside of the tent hear plainly. In the congregation there were many black people, but they were well dressed, and they listened with intense interest. I tried to show our people the need of self-sacrifice. I spoke about the good that might be done by teaching children to put their pennies in the self-denial boxes sent out by the Southern Missionary Society. I urged them not to become weary in well-doing. Every penny is needed, and the plan of sending out these self-denial boxes was a plan originated by God. Those who carry out this plan will receive their reward, according to the purity of motive with which they give. The gift may be as small as the widow's mite, but it is noticed by the Lord.

This is the last Sabbath we shall spend here at this meeting, unless something unforeseen takes place. After the meetings close, we shall have to stay here for a week to attend council meetings and committee meetings.

Since the meeting began, I have spoken nine times, and the Lord has helped me to make the discourses impressive. I depend upon Him to bless the word spoken. I still have a work to do on the grounds for certain individuals.

Lt 151, 1905

Corliss, J. O.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 27, 1905

Elder Corliss

Dear Brother,—

I am afraid that I did not speak as I should regarding your coming in as president of the California Conference. The reason why you have not been placed in such a position before is because I have urged upon our brethren the presentation given me, that it was not a wise thing to place you in such a position, that you would take too many burdens on yourself, and your brain would be overtaxed. You would be under a great strain, carrying many burdens that others could more safely carry.

You must be taxed less in the light given me again and again. When you are perplexed and your brain is wearied, you speak words that hurt your influence. I would advise you not to accept the position of president of the conference, even though you are asked to do so, because a great many burdens that others should bear would be laid upon you. When I think of the pressure

that you would be placed under in such a position of responsibility, I fear that you would not be able to endure the strain.

The case has forced itself upon me, and I present to you the instruction given me. You can accomplish much more as a teacher of truth, a Bible expositor, than you could if standing in the position of president of a conference. Give yourself time to rest, that your wearied faculties may be restored. In presenting truth to the people, you are a success if you give yourself time to rest and are not forced to decide perplexing questions. You are very sensitive to blame or censure, and I advise you not to take position in which you would be surrounded by numerous sources of disquietude. Your spiritual efficiency as a minister of the flock of God, an expositor of the Word, will be greatly needed. I know your ability to present the truth, and I desire that you shall not be loaded down by responsibilities that would unfit you for the important work that must be done. I speak to you thus early, so that you will not think that you must heed the suggestion I made you. In the past I have warned you against taking responsibilities that press one down as a cart beneath sheaves. Above everything else, you need to be situated where you will have peace of mind, working when you choose, and not burdening yourself with perplexities that would endanger your health. Keep your mind where it will not be harassed.

I cannot favor your being nominated as president of the California Conference. If you will follow the directions given, your life will be preserved, and you will be enabled to do a large amount of good. I am bidden to say to you, Watch unto prayer.

Lt 153, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 28, 1905

Dear Brother Burden,—

When you wrote to me about the advisability of purchasing the property known as Loma Linda, I did not consult with anyone, because I thought this would hinder us, and I believed that we could carry the matter forward without putting the burden on the conference. We do not desire to bring perplexity upon the conference regarding this matter. Be assured, my brother, that I never advance anything unless I have a decided impression that it should be carried out and unless I am firmly resolved to assist.

I am glad that means is in sight to make the first payment on the place; for we ought to have it. I do not know just where to look for the rest of the money needed. I have asked Brother

Washburn to let me know of anyone who would be willing to lend me some money without interest. He thinks that I could get means on these terms.

We will appropriate the proceeds of the sale of a certain number of copies of Ministry of Healing toward the purchase of this property. The book will soon be on the market.

By all means secure the property, if you can; for I believe it to be the very place the Lord desires us to have. We do not desire to burden the conference. We can as a company raise the required sum, I believe. I hope that we shall see you soon, and then we can talk these matters over. We shall have to stay here for a week after the meetings close, because Willie has some committee work to do.

Since coming to the conference, I have spoken nine times. Up to today I had not made any call for means. At the close of my talk this afternoon, I called for a contribution for the work among the colored people of the Southern field. One hundred and twenty-eight dollars was raised. I was much pleased. When I left my tent, it looked as if I would not be able to get to my room, there were so many who wanted to speak to me. Edson was present, and he felt very grateful for the donation.

We had a large, profitable meeting on Sabbath. The tent was filled, and a number of people stood on the outside. This afternoon I spoke to a large company.

This is a beautiful place, and I am glad that the school is established here. A sanitarium must be erected, and we hope that this can be done soon. Then there is the publishing house to be built, but we hope that after both the school and the sanitarium have been completed, there will be something left for the publishing house.

Lt 155, 1905

Burden, J. A.

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 31, 1905

Dear Brother Burden,—

Our general meetings closed last night. We have had excellent meetings, but I cannot give you a full report, for I have gone to those meetings only at which I have spoken. I came to the conference with fear and trembling, but determined to do my best. I have spoken ten times and have done considerable writing. Night after night I have been up writing as early as two o'clock, and yet I am doing well healthwise.

On the whole, we have had beautiful weather. At the first of the meetings there was a heavy thunder storm, but since then the days have been pleasant. Last night there was a little shower, which is a great blessing; for the dust has been settled.

For the rest of the week, committee meetings will continue, and the first of next week we shall start home. On our way we shall stop to see the place that means so much to me.

During the meeting I did not dare to make any call for money; but last Sunday afternoon, when I had finished speaking the thought came to me that perhaps the people standing on the outside of the tent might give something for the colored work, so I made a call. A contribution was taken up, and in a very few minutes word came that one hundred and twenty-eight dollars had been given. The subduing influence of the Spirit of God rested upon the people, and a good impression was made by the meeting. As I walked from the tent to my room, many stopped me, and with tears of rejoicing shook my hand.

The conference has called forth very weighty testimonies, and I am pleased with the appreciation shown to these testimonies.

We hope to see you soon now, but in regard to the purchase of Loma Linda, I will say, Go ahead. I hope to be able to help by giving the proceeds from a certain number of copies of Ministry of Healing. I can do no more, except to borrow. I wish the place purchased. Do not neglect to tell me all I ought to know. I have been looking over your descriptive letter, and I am well satisfied that the place is one we ought to have. It is cheap at forty thousand dollars. We will not leave you, but will stand back of you and help you to raise the means. In regard to the right man to manage the institution, I am confident that we shall find some one when the right time comes.

As soon as we can be released from here, we shall return to California. I will let you know when we shall leave here, as soon as I can find out.

Lt 157, 1905

Collins, Gilbert

Takoma Park, Maryland

May 31, 1905

Dear Brother Gilbert Collins,—

I should be glad to hear something in regard to your case. We have remembered you in our prayers, both in the large tent and privately. I had hoped to receive ere this some word regarding how you are; for I have a deep interest in you. Please let us know how you are. We

feel that the Lord is good and merciful. He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.

My brother, may the Lord give you His rich blessing. This is what you need. He will not let your light go out in darkness, but will let His light shine upon you. May He give you clear judgment and an abiding sense of His love. I will continue to present your case before Him. I ask you to rest yourself wholly in His hands.

Lt 159, 1905

Daigneau, Sister [J. E.]

New Mexico, on the way to California

June 11, 1905

Mrs. J. E. Daigneau

My dear Sister,—

There are some things that are to be confessed to God alone. If you have wronged a brother or a sister, you have the light given you in the Word. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and to thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." [Matthew 5:23, 24.] "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall 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 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." [Matthew 18:15-17.]

"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." [Verses 19, 20.]

Is not this a blessed promise? Cannot you work intelligently upon the promise, seeing that you are Christ's purchased possession? If your sin is between you and God, you need not give publicity to it, but confess it to God. Often poor, weak mortals act very unadvisedly in the matter of confessing their sins to human beings.

"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.]

Read the whole of the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, and find in its instruction relief and courage and hope. Go forward in faith. Work right to the point. I advise you to take your case to the Lord Jesus in prayer. Believe that He hears you, and that when you confess your sins and repent, and walk humbly with God, you will find pardon. Act like one whom the Lord has corrected in order to purify and save you.

“I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My word, and hast not denied My name.” “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” [Revelation 3:8, 10, 11.] “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 19-21.]

Never give up your faith and hope in God. Cling to the promises. Do not trust in your feelings, but in the naked Word of God. Believe the assurances of the Lord. Take your stand upon the plain Thus saith the Lord and rest there, feeling or no feeling. Faith is not always followed by feelings of ecstasy, but hope thou in God. Trust fully in Him.

“Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence; let Thine eyes behold the things that are equal. Thou hast proved mine heart; Thou hast visited me in the night; Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress. ... Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. I have called upon Thee; for Thou wilt hear me, O God; incline Thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.” [Psalm 17:1-3, 5, 6.]

My sister, trust in the Lord as a little child trusts its earthly parent. Cling to the Saviour. Let nothing separate your soul from God. “For 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.] Look for mercies; expect mercies. Look continually for blessings. See them, acknowledge them, and do not complain, do not fret. Do not cast blame upon God, but say, O Lord, I do believe, though I am a sinner and because I am a sinner. I believe in Thee with all my heart. Thou art the truth, and Thy Word I believe.

What is religion? It is the conformity of the whole being to the will of God. “If any man will come after Me,” Christ said, “let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.] You need an intelligent belief in the Word of God. This Word is our rule of

action. You are not to stand long, saying, What must I do? The first question with you is, What must I believe? Right believing means right doing. Christ gave His life to make it possible for you to be a partaker of the divine nature. "It is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." [1 Timothy 1:15.] He is able to save to the uttermost all who come to God through Him. You must take Him at His word. Let confidence in Him fill your heart. Say, "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.] This is the faith that is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

We are to be living stones in the building, Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. As to your merit for this position, Christ has placed Himself under obligation to answer this question. Through connection with Him, you can serve God acceptably. The stone receives the support of the foundation on which it rests. O precious, wondrous gift of God. "By whom also we have access unto that grace wherein we stand." Sing of his mercy and tell of His power. "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto you." [Romans 5:2, 1, 3-5.]

I have written this seated in my berth on the train. If the Lord will, we shall reach Redlands at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. We shall remain there two days, then go to Los Angeles, and from there to St. Helena.

Remember that the Lord will bless all who put their trust in Him.

Your sister.

Lt 161, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

San Jose, California

June 25, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

It is just daylight, and I am seated on my couch, beginning a letter to you. Our meeting here began a day or two ago, and I think there will be a good attendance of our people. On Sabbath the brethren and sisters at Mountain View turned out well. On Sabbath morning at half-past ten, I spoke to a large number in the big tent.

I have an intense desire that this meeting shall be the very kind of a meeting that the Lord desires us to have. I hope much for the revival of the Spirit of the Lord.

I have consented to remain here till the close of the camp-meeting—one week from Monday. We shall then return to our home at St. Helena.

There are many matters to be considered, and we all need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I pray that a right impression may be made on the minds of those present at the meeting.

The school question will receive careful attention, and we hope that matters may be so adjusted that future work in educational lines will be of a more advanced and satisfactory character. The Lord can do much through the teachers and students of our schools, if they will carry the work steadily forward and upward.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time. I sincerely hope that the brethren in Southern California will unite in pressing forward the school work and the sanitarium work.

In regard to Sister Burden continuing to hold her place as bookkeeper, I think that if she would take the exercise that she should, the evils I have feared might be avoided. She should not confine herself too closely. She can be a real help in teaching others how to keep books. This is a line of education that is greatly needed, and in no case should it be neglected. But Sister Burden should be left entirely free to take up the work that she chooses. She can help with her experience in many ways. She can give valuable counsel in regard to many matters that will come up for discussion.

I have a great desire that you both be greatly blessed in your work in the new sanitarium. I hope that Brother Reaser will move understandingly in reference to the sanitariums already in operation and also in regard to the new sanitarium. I pray that the Lord may provide suitable people to connect with this institution, people who will be a genuine strength to the institution.

Do not be discouraged if in any wise there is some cutting across of your plans, and if you are somewhat hindered. But I hope that we shall never again have to meet the hindrance that we have met in the past because of the way in which things have been conducted on some lines in Southern California. I have seen the hold-back principles followed, and I have seen the displeasure of the Lord because of this. If the same spirit is manifested, I shall not consent to keep silent as I have done.

It is the most awful thing a man can do to dethrone God from his heart, refusing to take the Bible as his counsellor. The man who does this debases whatever he has connection with. Christ does not abide in his heart. The law of God is to him an empty form. He may be supposed to be a Christian, but he debases whatever he touches.

The gospel of Christ has been dishonored by being handled with sin-stained hands. Professed Christians act and speak in a way that is no honor to God. What men and women need now is thorough conversion. Every part of their intelligence should go out to meet Christ, and every part of their spiritual nature should yearn for more of Him. The Father seeketh such to worship Him—those who worship Him in spirit and truth and in the beauty of holiness. Let us separate from the contaminating influences of the world and hold communion with the Saviour. Let us bring ourselves, in thought, word, and deed, into conformity with the will of Christ. The Redeemer is seeking for those whose highest aim is to serve and glorify God.

The message that the Lord has given me for the church in Los Angeles is, Through faith and diligent service you are to become one with Christ. You are to eat His flesh and drink His blood, making His words a part of the daily life. The great Teacher will accept only the purest integrity, the most distinct representation of His words and His spirit. Spiritual-mindedness must not be allowed to become a strange thing amongst us. We are to become more and more nearly conformed to Christ. The joy of the Lord, the praise of God, is to be on our lips and in our hearts. The character is to be transformed from the mist and cloud of uncertainty into the radiance of the light proceeding from heaven. The world is to be eclipsed by the contemplation of heavenly things.

I ask the believers in Los Angeles to seek for a deeper, higher experience in the things of God. The Father seeketh such to worship Him. Arise, and brace your souls for action. Take an extensive survey of the work that is to be done. Read your Bibles with an increasing determination to have a larger experience in the things of God. Stand in the light of the Sun of righteousness.

What could induce the pure, sinless Son of God to tabernacle with men in a world filled with crime and strife and wickedness. He did this that He might better reach the lost and perishing. He suffered, being tempted. Proportionate to the perfection of His holiness was the strength of the temptation. Because of the depravity so revolting to His purity, His residence in the world was a perpetual sorrow. On every hand He saw men and women destroying themselves by yielding to perverted appetite and passion.

Christ gave His life for the life of the world. He came to this earth in the likeness of man, to present before human beings an example of the character that all must form in order to be saved. He came to bring them power to overcome all the temptations of the enemy.

O that every soul might be awakened and led to become a subject of the heavenly kingdom, surrendering all to Christ. The Word of God gives us no encouragement that a sinner is pardoned in order that he may continue in sin. He is pardoned on condition that he receives Christ, confessing and repenting of his sin and becoming renewed. Many who pass under the

name of Christian are not converted. Conversion means renovation. The sinner must enter into the renovating process for himself. He must come to Jesus. He must give up the wrong habits in which he has indulged. He must bring his unsubdued, unchristlike tendencies under the control of Christ, else he cannot be made a laborer together with God. Christ works, and the sinner works. The life of Christ becomes the life of the human agent. It is through the renewing power of the divine Spirit that man is fashioned into a perfect man in Christ.

By the character that he is forming, every man is deciding his future destiny. In the books of heaven is made the record. There the character is photographed. There is seen a picture of the unclothed soul.

The promise is given, "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.] It is the striving souls who receive the assistance of heaven and partake of its elements. It is by test and trial that the followers of Christ are fitted to dwell with Him in the heavenly courts.

Lt 161a, 1905

Burden, J. A.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

July 5, 1905

Dear Brother Burden,—

I write you a few lines. One thing I wish you to do. I wish you not to be very anxious to get this property in the hands or power of the conference to manage, but let parties manage the holding of this property. I learn that _____ has proposed to sell some of the land to help pay the standing debt. Tell me how the matter is now. Can you obtain a loan of money to raise the rest of the five thousand dollars? If not, we must stir about to see if we can not obtain the means. I have sent you the letter that I have written; please tell me what is necessary for me to do. We must be sure and have every payment made in time, and not let it go out of our hands.

I just thought to write you a few lines to assure you that not one foot of that land is to be sold to raise money. We will hire money at the bank rather than this shall be done.

Lt 163, 1905

Wilcox, F. M.

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

Dear Brother Wilcox,—

I have received and read your letter. I wish to assure you that things are not as Dr. Place represents them. He understands matters, as many others do, in the way that is according to his own wishes. In the interview that I had with him, my words were not what he represents them to be. I did not take back anything that I had said in the public meeting. I did not tell Dr. Place that I had made a mistake. I have some things written in regard to this matter, which I will have copied and sent to you. I would have sent it before, but have been left without a copyist, as Sister Hare was called to South Lancaster on account of the sickness of her sister.

In his talk with me, Dr. Place made most bitter complaints against Dr. Kellogg, telling what he had said and what he had done. I admitted that Dr. Kellogg had not stood in the light for a long time, and that the Lord had sent messages to that effect. Dr. Place said that you had acted very provokingly, and to this I made no response, save that the Lord would have the Boulder Sanitarium stand on higher ground and that He would have it prosper.

I am astonished that Dr. Place should make such representations of my words as are mentioned in your letter. I ought not to hold any important conversations with such men, unless a stenographer is present to take down every word that is said by me and by the one with whom I am talking.

The night after I had the conversation with Dr. Place, the facts of the case were presented before me. Before morning I wrote the matter out; for I could not sleep. I thought that while we were in Washington I would have the matter copied, but we found so much to do, and I was kept so busy, constantly writing and speaking, that it was not copied.

As soon as possible I shall have the article copied, and when it is sent out it will help to correct false impressions. My message to you is, Have no controversy with Dr. Place. It will be well to have as few words with him as possible.

To every one connected with the Boulder Sanitarium, I would say, Draw near to God. Sit at His feet, and learn of Him. In spirit, in word, in deed, give no occasion for the enemy to take advantage of you. Stand in the strength of the mighty One, who can chase a thousand and put ten thousand to flight.

The matter is to be plainly understood that the Boulder Sanitarium is not to be traded away. Hold fast, and accomplish the work and will of God. After a time you will see through the fog and mist. Let every one at the sanitarium realize, as did Paul, that he is Christ's property in the

fullest sense of the word. The great apostle realized that he was Christ's for service. He had consecrated every power of his being to the Lord, to be used as He saw fit.

Go, my brethren and fellow workers, and spread out before God your necessities. It was when the heavens were as brass over Paul that he trusted most fully in God and was delivered again and again from unreasonable and wicked men. Let us trust in God, saying, Though He slay me, yet will I trust him. Let self be crucified. Let the love of God shine forth in words and works. Let the gospel of Jesus Christ exert a strong, uninterrupted influence upon mind and heart. Learn to rejoice in God. Walk humbly with Him, and He will bring His purposes to pass. Stand firm to principle.

There will not always be a debt of embarrassment upon the sanitarium. Keep your souls clean and pure from every phase of sin. Let not one dishonest act be recorded in the books of heaven against you. To live without Christ is a fearful thing. You cannot afford to do it. Abiding in Christ and Christ abiding in you, you will be found unto praise and honor, because God loves the man who has crucified self and is bound up with Jesus.

Let every one learn the glad note of praise and glory and thanksgiving to God. Let the church hear from your lips a plain, straightforward testimony. Say to the church, We are living in a most solemn, serious time. Now, just now, is our opportunity to glorify God. Prepare to work intelligently, ever walking worthily before Him, exerting a true Christian influence upon those with whom you associate.

To the church in Boulder I would say, Arise, and do your whole duty. Take hold of God, and He will take hold of you and will put into your hearts and minds praise and thanksgiving. Work, work, work as for eternity. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, and the Lord will work with you. He calls upon His people to make a better showing than has been made in the past. May God help you, is my prayer.

Lt 165, 1905

Radley Children

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

Dear Children,—

I must write a few lines to you. We wish that we could step into your home and weep with you and kneel with you in prayer. Will each one of you seek the Lord and serve Him? You can be a great blessing to your mother by doing nothing that will make her heart sad. The Lord Jesus will

receive you if you will give your hearts to Him. Do all that is possible to relieve your mother from every care and burden.

The Lord has promised to be a Father to the fatherless. If you will give your hearts to Him, He will give you power to become the sons and daughters of God. If the elder children will relieve the mother by bearing as many burdens as possible, and by treating the younger children kindly, teaching them to do right and not to worry mother, the Lord will greatly bless them.

Give your hearts to the loving Saviour, and do only those things that are pleasing in His sight. Do nothing to grieve your mother. Remember that the Lord loves you, and that each one of you can become a member of the family of God. If you are faithful here, when He shall come in the clouds of heaven, you will meet your father and will be a united family.

In love.

Lt 167, 1905

Radley, Sister

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

My dear afflicted Sister Radley,—

I am afflicted with you in your affliction. Although I did not expect to meet your husband again in this life, yet I have been made sad to hear of his death and of the heavy responsibilities that this has left to rest upon you in the care of the family. We sympathize with you and will pray often for you and your children. Your husband sleeps in Jesus. "Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." [Revelation 14:13.]

The Father loves all who are believers in deed and truth, as members of that body of which Christ is the head. You must now sit down under Christ's shadow, and you will realize his peace. Think of Christ. Look to Him in faith, believing His promises. Keep your mind trustful. He will be your stay. Lean on Him, depend on Him. Do not be sorrowful above measure, but bear up; for a heavy burden rests upon you. Put your trust in One whose arm will never fail you.

I have lost my husband, and I know by experience what your sorrow is. But looking to Jesus you will find encouragement. May you have the blessing of the Lord every day. My dear sister, may the Lord bless and sustain you.

It is too dark to see now, so I will say good night. Be as cheerful as you can for the sake of your children.

Lt 169, 1905

Harper, Sister

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

Dear Sister Harper,—

I received your letter last night and will answer it at once. I had not as yet written you a letter; for other matters hanging in the balance have kept me continually employed.

I want to tell you that the property known as Loma Linda is now in the possession of our people. I desire that you shall have a place in this sanitarium. Brother Burden will have charge of the work there, and I shall ask him to give you a position as soon as the institution is opened. I desire you to be where it is best for you healthwise. We shall need you at Loma Linda.

The place is a most beautiful one. When I visited it I found that nothing that has been said in its praise had been exaggerated.

Do not yield to the efforts that will be made to hold you in Battle Creek. Come away quietly. When I know whether you will respond to my invitation, I will make arrangements regarding your ticket. Efforts will be made to keep you in Battle Creek, but I ask you not to listen to such propositions. Come to Los Angeles, and then arrangements can be made for your future work. I have your best interests in view, and I am sure that you can fill a place in the institution.

Your sister.

Lt 171, 1905

White, J. E.; White, Emma

San Jose, California

June 29, 1905

Dear children,—

I have a letter of several pages written to you, waiting to be copied. There have been so many important matters to attend to, which could not be put off, that your letter has had to wait.

Then, just as we were leaving Washington, Maggie was called to South Lancaster on account of the sickness of her sister, and many things have been delayed.

I have done much writing this week and am very weary, but I must write you a few lines. I have had better health than usual of late, else I could not endure the pressure that is brought upon me. I do not willingly neglect you, and after this, I shall try to write oftener. Yesterday morning before breakfast, I wrote seventeen pages of very important matter, and I have been at it ever since. I shall send you a copy of these things as soon as I can get them copied.

We are attending the San Jose camp-meeting. We have comfortable quarters in a good home. Brother Merrill has given us the free use of his home, and this is a great accommodation, I can assure you.

On my way from Washington, I spent ten days in Southern California, and while there we visited the Loma Linda property. We are now in possession of this property, having paid five thousand dollars on it. We are to pay five thousand more in twenty days, five thousand in September, and five thousand in January. After that we shall not need to pay anything but six per cent interest for two or three years.

I am filled with an increasing astonishment that this property, with all its advantages, has come into our hands. I have written out the particulars regarding this place and will try to have the matter copied tomorrow so that I may send it to you. There is to be a camp-meeting in Redlands in September. I am planning to attend; for Redlands is a place that we desire to work, and we wish to begin as soon as possible.

I am intensely anxious that Ministry of Healing shall come out as soon as possible. When this book is on the market, we shall give our attention to the book for the South. This will be my first business.

I hope, my son and daughter, that you will not become discouraged, but that you will put your entire trust in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am writing much on the kind of vessels we need to be in order to be fit for the Master's use. Are we emptied of self? May the Lord give us all grace for his service. It matters not what others may say or think of us, if we do our best, with an eye single to the glory of God. Then we shall wait patiently for His commendation. It is our part to walk humbly with God. He will take charge of every one who will bring his case to Him. "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Matthew 7:7.] With this promise, let us come to our best friend. "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.]

Let us educate ourselves to take everything to the Lord in prayer. He never makes any mistakes. I have had encouragement to give to those who are needy, and I have had reproof to give to those who are ever dwelling on objectionable things. If all our church members would fill their minds with thoughts of the goodness and mercy and love of God, and express the same in loving words and kindly deeds, great blessing would come to them. Let us remember that all around us there are those who have many sorrows and are battling with discouragement who need to hear from the lips of others cheerful, encouraging words.

When so many of Christ's followers left Him, and the Saviour asked the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." [John 6:67, 68.] It filled Christ's heart with sorrow to see anyone leaving Him, because He knew that faith in His name and in His mission is man's only hope. This desertion of His followers was a humiliation to Him. Oh, how little human beings know of the sorrow that filled the heart of infinite love when such things took place. No one in the world ever longed more earnestly for appreciation and fellowship than did Christ. He hungered for sympathy. His heart was filled with a longing desire that human beings might appreciate the gift of God to the world and honor Him by believing His words and speaking forth His praise. "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.]

How regretful were the words, "Will ye also go away?" [John 6:67.] They touched the hearts of all the disciples but one. That one was Judas. He had a heart only for money. His highest desire was to be the greatest.

Well might the disciples say, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." [Verse 68.] Consider what Christ was. The Son of the Highest, yet a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Have we experienced the blessing that comes from trusting Him with the whole heart and honoring Him by ever showing our love and devotion to Him? Christ is hungry for fruit—fruit that will appease His hunger of soul in our behalf. It is His desire that we bear "much fruit." [John 15:5, 8.]

Let us keep our hearts open to His love. "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" [Mark 8:36, 37.] Oh, when we can speak understandingly the words spoken by Peter, "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life," wonderful blessings will come to us. We need the Saviour every moment. He has all that is necessary to supply our necessities for time and for eternity. He loves us with an everlasting love. Then let us not be discouraged. God has a work for you to do, and He will give you wisdom and grace to perfect that work. He wants all that there is of you to be devoted to His service. He would not have you gather to yourself too many burdens, because He has a message for you to bear to the people. He wants you to use your

pen to His name's glory. He has not released you from the work. His hand sustains you, and He will be to you a present help in every time of need.

But, my son, do not give any one an occasion to think that you do not carry the burden of souls. You need daily to brace your soul in Christ. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me hath eternal life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life." [John 5:24.] Christ is to be the eternal delight of the heart of the Christian. We have abundant proof of the love of God for us, and let us be thankful.

My son, counsel with those who are connected with you, and let them share the responsibilities. I must now close this letter; for I have special testimonies to write. May the Lord help and strengthen and bless you. Do not launch out unto anything unless you have evidence that the matter is of the Lord.

Lt 173, 1905

White, J. E.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June 1, 1905

My dear son Edson,—

I have written letters to you, but have not sent them, because I feared the effect they would have upon you. But I must tell you that you are applying time and mind and money to things that do not glorify God. The Lord has spoken to you decidedly, telling you that He should be regarded as the head of the work in Nashville. Every man and woman engaged in the work should labor with all the power of body and mind to glorify Him. You should give evidence that you are led and taught of God. Your course of action should testify that you are under His supervision. Unless you can show that you are led and taught of God, your influence will be discouraging.

To invest money as you have been investing it has an influence that is against your mother's testimony. Your course of action is lessening an influence that the Lord would have increased. When you invest means that is not yours to invest, you tangle yourself up and weaken the confidence of the brethren in you and in my work and testimony.

The sinking of your boat and the other calamities that have come upon you should call you to your senses. These things should be regarded as the call of a voice higher than any human voice, showing you that the Lord would save you from yourself. When I heard of the

misfortunes that had come to you, I said, "I am relieved. The Lord has taken hold to deal with my son." Your correction has not come from man, but from God. Will you take heed?

I have been pained to the heart to have you go on and on, gathering means, and investing money unadvisedly. This is discouraging your fellow workers and if continued will spoil your record as a reliable man, a man who is led and taught of God. Unless you see your danger in this matter, and change your course of action, your light will certainly go out in darkness. I entreat you, my son, to heed the admonitions of the Lord. I entreat you to change your way for God's way.

In undertaking so many enterprises and running so many financial risks, you do not inspire your brethren with confidence in your judgment. You mix things up altogether too much and confuse the minds of those connected with you. In the place of helping Brother Palmer as you ought, you have hurt him by your example in the management of your business.

You have made a mistake by withdrawing from those who do not agree with your ideas. By undertaking too much, you have gotten into a tangle, confusing yourself and robbing the cause and work of God by investing the money and time that belongs to Him in a way that is not right. God forbids this kind of management.

The Lord has opened up before you the lines of work that you should follow. He has said that you are to preach the truth, and that you are to use the pen to produce books. He has given you influence and the ability to do this work. But are you doing it? There are books and tracts to be prepared as valuable agencies in the proclamation of the truth. You can help in this work. But you are losing time, and you are losing the confidence of your brethren. This need not be so. You can change all this if you will.

I cannot feel free to place in the field the book I am preparing on the work in the South, unless you will occupy a different position. You hedge up your own way and then charge upon others the result of your own course of action.

There is no sufficient reason why you should not have stood by the Southern Publishing Association, your being a help to it and it a help to you. Your course of action in taking your work away from the Association has produced results that are robbing you of your influence. The influence that you could retain and use for the good of that work, you are losing, and the Lord is not pleased. He will not permit His blessing to abide with you unless you take a course that is in accordance with the counsels given you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ always leads in paths that are right. It is ordained of God that there should be no respect of persons, that one man should not usurp authority over another man's mind. One man is not to be conscience for another man. Christ is the Saviour for all. "As

many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God.” [John 1:12.] The Holy Spirit is a gift to all. Your attitude toward others must show that you are sanctified, body, mind, and soul. It must show that the converting power of God is on your heart and disposition.

Your words are to be wise words, your actions right actions. If you would have the confidence of your brethren, you must make straight paths for your feet and wear the gospel shoes. You must tread in the steps of Christ. I have no message to lead you to be discouraged. God has not forsaken you. The message given me for you is that the Lord would have you transformed in character, in heart, in words, in spirit. Then your discourses will exert a saving influence, which will be for your own benefit, as well as for the benefit of others.

O that your eyes might be opened, that you might see all things clearly, that you might see that Edson White might change. You have invested a large amount of means in various enterprises, but what is it doing in soul-saving? God will call masters and servants to a personal account. Every soul should be a conscientious doer of the will of God. You have but little time now in which to prepare for the future life. O think of your individual obligations to God and the account that you must give to Him. The thought of these things should certainly keep you on guard every moment.

Gather to yourself fewer responsibilities, and be careful not to give anyone by your example an occasion for stumbling. “Be strong in the Lord.” [Ephesians 6:10.] Plead with God. Wrestle with Him as did Jacob, saying, “I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me.” [Genesis 32:26.] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the enemy. “We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” [Ephesians 6:11-16.] Consider these words, and do all that is in your power to make peace.

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” [Verses 17, 18.]

We have enemies to fight against, a banner to fight under, and certain rules of warfare to which individually we are to conform ourselves. It is essential that a soldier have courage. This he can gain, not by having his own will and way, but by following the will and way of his leader. The

Christian soldier will obey the orders given by the Lord Jesus Christ. This he must do if he would gain the victory.

How can the victory be won? Be strong in the Lord. Keep on the armor. There are stern battles to fight. As we press our way toward heaven, we shall have to dispute with Satan every step of advance. Be strong therefore for service. Spiritual strength and courage are essential; for the battle is to be waged against determined foes. When Satan comes against us to destroy, we must stand against him. We need courage, in order to be able to do this.

My son, you are to counsel with your brethren about your personal business and investments. I warn you that if you follow your own mind and your own devisings, you will make very crooked paths for your feet. You may have spiritual strength and courage, and you may be an overcomer. Your tendency to make presumptuous movements in investing money will be hard to overcome, but it is time to make a decided change, that you destroy not yourself.

Be strong in the Lord. His strength must become your strength; for of yourself you are very weak. All our sufficiency is of God. In His strength go forward. This message was given to me for you, Humble yourself. Do not seek to humble your brethren, but humble yourself.

I wish I could make the impression on you that these words made on my mind and heart when I heard them addressed to you. One thing I beg of you to consider. It is your duty to counsel with your brethren and to heed their advice. Blend with your brethren. Seek their counsel, and when they give it, do not cast it away, as if they were your enemies. Humble your heart before God, else you will not know His will.

Be determined to be in unity with your brethren. This duty God has placed upon you. Make their hearts glad by following their counsel, and make yourself strong through the influence that this will give you. I hope and pray that you will take heed to the cautions that I send you.

“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.” [Revelation 3:19-21.]

Lt 175, 1905

Fitzgerald, W. J.

Atlanta, Georgia

June 8, 1905

Elder W. J. Fitzgerald

1809 Wallace Street

Philadelphia

Dear Brother Fitzgerald,—

I will try to write you a few lines. We are waiting in the partially finished station here at Atlanta, while the cars are switching back and forth, and I will improve the time by writing to you.

I wish to say to you, my brother, that we cannot encourage you to look to the General Conference to take the responsibility of paying the debts of the sanitariums that are being established. Nevertheless, I write to you, as I have written the brethren at Melrose, to go right forward, and do your best, having courage that the Lord will surely open ways before you. We do not want the General Conference to stand responsible for the sanitariums that we have felt assured we must have; but when we take up the burden of purchasing buildings, we lay the whole matter before our own people in the conference or section that is to be benefited and let them share the burden. We have done this with much success.

At this juncture, when the work in Washington and Takoma Park must be perfected and the publishing house erected, and when calls for help are coming from all parts of the world, we have no heart to urge the wants of the local fields upon our people at large. We just raise every penny possible from the friends in the locality where the institution is to be, and then we pray, and then we feel clear to borrow at low interest from our brethren who have money to lend; and I have worked in this way in Australia and since coming to this country. Let us do everything possible to secure means within our own borders.

When Ministry of Healing is ready for circulation, let every one be prepared to do his part in selling it, and thus lessen the debts on our sanitariums. The gift of the manuscript means much to me. While I feel glad to make this gift for the relief of our sanitariums, I want every member of the church to act his part in the work of its circulation. Will you do it? Let each one do his best. Will our people in Pennsylvania rally to the work? Will others in like circumstances gird up the loins of their minds and do their utmost in this good work?

Take hold, brethren and sisters, and pray and work and believe. Talk hope and courage and faith. Let not one word of discouragement or of mournful unbelief be expressed. Stand up manfully as one all through the ranks, and move forward by faith.

To you in Philadelphia I would say, Have faith. Secure what means you must have to carry on the work acceptably. Manage the work wisely, that it may prosper. The Lord would have us watch and pray and go forward.

If Dr. Kellogg is called to perform special surgical operations, pay him, and take his receipt. Do not allow him to perform the operations unless he will allow you to settle with him for his labor and will give you a receipt in full. I know what I am saying. Please do not be unmindful of my words.

In the place of mourning because you have secured facilities to do the work that you desire to do, praise God that you have these advantages. Be of good courage, and watch unto prayer. We will all do our best to help one another. Do not fret, and never talk unbelievably.

Lt 177, 1905

Bourdeau, Patience

On the cars near Atlanta, Georgia

June 8, 1905

Dr. Patience Bourdeau

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Sister Patience,—

I have been having a long talk with my son W. C. White as to how we can best conduct the sanitarium at Washington, D.C. I told him that I had a conversation with your father in reference to your connecting with our sanitarium there. There is need of a lady physician's connecting with the institution at once. The experience that we have had during the past few days has decided us to secure a capable lady physician who can care for the women patients and be matron of the home, that the patients may receive prompt attention and that the helpers may be given the right kind of instruction, such as you can give. The young ladies connected with the institution should be taught to act their part intelligently.

I have much written upon the subject of gentlemen physicians giving the delicate treatments to lady patients. The light given me is that the influence exerted by this is not good, and that grave and serious consequences result from this generally established custom. I have been giving instruction on the point of lady patients' coming under the examination of gentlemen physicians.

I shall advise that you be called to Washington as soon as possible, for this is a most important time for our work there. We need you as soon as some one can be secured to take your place.

After I reach home, I will write you again and send you copies of things I have already written.

An expensive building has been rented in Iowa Circle, Washington. It is a beautiful location for a sanitarium and has been fitted up for the giving of treatment, but it needs a house physician and a manager. We need you. We believe that you can help us in Washington. You can give the nurses the instruction that they need and can also give lectures in the parlor to the patients. Will you receive this invitation as prompted by the Lord; for I have an assurance that you can do the work essential. Brother Hare is an excellent physician, but not a manager. We need some one who can plan and manage. You can help us out of our difficulty. Washington is a most important place, and a right representation of our work must be given by the sanitarium.

I shall be in St. Helena, California, next week. Write to me there, and please write also to Elder Daniells, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Lt 179, 1905

White, J. E.

On S. P. train, returning from Washington to California

June 9, 1905

My dear son Edson,—

I wish to make a decided appeal to you. In connecting with Brother Bollman, be sure to respect his judgment. Do not follow the leadings of your own mind. You are certainly in danger of gathering to yourself responsibilities that will lead you into great perplexity. You overload yourself with burdens; and when you discern that you are overloaded, you blame others for not helping you. Whereas, if you had been willing to be advised by your brethren, you would not have become so overburdened.

I am instructed to warn you that you are in danger of presuming too much on your mental and physical strength. May the Lord help you to heed the advice I give. Keep your soul in the love of God by refusing to contract debts.

How earnest, how untiring were Christ's efforts for the salvation of men. He allowed nothing to turn Him from the work of soul-saving. Are we following in His steps? He has set us an example. We are to carry out His plans.

You are often sick in spirit, and you need to feel the healing touch of Him who, having no communion with sin, took upon Him the sins of every human being, that sinners, coming to Him, might be saved. I entreat you, for Christ's sake, to draw near to God and to take periods of rest. Then you will not be so worried that you cannot sleep. Unload, and lay your burdens at the feet of Jesus. Your debts are piling up mountain high, and we have no means with which to lift

them. Worldly business distracts your mind and leads you to fix your thoughts upon unimportant matters. Let your business be closely identified with your religion. Keep your principles pure and holy. Do nothing that will injure your reputation as a reliable, trustworthy man.

Is Christ divided? We are to be united under one head. Our brethren are the purchase of the blood of Christ, and our hearts and theirs are to be knit together in love. Do not grieve the heart of infinite love by showing coldness toward your brethren. As believers we are to maintain an individuality of our own, but we are to be united under one head, our individual sympathies animated and controlled by Christ. What a power of influence we would exert if we all pressed together, working in love and unity. Explain if you can why believers cherish so much coldness, why they allow trifling matters to produce alienation. Christ died to save us. He loved us all. Let us act our part in preserving the unity that He prayed should exist in the church.

Lt 179a, 1905

White, J. E.

On the train from Washington to Los Angeles

June 11, 1905

My dear son Edson,—

It has been presented to me that your business enterprises consume a large amount of means, and that you have been gathering money from any and every place from which you can get it, thus largely increasing your heavy burden of debt. This will bring you to confusion and shame. Think, my son, of what it means for you to invest as you do large sums of money that is not yours—borrowed money. In this you are certainly bringing heavy burdens upon yourself, upon me, and upon your brother.

Representations of this matter have been made to me by One who cannot err. I entreat you, my son, to preserve your honor, if you lose all else. Stop your investments right where you are, and do not employ men to do work for you when you have no money with which to pay them. Consider what kind of a record you are making. Investigate your plans and motives closely. This is your solemn duty.

Have you not been over this ground again and again, until it has become a difficult matter to maintain your reputation for wisdom and integrity? Why will you not heed the oft-repeated counsel of your mother? Why do you pay so little heed to the advice of your brethren? I am instructed to counsel you to choose Brother Bollman, Brother Amadon, Brother Butler, and Brother Haskell, whom we believe to be servants of God, and open to them fully your financial

situation, and then unite with them in studying the counsel that the Lord has given you in the past regarding your work, and unite in laying plans for the future. I know that it will have to come to this. Let no time be lost. Let not things pass on, your being your own counsellor, and entering into temptations planned by the enemy to spoil your record as an intelligent, honest businessman. I have been passing through keen anguish of soul on your account. My son, you must not let one unrighteous action rest upon your soul.

Your withdrawal from the Southern Publishing Association was not wise. It was not just. It involved much. In the night season we were in a counsel meeting. Matters were being investigated, and it was shown that your movement in separating from the publishing house was unwise. A large outlay of means on your part was required in order for you to prepare to carry on an independent business. And you had not the means to carry out such a movement. I cannot keep silent and see you continue to become involved.

Lt 179b, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 7, 1905

My dear Son,—

I have a message for you. It was been presented to me that the sinking of your boat and the other misfortunes that came upon you were a lesson sent from the Lord. And many other matters have also been laid open before me with great clearness.

You moved unwisely in taking your work from the Southern Publishing house. There was a great deal involved in this action. Causes lead to effects. You should have considered the effect that such a step would have upon the Association and upon yourself. You should have seen that it was your privilege and duty to blend your interests with the interests of the Nashville office; not as the one who was to be always favored, but as one who was to help and be helped; not as one who was to have the deciding voice, but as one who was to unite his talents with the talents of others for the building up of a united work.

You have been launching out in the investment of means and are becoming more and more involved. In much of your work, you are doing the very things that you should not do. This is becoming a great burden to those who are associated with you and a great burden to the brethren whose means you are using to do the many things that your mind devises to be done.

I was in a board meeting, in which finances were being accurately sized up. I saw that the safety of our work in the South depends on our brethren who are bearing responsibilities, working in earnest union, counselling together and assisting one another. I have written a short letter to Elder Butler, saying that one man's voice and one man's talent should not be allowed to rule in the work of the Southern Publishing Association. The same principle holds true in the work of the Southern Missionary Society. Faithful brain and heart work is to be done by a united company.

Lt 179c, 1905

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

July 21, 1905

Dear son Edson,—

I write to you at this time because I am greatly burdened. I want to call your attention to the counsels that the Lord has given you regarding the use which He would have you make of the talents that He has given you—talents of time, experience, and influence. There is a good work that you can do if you will give your talents to improvement. Time is short. We all need to use every jot of our ability in proclaiming the message of truth. Why, O why, should not every power of every one who claims to be a child of God be used in His service? Walk humbly, circumspectly before Him. The work is to go forward in Nashville and in many other places in the South.

I must also call your attention to the money that you have invested in your various supposed necessities. This is not as God would have it. You are pursuing a course that causes me great trouble of mind. When your barn burned, consuming your horses and carriages, I said, "Amen and amen. The Lord is working with Edson. He has taken his case in hand. I do not feel so great an anxiety as I have felt in the past." I was relieved. I said, "If he will not heed the counsel God has given, what can I, even though I am his mother, do?" I saw you walking away from the counsel of your brethren and bringing great anxiety upon them by following your own devisings.

While you go forward unadvisedly, gathering responsibilities for the sake of helping the work, you are in fact retarding the work and making yourself the subject of criticism. You need the sanctifying, balancing influence of the Holy Spirit of God. If you would change your attitude and take counsel, as you always ought to, with men of judgment and experience, and then heed their counsel, it would be for your present interest and eternal good. I want you to realize that

you are not walking wisely. You are giving occasion for others to speak of you as wearing the stamp of unreliable ability. You have talent. This God has entrusted to you, and it is to be used to His name's glory. The many severe lessons and the plain cautions given you in the past, warning you not to gather responsibilities to yourself, ought to have saved you from your present experience.

I would that you could see how others are tempted on your account. How are you going to settle the thousands of dollars against you? With the large debts that you have, how can you go on investing money? Please stop and consider; for your course of action is affecting my work. I cannot see any possibility of saving you from the natural results of your course. It hurts me to have to write to you thus, but I cannot but tell you that your present financial embarrassment is the natural result of your moving without wise counsel and solid judgment. Can you be surprised if your brethren dread to share the responsibility of your movements?

I scarcely know what to say to you that will give you the help I earnestly desire you to receive. The light that is given me is that you must now move very guardedly. Do not get out of patience because there are those who feel a great anxiety on your account. Seek for counsel, and listen to it, as you have never listened to it before.

You have expressed your high appreciation of Brother Bollman's talents, and I have felt very thankful to the Lord that you have so wise a counsellor. George Amadon has linked his interest with you, and his influence has been a great blessing to you. But I see you in trouble, and this trouble your own course has brought about.

You cannot hope to evade, by vague generalities, the authoritative claims that must be made on you. There is only one way out—an honest avowal of your true situation in response to inquiry.

Edson, stop launching out in manufacturing enterprises. Stop laying plans that call for more money than your income will supply. Stop, for Christ's sake, stop. Your influence is a sacred trust, and it is to be carefully guarded as a gift from the Lord. What more can I say to you than I have already said? I ask you now to stop, and retrace your steps. Let me see that you appreciate the words of counsel sent you again and again in the past.

Let us now sound the clear, ringing note of the third angel's message. This is the time to work for God. This is the time to honor and glorify His name.

"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.” “Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected; for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.” [Hebrews 12:12-17.]

The apostle James, writing by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us that “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of His own will begat He us, with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.” [James 1:17-19.]

My son, be careful of your health. Recently I have been writing a special testimony to our sanitarium physicians regarding the diet question, entreating them to be true and sound and solid upon health reform. Some, even among our physicians, plead that they must eat meat; for other food does not agree with them. But what kind of a testimony can such physicians bear to the patients that come to them? How can they conduct health-reform, medical missionary sanitariums?

All this is a great burden on my soul. The truth must go deeper and still deeper than it has yet gone, refining, purifying, and sanctifying the whole man. The truth is to be proclaimed with power. To all connected with the work in and near Nashville, I would say, Be careful how you move. God’s angels are ascending and descending the ladder, bearing communications from God to His people. Read and practice the first chapter of Second Peter. There is now to be earnest heart searching on the part of all the workers in the Southern field.

Lt 181, 1905

Butler, G. I.

Glendale, California

June 22, 1905

Dear Brother Butler,—

We are seeking to bring up the work in this field to a higher standard by presenting the necessity of every man learning of Jesus Christ, the great Teacher. We need to pray much and to urge upon the people that God has given to every man his work. It is sad to think that many who profess to be Christians are not Christlike. Light is closely associated with life. If we have not light from the Sun of righteousness, we cannot have life. If we know not the truth of the Word, how can we live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God?

The prayer of Christ is, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth. As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." At this stage of our history we need to put stress upon this statement. This prayer was offered in our behalf, as well as for the disciples who were then with Christ. "Neither pray I for these alone," He said, "but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word." [John 17:17-20.] Many should be engaged in opening the Scriptures to unbelievers, who are to be educated by the words spoken by those who believe the truth. This is a work the importance of which seems to be but feebly understood. There are many who should be consecrated to the Lord through the sanctification of the truth. We are not doing one-hundredth part of what we should be doing as believers in Christ.

The Word of God is to be proclaimed in every place. Men and women are to be made holy through a knowledge of this Word. Christ is the light of the world, shining amidst the moral darkness. He came to bring to men the principles of heaven. But those to whom He came would not receive His words. In the place of feeling that they were highly favored in being chosen to receive the light so mercifully and graciously given, they comprehended and received it not.

"There was a man sent from God whose name was John." This John did not claim to be the Light. "He was not the Light, but was sent to bear witness of the Light." [John 1:6, 8.] He was not to take Christ's place, but was to point all men to the Light. No human being can take the position of Christ, but all can give the message, "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." [Verse 29.] This is the work of every minister of the gospel. He is not to attach the sympathies of the people to himself. In all the work that he does in the Master's service, he is to lift the people's sympathies above himself to Christ. The crucified One is to be presented before the people in His true office, and they are to be told that from Him alone can they gain the strength that will enable them to overcome evil.

Lt 183, 1905

Butler, G. I.

Glendale, California

June 23, 1905

Dear Brother Butler,—

Since leaving Washington, I have had much writing and speaking to do. I have spoken twice to the Los Angeles church. The Lord gave me a message for the people before leaving San Diego.

On our way to Los Angeles, we stopped off at Loma Linda and visited the property that we have purchased for sanitarium work. We were taken through the different buildings. There is one large main building, which was built for sanitarium work and is well adapted for that purpose. Some changes will have to be made regarding bath and treatment facilities, but otherwise, everything is in readiness for us to begin work at once.

Until this recent visit, I had never before seen such a place with my natural eyes, but four years ago such a place was presented before me as one of those that would come into our possession if we moved wisely. It is a wonderful place in which to begin our work for Redlands and Riverside. We must make decided efforts to secure helpers who will do most faithful medical missionary work. If God will bless the treatment given, and Christ will let His healing power be felt, a wonderful work will be accomplished.

We shall need the very best physicians that can be secured, men and women who are faithful and true and who will live in constant dependence upon the great Healer, men and women who will humble their hearts before God and believe His Word, men and women who will keep their eyes fixed on their leader and counsellor, the Lord Jesus Christ.

This work must be carried on aright. In the past, decided failures have been made in the institutions established for the care of the sick because so much business has been crowded in, that the main object for which our sanitariums are established has been lost sight of. Great loss has thus been sustained. I am to urge upon our people that the proclamation of the principles of truth must be kept prominent, as the main line of work for which our sanitariums were instituted.

The Lord calls for a solemn dedication to Him of the sanitariums that shall be established. Our object in the establishment of these institutions is that the truth for this time may through them be proclaimed. In order that this may be done, they must be conducted on right lines. In them business interests are not to be crowded in to take the place of spiritual interests. Every day devotional exercises are to be held. The Word of God is in no case to be given a secondary place. Those who come to our sanitariums for treatment must see the Word of God, which is the bread of life, exalted above all common, earthly considerations. A strong religious influence is to be exerted. It must be plainly shown that the glory of God and the uplifting of Christ are placed before all else.

The stupidity of soul that has been evidenced in our plans must now cease to bear away the victory. "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" [Mark 8:36, 37.]

Many who should have stood with us in solid rank and file have given themselves up to ambitions which have led to objectionable practices, opposed to honest and righteous dealing.

The service of such ones God does not accept. They are drawing into the pattern strange threads, which will spoil the figure, and the Lord cannot endorse their work. Those who become adepts in unfair dealing gain their success at altogether too high a price. Their mental powers are used to overreach and defraud, and opposite their names in the books of heaven God writes the words, Unfaithful stewards. God and eternal life become of little account to them when the greed for gain and for the mastery are in the scale. An eternity of blissful experience is exchanged for the flattery of supposed success. Transaction after transaction forbidden by God is entered into. The Voice said, Better, far better the loss of all earthly possessions than the loss of the favor of God and the eternal interests that are at stake.

The time is not far distant when the last venture will be made in giving the enemy the advantage over the soul. And the loss will be for eternity. Success in such ventures is a terrible disaster to those who take part in them. The words were spoken, Better the cross and the disappointment, better the shattered hopes and the world's charge of foolishness, than to gain a name, to sit with princes, and to forfeit heaven.

There is in the world today a power that palsies the spiritual energies, benumbs the sense of right, and robs man of the victory of overcoming. The benumbed soul does not recover. The spiritual paralysis continues until the end. Lies are spoken, lies are acted. Deception is practiced and dishonesty connived at. This leaves a deadly sting in the soul. The father of lies has taken possession of the citadel of the heart. The false, the deceptive has turned the whole current of the life. Business transactions have become corrupt. And this moral degradation has been chosen instead of a rich current of light from heaven.

The time has come when men who were once chosen of God have become degenerate. The word will soon be spoken, He is joined to his idols; let him alone.

There is much more that I might say, but I will withhold it. God pity those who are deceived by men. I am instructed to say, Lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. Now is the time to raise the standard aloft. I am to give the message that all advantage gained by compliance with tainted customs will leave its slimy trail. Any man whatever his profession may be, who has committed himself to an objectionable course of action, opposed to that which is pure, lovely, and of good report, will trample upon the Word of God. Would that those who have had great light would, in this the day of atonement, humble their souls and confess and forsake their sins, declaring that from henceforth by the grace of God, they will hold fast to their integrity, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan, and taking the Word of God as their rule of conduct, their standard of duty.

When men plan and scheme to get the advantage of one another in business dealing, it is because they have cast the Word of God behind them. It pains my heart even to trace these

words. The Word of God does not restrict man's diligence in business transactions that are according to righteousness. But it bears plain witness against underhand dealing. Upon this point it is clear and decided, and no one need err in understanding it. The Word of God is a light put into man's hand. God tells him to be guided by its precepts. Thus only can he become an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. In obeying the Word, man is acquiring immortal treasures, which will never pass away. The peace of God is worth everything to the receiver.

The talents entrusted to us by God are to be used in His service. Thus only can the highest results be obtained from their use. Man will not be deprived of the powers given him if he uses these powers to the glory of God. I am given a message to bear to the members of our churches. My brethren and sisters, Consecrate all that you have and are to God. The silver and the gold that we possess is but lent us in trust. The sin of covetousness is destroying the value of holy principles. It is leading us to act in opposition to God's will. It is eating out the hearts of men. Let us not cherish it longer.

How disgraceful are the disclosures that are being made regarding men who have occupied high places in the world. Shall the intrigues practiced by these men be practiced by the members of the church of God? Shall we not obey the injunction, "Honor the Lord with thy substance"? [Proverbs 3:9.] My brethren and sisters, it was the favor of God that enabled you to gather together your substance. All that you have belongs to Him, and cheerfully and gladly you are to lay your means and talents upon the altar of service, that they may be used in saving perishing souls.

The Christian in the market place who keeps his soul unspoiled has a credit in the heavenly courts. His means will not be used to carry out the devising of the enemy, but to do good in the very lines that God has marked out. The Lord will teach us how to employ all our powers to the glory of His name. The gathering of wealth is to be used in the service of the Master. Thus used, it will bring a hundredfold in this life, and in the life to come glorious and eternal riches.

To every church member I would say, Never, never let there be any departing from the strictest integrity. Do not mock God, the Majesty of heaven, by a disregard of His Word. Never, never defraud a fellow being and then suppose that your sharpness is something to be proud of. Do not follow maxims of business that are based on false pretensions. There is in this our day a great deal of falsity. The pretender, the deceiver is increasing in numbers, and truth and integrity are violated. Lies are spoken, lies are acted and are becoming more and more common among those who do not make the Word of God their counsellor.

Never was there a time when truth and righteousness should be so highly exalted by those who are in God's service as the present. Let us urge upon our people the necessity of laying wholly upon the foundation principles of the truth. Oh, there are so many who fail to enjoy the

blessing that comes from a clear conviction of what the people of God must be. There is nothing in self upon which it is safe to rest. In the place of being confused in regard to the foundation of our faith, which has been confirmed by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the place of building flimsy foundations upon the sands of error, let us hold fast to the great principles of truth given us, refusing to be moved. Those who receive theories of Satan's furnishing are building upon the sand. When the storm and tempest come, their building will suddenly collapse, and great will be the fall of it.

Let us thank God, Brother Butler, that there are still some living who have had an experience from the beginning in the proclamation of the great and solemn messages that have come to our world in warning. We know that the Holy Spirit's power has confirmed the word spoken. We can say, as did John, "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; ... 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." [1 John 1:1, 3.]

From our own personal experience we can speak of the truth that has made us what we are—Seventh-day Adventists. Truth felt within is most precious, but truth confirmed by the testimony of the Word and by the Holy Spirit's power is of the highest value. We can confidently say, The truth that has come to us through the Holy Spirit's working is not a lie. The evidences given for the last half century bear the evidence of the Spirit's power. In the Word of God we have found the truth that substantiates our faith. We have watched the influence of the heresies that have come in, and we have seen them come to naught. God has given us sacred, holy truths. Let us hold them fast. I am instructed to say that we are now to present these truths, in plainness and simplicity, to the people of God.

Lt 185, 1905

White, J. E.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June 26, 1905

J. E. White

My dear son,—

It is high time that you heeded the cautions and warnings that the Lord has given you in regard to borrowing money. One caution from the Lord ought to be enough, but you have borrowed

money again and again, and you spend large sums in unwise investments. Thus you weaken your influence, and you also weaken the influence that the Lord would have your mother exert.

You should not permit your course of action to tear in pieces the work of other men. You should not try to build yourself up as a one-man power. This God forbids. If you do not change, you will hurt my influence and weaken my hands in the much-needed work of raising means for foreign fields and for needy missionary enterprises in the Southern states. I cannot and will not allow this to be done.

Consider, my son, how much sorrow and how many sleepless hours you cause me, and not me only, but yourself and others. You are inclined to take everything into your own hands. You do not seek for and listen to the counsel of your brethren. By following your own counsel, you are doing more than anyone else to block the way of the book that I am preparing on the work in the South. The course that you are pursuing, while regarding yourself as superior in judgment, is contrary to the will of God. By this course you are hindering your own work and making my way exceedingly hard.

Your separation from the Southern Publishing house, and your setting up of another printing office, was not the wisest thing. You have injured the publishing house by separating from it and establishing a separate business. You may justify your course in doing this, but it is not right, neither is it just.

You can be out of the city to do much of your work, but to go as far as you have gone in separating your work from the office that you yourself were foremost in establishing in the city of Nashville is something that the Lord disapproves. Often you have condemned when you ought to have approved. You have drawn off when you ought to have exerted your influence to bring about unity. You should now labor to bring heart and mind and soul into union with your brethren. They should not be expected to do all the unifying. As a Christian you have an important part to act in the effort for unity.

When you receive upon mind and voice and character the mold of the Holy Spirit, the Lord will sustain and bless you; but when you try to make yourself a complete whole, drawing apart from your brethren, you separate from God. You should not count it a little matter to be at variance with your brethren. You should not permit yourself to cherish feelings that no man can cherish and still retain his influence as a Christian.

If you would retain your influence, you must carry your work forward in the simplicity of true godliness. If you will do this, there are several branches of work in which you can help by your judgment and counsel. But if you feel that you do not need the counsel of your brethren, you will close the door of your usefulness as a counselor to them. Sometimes you have despised the

counsel of those who would have been to you a savor of life unto life. It is your duty to receive counsel from your brethren. You should appreciate their advice.

There are distinct branches of work in which you can reflect light, if you will show a right spirit. You can be an educator in several lines, and you can be a great blessing, but other minds and other voices must be blended with your mind and voice.

Study David's experience. "I said in my haste," he said, "all men are liars." [Psalm 116:11.] But this was a speech calculated to do much harm. Words spoken in haste place men on the stool of repentance.

Afflictions are the portion of those who love God and keep His commandments. If your season of trouble does not lead you to love God, does not soften and subdue your heart, what will? If your affliction at the hand of God does not lead you to humble your heart before Him as a little child, what will accomplish the work? If by these troubles your heart is not quickened into self-searching under the Holy Spirit's influence, what will bring this about?

O my son, never, never will you improve your talents and your gifts as the Lord would have you until you lay aside the burdens which you gather to yourself, but which you need not touch. God would have you review the past and humble your heart before Him. Again and again the Lord has set before you the need of reviewing, step by step, point by point, your own experience, but you have not obeyed. If you do not decidedly change your course of action, you will do more to weaken the confidence of the church in the integrity of the testimonies than all other influences combined can do.

O how many there are far from the path of truth, doing unrighteousness, who might be saved if they would disrobe themselves of their ambition and their pride. In the judgment, how plainly, how distinctly all these mistakes will stand out. How clearly then men will see the consequences of stubbornly following their own way.

God calls upon His workers in the Southern field to unify and become a complete whole. "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me," He says, "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:29.] Why do those who have the same truth and the same Christ frame cruel yokes for their necks, refusing to subject themselves to the Saviour's yoke. When you accept one half of the messages sent you, and refuse the other part because it does not favor your plans, you are refusing to wear the yoke and bear the burden of Christ.

O Edson, my son, how is it regarding the means that you have invested in ordinary business? Do you act with the strictest integrity in all your contracts, all your negotiations, all your payments? Do you labor to keep clear of debt, as Christ would have you? What pattern are you giving to

others? How is it with your tongue? Do you bring it under the rule of Christ? How is it with you on other points?

O the forbearance—the forbearance of Christ toward us. O the greatness of our debt to Him! May God help you, that you may not show yourself fickle. Stand up in the name of the Lord, and make thorough work for eternity. The Lord has allowed disaster to come upon you that you might be led to repent.

Edson, with all your religious experience, unless you deny yourself, and lift the cross of self-sacrifice, you cannot live with Jesus in the heavenly courts. God calls for a much higher consecration than you give Him.

Recently, in the night visions, we seemed to be in an assembly. Some plain questions were asked those present. A hand was laid upon your shoulder, Edson, and the words were spoken, “Have you on the wedding garment?” [See Matthew 22:11, 12.] Still more earnestly the question was repeated, “Have you on the robe of Christ’s righteousness? How is it with you in your ordinary business? How is it with your temper?”

I dare not withhold these things from you. Everyone who has any connection with the work of God is to work out his own salvation with fear and trembling.

“I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, in all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. ... And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ; from whom the whole body fitly framed together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” [Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16.]

These words outline the work that should be done in every church. God's people are to come into unity. Love is the law of Christ's kingdom. The Lord calls upon every one to reach a higher standard. The lives of His people are to reveal love, meekness, longsuffering. Longsuffering bears something, yea, many things, without seeking to be avenged by word or act.

Lt 186, 1905

White, J. E.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June, 1905

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Son,—

I have been and still am troubled in regard to your case. In the night season I find myself engaged in earnest, pleading conversation with you, repeating the testimonies of reproof and caution that the Lord has given me for you. I am much oppressed in your behalf. You are gathering burdens to yourself that you are unable to carry, and this makes it hard for those who are connected with you to do anything to help you. You think you know best, and you will not take counsel.

You will not look at these matters in a rational light until the converting power of God comes upon you and transforms your mind. It is right that you should take counsel of those who are associated with you in business lines. You cannot expect to continue to follow your own way, accepting no advice from others. You plan for yourself and then expect others to follow who have no confidence in your planning.

Lt 187, 1905

Jones, A. T.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

February 26, 1905

Dear Brother,—

I have read the letters recently received by W. C. White from you. I can refer to only a few of the matters mentioned in these letters.

You speak of the work which should be done in America, but which is undone. I wish to speak of these neglected fields as they are presented to me. I wish to speak, not merely in behalf of the Southern field, but in behalf of the large cities, whose neglected, unwarned condition is a condemnation to our people, who claim to be missionaries for the Master.

You bring up the far-off mission fields, great London and the neglected fields farther away. When our people come into unity, when they spend less time in dissension and discord, and more time in service for the Master, their work will be done under the ministration of heavenly angels, and the truth will go forth with power.

We stand rebuked by God because the large cities right within our sight are unworked and unwarned. A terrible charge of neglect is brought against those who have been long in the work, in this very America, and yet have not entered the large cities. What has been done in Philadelphia, in New Orleans, in St. Louis, and in other cities that I might name? We have done none too much for foreign fields, but we have done comparatively nothing for the great cities right beside our own doors.

There is the great city of New York. Much might have been done in it that has not been done. Are you surprised that I should keep these cities before the notice of our people? We have scarcely touched Greater New York with the tips of our fingers. Brother Haskell and his wife labored nobly, but who encouraged them in their work? Who cut down their wages, when every dollar that they could spare was being expended in the proclamation of the message? I am cited to these inconsistencies, and am shown how the work that Brother and Sister Haskell ran heavily, because the burden placed upon them was too heavy for them to carry.

Brother and Sister Haskell are now engaged in work in Nashville, and with pen and voice I shall present the needs of the cities of the South, in which no efforts have been put forth. And yet God calls those living in these cities our neighbors.

The very men held in Battle Creek, where the Lord has said that they should not be held, could have entered these cities; and under the guidance of wise leaders, whether ministers or laymen, a successful effort might have been carried forward.

A thorough and genuine work is to be done in the cities of the South, and the work presented to me as the most important to be done just now is the preparation of workers who can take hold intelligently to bring things up to a higher standard. We cannot spend our time in lamentations about what has not been done. Let us call upon our people to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty agencies of evil that must be met.

I am more thankful than I can express that at this time work is being done in Washington, and that the law of God in its proper bearing is being held up before the people. Many more ought

to be laboring there, and their work ought to be self-supporting. I pray that the Holy Spirit will work upon hearts; for we have no time to lose.

When the Redeemer was on this earth, working for the sin-cursed cities, He sent His disciples everywhere to preach the gospel. When those who are clustered together in Battle Creek are converted, they will hear and heed the commission that Christ gave His disciples just before His ascension.

“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.]

“Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen. And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

“So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” [Mark 16:14-20.]

After His resurrection He gave His disciples instruction as to the work they were to do. “He opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.” [Luke 24:45-53.]

If those in Battle Creek who have a knowledge of the truth realized how near, how very near, we are to the end of this earth’s history, they would go forth and proclaim in our cities the last message of warning. They are in need of a spiritual resurrection. Their understanding needs to

be enlightened. God calls upon the believers in Battle Creek to make earnest work for repentance, to seek Him while He may be found. Why should our ministers, if they are still sound in the faith, not go forth with the message to be given to those who are in the darkness of error?

Elder A. T. Jones, God calls upon you to go out into the cities and give the last message of warning. Look to God for your support as you go. Call the people together, and you will certainly not work in vain. Let the truth go forth as a lamp that burneth. No longer confine your efforts to one place. Let there be held, right where you are, a solemn convocation. Let there be a renunciation of self to God. Hold fast the beginning of your faith unto the end. Let not your faith waver. Go forth in faith, and work on the same plan that Elder Simpson has followed. Have your charts, and preach the gospel. "Lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sin." [Isaiah 58:1.]

There are those who have never heard the message of mercy and warning. In the name of the Lord I say, Delay not. Proclaim the gospel message in the cities of America. Scatter the seeds of truth throughout these cities. Take with you reliable men, who with pen and voice will act their part in proclaiming the message of present truth to the world.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

"Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong; fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall be become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lions shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed of the Lord shall walk there; and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." [Isaiah 35:1-10.]

God calls upon His people to arouse from their inaction.

Lt 188, 1905

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July, 1905

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My Son Edson,—

I must speak to you concerning some things which have caused me trouble of mind. While at your place, I feared at times that your mind was becoming unbalanced, but hoped that if you rested you would realize a decided change. More recently some matters have been opened before me, and I was instructed to bear this message to you:

Your inclination to engage in manufacturing enterprises is a snare to you. You devise and plan, and, no matter what your financial circumstances are, you carry out what you have planned. Your salary and other means are appropriated to carry out your ambitious purposes, and then you are compelled to hire money and are often led to invest much more means in the enterprise you are planning than in your first conception of the plan was considered necessary.

At times your movements of this character have scarcely borne the mark of a sound mind. You do not ask counsel of your associates for fear they will check your ambitious plans, but plunge deeper and deeper into debt, until the climax comes.

I was instructed in regard to this phase of your experience when you were in Battle Creek. The experience you had there resulted in the breaking up of your business, but even this did not develop in you caution and a fixed determination to manage economically. You did not learn to bind about the edges of your expenses, but you repeatedly placed your neck under a yoke of galling obligations. You did not learn to use money discreetly. The same inclination was afterward manifested in your passion for boats.

The freedom you have manifested in the laying out of money has not been pleasing to the Lord. By your speculations you are binding burdens on your own shoulders and framing a cruel yoke for your own neck. I wish that you might value more than you do the freedom that would enable you to say, “I owe no man anything.” [See Romans 13:8.] It has been your desire to do some great thing that would make you a benefactor to the cause of God, and to do this you have taxed mind and soul to the utmost; but your calculations have been perverted. Over and over again you have caused trouble and perplexity by your unreasonable enterprises. Yet you have not meant that this should be.

There is danger in your going into business independently. There is more safety for you in being associated with others, where you have to give an account of your dealings, and where your true position is understood. Neither can you safely take the position of head manager. Your inclination to spend money is strong, and this will keep you at the foot instead of at the head.

I was charged with instruction for you to have nothing to do with the food manufacturing interests; for this would have meant a great consuming of other men's money. Your broadening plans, your purchasing of machinery would have resulted in positive failure. You did take heed to this instruction, and I thank the Lord for it.

Your disposition to trade, and your easy way of parting with money, if rightly named, would be that of "spendthrift." You are placing yourself in a most unenviable position: for to be called upon now to settle your debts would mean bankruptcy to you. And yet, if you are not withheld from it, you would even now plan for more machinery in your office. In your desire to create more facilities, you would hire money at a high rate of interest if you could not obtain it without; but this machinery will not run itself. Call a halt where you are, or dishonesty will find a place among your ambitious schemes. Cease to spread yourself out. Economy has not been revealed in your past management of the book business, and you will not make a success of your printing establishment.

You are carrying a work that God now forbids you to carry. He would have you consider yourself reprov'd. Should your true financial standing be known by the bank, and your inability to meet your present obligations be understood, what would you do?

I was shown that it was a means of injury to you that when you were preparing your office, means was placed in your hands to get the facilities you required. Had you revealed economy and an unwillingness to launch out on borrowed capital, you would have done that which was right. Your present indebtedness should never have existed. You should have waited until money came in from your business before securing the facilities you desired. You should have demonstrated a reformation of character by saying, I will wait, not expecting conveniences, until I earn the means I need. I will put up with inconvenience rather than pay large interest on hired money. You need to sign the pledge just as verily as does the drunkard who uses liquor to gratify his appetite.

The work that God has given you to do is a high and noble work, and your example is to be of a character to prove that you can be trusted. Your associates in business are to have reason for placing confidence in you that you will act with the integrity and honor of one who believes the truth for these last days. You are to be sanctified, not by profession of the truth, but by the possession of the sternest Christian principles.

Your way to eminence will not lie through speculation or by drawing your bow at a venture. Such success would imperil your soul's healthfulness. You are to reach success by using the talents God has given you in a reasonable and sensible way, and in accordance with Bible principles, by acting with true economy and by giving to believers and unbelievers a good example. If you have not the means, tell your workers to be patient with you, that the Lord has forbidden you to accumulate debts. Tell them that you will do all that is possible to acquire what is necessary, but that you are pledged to show yourself a man of principle, a man of economy, a man of good, stern common sense, gaining credit because you do not ask credit, working diligently, systematically, and intelligently. All this I am instructed to present to you as you can bear it.

Your soul is purchased property, owned by the One who gave His life for you. You are to be deeply in earnest to keep that soul, purchased at so great a cost, free from every taint of dishonesty or prevarication of the truth. Then you will stand on vantage ground. You will have spare moments for your friendships; you will have an interest in cultivating the powers of mind and soul, and this should be your first consideration. You are to prepare that soul to enjoy a life that measures with the life of God—a life that Christ has purchased for you by the shedding of His own blood. You are to be made spotless and clean in this present life, being made partaker of the divine nature and escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust. You are to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, remembering that it is God that worketh in you to will and to do of His good pleasure. You are to work out a spiritual character, revealing purity and truth, and putting into practice the principles of the gospel of Christ.

You are to watch yourself, your words, your works; for the world is watching you. Your business transactions and your temporal affairs are being criticized. Let your speech be always seasoned with grace. You are to show to the world your purpose to be a citizen of Paradise. Let no careless, irreverent expression come from your lips. What you say in the world will be marked with special consequence if it corresponds with what you say in the church. Your attitude, your words, your spirit are constantly making an impression upon those with whom you associate. An example of industry and frugality will discourage avarice and overreaching and the least untruthfulness in word or in action. Not a thread of dishonesty, even in secret, is to come into your plans. You are a minister of the gospel. Your associates are to know that through the grace of Christ you are what you profess to be.

Satan is offering to every soul the kingdoms of this world in return for the carrying out of his will. This was the great inducement he presented to Christ in the wilderness of temptation. And so he says to Christ's followers, If you will follow my business methods, I will reward you with wealth. Every Christian is at some time brought to the test which will reveal his weak points of character. If the temptation is resisted, he has gained precious victories. He must choose

whether he will serve Christ or become a follower of the great deceiver and a worshiper of him. In Satan's last bold attempt to overcome Christ, the Saviour met him with the words, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." [Matthew 4:10.] Hitherto the Saviour's response to his temptations had been in <vindicating> the affirmative; now He commands the tempter to depart, and Satan leaves Him, defeated where he had hoped for victory.

Satan is the arch deceiver. The results to us of accepting his temptations are worse than any loss that can be realized, yes, worse than death itself. Those who purchase success at the fearful price of submission to the will of Satan will find that they have made a hard bargain. Everything in Satan's trade is secured at a high price. The advantages he presents are a fearful, deceptive mirage. The promised high hopes he holds out are secured at the loss of things that are good and holy and pure. Let Satan always be confounded by the words, "It is written." "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, and that walketh in His ways; for thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands; happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." [Psalm 128:1, 2.]

I speak these words to all who love and fear God. He who stands prepared to do the works of righteousness will not be deceived by the allurements of the enemy. The angels of God are by his side restraining him if he will be restrained. His actions will be guided by an exalted sense of right. He will be enabled to distinguish between right and wrong, between truth, exalted truth, and error. Those who enter the kingdom of heaven will be those who have reached the highest standard of moral obligation, those who have not sought to hide the truth or to deceive, those by whom God has been exalted and His Word defended, those by whom principle has not been misapplied to vindicate the wiles of Satan. God seeks for men of incorruptible integrity to minister His Word and to engage in medical missionary work.

Edson, if Satan succeeds in keeping you in this busy round of manufacturing work, he will gain just what he desires. Do not divorce your occupation from your religion. You are gathering responsibilities to yourself that give you employment, but not of the kind that God has given you to do. Your self imposed burdens will crowd your soul into deformity, and your work will bear the condemnation of God.

God has an interest in every nerve and muscle of your being. Your talent of speech is a sacred talent. Let it be used always with grace. Guard your appetite, that it may be sound and helpful. Your soul is precious in the sight of God, for it is the purchase of the blood of Christ. It is to be educated and trained and disciplined, that it may be fitted to join the redeemed family in the courts of heaven. It is your privilege to be an overcomer and to hear spoken to you the words, "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 your opportunity. You are to give yourself to the preaching of the Word and to preparing the books that are needed in the cause. You have lost precious opportunities of learning valuable lessons out of the Word. You have been busy here and there, but not always with the work of God's appointment. God tells you now to surround your soul with a different atmosphere, that you may be the means of doing much good to the souls who are perishing.

You have been on the losing side financially in carrying out certain projects of your own. You have bound upon your neck a burden which hampers all your spiritual powers. There are many in the South among our own people who need the help that you can give them. They are subject to Satan's temptations. They pick up pleasing fables and hold them as truth. I warn you to be on your guard. There are moral icebergs among professed believers, men and women who never confess their wrongs because it is out of the line of their education to do this. Such will ever exert a harmful influence. Educate the young converts to keep away from such company. Through the study of sciences that are of satanic origin, they have frozen their souls.

Now, my son, make your paths straight. Now is your time to make a decided reformation. Let nothing that anyone may say or do hinder you in this work. You cannot give yourself to commercial enterprises unless the Lord lays this burden upon you, and this He has not done. Bind up the inclinations that take you from the work of teaching the Word of God. Study your Bible, and teach its truths to the souls who are ready to perish. The Christianity that is spiritual and aggressive will, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit, accomplish a good work for Christ.

There is a work of reformation to be done in the Nashville church. If the members of the Nashville church will unify, if they will humble their hearts before God, confessing their way out of darkness into the light, the Spirit of God will come upon His people. The believers at Nashville have been departing from God. Let them now stand up in their weakness and identify themselves as one with God. There is nothing in this world that I fear so much as the fact that I may not know all my duty and so fail to meet all the obligations I owe to God.

I speak to the members of the church: Take hold of Christ by prayer and confession of sin. Tell them if they will do this, forsaking their sins, they will see the salvation of God. Learn of Christ; receive His grace, and receive to impart. Put on the whole armor of Christ's righteousness. God has a constant claim on our service. He says to each believing soul, "Follow Me; and I will make you fishers of men." [Matthew 4:19.] Let us clear the King's highway. Let us cast out all evil from the heart and make diligent work of repentance, that God may accept our service.

Help Elder Haskell; help Elder Butler, that their efforts may be a success. Your lives with all their capabilities belong to God. Consecrate yourselves to Him. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you; and when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up for you a standard against the enemy. Watch unto prayer. Humble your hearts before God, and see if

He will not give you such a blessing, that you will not have room enough to receive it. May the Lord work mightily, is my prayer.

Lt 189, 1905

Rand, H. F.

San Jose, California

July 1, 1905

Dr. H. F. Rand

Dear Brother,—

I have begun several letters to you, but other business demanding immediate attention has compelled me to leave them unfinished. Finding and reading the beginning of a letter to you reminded me that I ought to complete the letter. I have felt that we all need to communicate more frequently with one another.

I wish to tell you that you are in the place where the Lord would have you. I shall not tell you all the reasons in this letter. But if you believe that the Lord has a message for me to bear to His people, let me say that I have a message to bear to you. You are in the right place, and the Lord's will is that you shall remain where you are. Please believe what I write you. There are some things which you will hear ere long that will explain what I say. But I will say now, Let not Dr. Kellogg have one vestige of influence over you.

I have letters written to Dr. Kellogg, showing him where his movements will land him if he does not change. If a reformation does not take place in his life, he will go headlong into the pit that Satan has prepared for his feet. Remain where you are. Lean not on Dr. Kellogg, but lean hard on Jesus Christ.

I have letters written for Dr. Place. He may try to win the helpers away from the Boulder Sanitarium. But Dr. Place is not a Christian in practice, and it would be a mistake for you to allow your women workers to come under his influence. He is not in a position religiously to be a blessing to any sanitarium or to do the work that the Lord requires His medical missionaries to do. Hold the fort at the Boulder Sanitarium. If you will stand firm for true religious principles, you will gain the esteem of the outside medical fraternity. The world respects a man who is firm to principle, and the Lord will give you favor with physicians who are not of our faith.

I am attending the San Jose camp-meeting, and at half-past ten this morning I spoke in the large tent to about a thousand people. They were crowded in as closely as they well could be. I had great freedom in speaking. The talk was taken down, and when it is written out, I will try to

send you a copy. I spoke to the people regarding the necessity of their realizing the responsibility resting upon them to help the work of foreign missions. I presented before them their individual responsibility and told them that the Lord has given men talents to be put out to the exchangers. All that we have is the Lord's, and we are to husband our talents carefully, that His work at home and abroad may be carried forward. A call was made for gifts for foreign mission work, and a donation of five hundred dollars was taken up.

It is a great thing to have such an influence exerted as is being exerted by this camp-meeting. Many outsiders come to the meetings. Men and women from the camp are engaged in doing house-to-house work, and they are well received. This is the kind of work that should be done in every city. San Jose is increasing rapidly in numbers, and this is the first camp-meeting that has been held here for years. A large interest seems to have been created as a result of the meetings.

I am intensely desirous that every soul among us shall now do his utmost to proclaim the last message of mercy to be given to our world. From the light that God has given me, I know that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord's servants are to make Him their entire dependence. A worker is never to lift himself up in his own self-sufficiency. The Lord will permit all who do this to follow their own wisdom, and they will be humbled by defeat. Divine power will be imparted to every human worker who will work in all humility of mind, looking unto Jesus, trusting in and depending upon the wisdom, not of man, but of God, and doing his utmost to improve his entrusted talents. God makes His humble, trusting servants His representatives. He greatly blesses those who will not lift up their souls unto vanity, who refuse to walk in self-confidence and presumption.

God calls upon men to improve the talents lent them. We are to place ourselves on the altar of service as a living sacrifice, following the example of Him who gave His life for the life of the world. God will manifest Himself through the humble, consecrated worker, making him wise unto salvation.

Our life is not our own. We have been bought with a price, and what a price. Every talent that we have to trade upon is the Lord's. In spending our powers in doing His will from the heart, we improve our talents continually.

My brother, watch unto prayer, and do not listen to any proposition that Dr. Kellogg may make to you, which would call you from your post of duty. Stay where you are. Your entrusted capabilities are sacred treasures, to be improved and increased by wise use. You are to impart the grace and knowledge that comes with their improvement. This is the purpose for which your talents were lent you. Let the grace of God be decidedly manifested through you. There is just now a great need of inquiring at every step, "Is this the way of the Lord?"

A great trial is to come to all in Battle Creek. Everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. Not one of the warnings that God has given is an idle tale. Dr. Kellogg has not been walking in the light for years, and the work that he has been doing is to unsettle the faith in the testimonies. He thinks that when he has done this, he can go forward in his own way, carrying with him the minds of those who have been so long deceived by his lawyer-like policy.

Cling to God, Dr. Rand, and remain where you are for the present. Pray, and watch unto prayer.

Lt 190, 1905

Brethren in Battle Creek

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 3, 1903

My brethren in Battle Creek,—

I wish to say a few words to you. It is the Lord’s will that the publishing work shall be removed from Battle Creek. The enemy is working through those who do not do the will of God to hinder the removal of this work. Those who allow Satan thus to use them show plainly on whose side they are standing.

God has never left Himself without witness on the earth. At one time Melchizedek represented the Lord Jesus Christ in person to reveal the truth of heaven and perpetuate the law of God. Jethro was singled out from the darkness of the Gentile world to reveal the principles of heaven. God has ever had appointed agencies and has ever given abundant evidences that these agencies were heaven appointed and heaven sent.

Let every man humble his soul before God. There is need, very great need, of the wisdom that God alone can impart. Those who profess to be Christians are to walk and work in humility. There are evils that must be corrected. The men who bear responsibilities are to carry themselves with all dignity. They are to be circumspect, true, faithful, kind. They are not to stand in their own strength, to work out their own plans. Thus the work of God has in the past been greatly hindered. The Lord calls upon men who act any part in His work to be first taught of Him. They are to be led by the Holy Spirit, not by their own hereditary and cultivated tendencies. They are not to watch for reports that the work of our institutions is not advancing in right lines, and then carry that report from conference, leaving the impression that the work is not being conducted properly.

July 5, 1903

We have a great and wonderful work to do. The will of God must become the will of the human agent. I speak to the members of our churches. Are you converted? Do you profess to be children of God? If so, have you turned from all your idols? "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God; Every spirit that confesseth that Christ is come in the flesh is of God." [1 John 4:1, 2.] The confession is revealed in the character. Words merely are not sufficient. Nothing but the light of the Word of God, shining forth from the converted soul in good works, constitutes men Christ's disciples. "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.] Nothing but the light of heaven, reflected from the lives of Christ's followers, can save souls.

The Lord has not given any man the work of an investigating agent, to place his human estimate upon the work that is carried forward. The Lord has a controversy with His people. There is to be a decided change in the men who have been acting a part in the work. The proud, ambitious spirit which has been cherished by some connected with our institutions is to be changed for the meek and lowly spirit of Christ. Let each one in responsibility read carefully the Word of God and not brace himself up to speak evil of the things that he knows not. I have a message from the Lord that the spirit which has been controlling some connected with the Review and Herald office is not under the control of the divine Teacher. There must be a complete transformation in the characters of the men who have acted a prominent part in that institution, or else they will not be acknowledged of God as men to be trusted. They will carry on the same conflict against the very work that the Lord desires to see advanced. The Lord says to His people, Look unto Me, and pray for the Holy Spirit, which is your great need. Far more humble, earnest prayer is needed.

The second chapter of Philippians was read slowly and impressively as a chapter needed in the education of all workers. This chapter should be brought before our people.

Lt 191, 1905

Haskell, S. N.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

July 5, 1905

Dear Brother Haskell,—

We are much pleased with the information contained in your recent letters. In the past we have labored together under difficulties, and we will continue the same kind of work, making the best use of every advantage. I hope that you and your wife and Sister Wilson and the other

members of your working force will talk, not on the negative side, but on the affirmative side of the blessings, the encouraging events, the kindnesses of others. If you look at appearances, let it be for the growth of your faith. Remember that you are laborers together with Jesus Christ, the captain of the Lord's host. Pray in faith, depending on the power of Him who never fails those who put their trust in Him.

I rejoice with you, Brother Haskell, that the gold and silver are the Lord's, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. Christ is hungry for fruit, hungry to see large congregations listening to the message of mercy to be given to a perishing world. The end of all things is at hand. The signs foretold by Christ are fast fulfilling. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. There are stormy times before us, but let us not utter one word of unbelief or discouragement. Let us remember that we bear a message of healing to a world filled with sinsick souls.

We have been making earnest calls for help for mission fields, but I know of no more needy field than the South. We shall help you all we can. You will remember the poverty that we met when starting the work in New England, in Boston, New Bedford, and other places. But the difficulties we encountered only made us unite in pushing forward the harder, and we have not forgotten what wonderful victories the Lord gave us. How many times there came upon us trials that almost overpowered us. In every place, heresies came in, and every conceivable error strove for entrance. What were our weapons? Faith and prayer. We were medical missionaries, and we realized the fulfilment of the promise, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:20.] How manifest was the power of God in healing the sick! What rejoicing, what thanksgiving was heard!

We never thought in those days that we should have institutions for healing the sick. We did not suppose that time would last long enough for us to build meetinghouses. But all over the United States we now have sanitariums, and a large corps of intelligent physicians are working earnestly to present the principles of health reform and to point souls to Christ.

In those early days, how many seasons of fervent prayer were held! A holy, submissive, Christlike spirit was breathed upon us; for we knew that the Saviour was with us. No one was instructed to spend years in preparation for the work to be done. Practical, earnest knowledge was imparted. There was seen the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Few today are better armed and equipped for service than were the workers of that time. Christianity was seen to be the exemplification of the Holy Spirit's working on human hearts. God's wonderful, miracle-working power was exercised according to our faith. The manifest revealing of the grace of Christ carried a deeper conviction to souls than the logic of man could possibly have carried.

When error crowded itself in, and the science of satanic agencies proclaimed itself, as it did in many places, faith and Christlikeness proved the power of the truth.

But I cannot take time to trace the record of all the manifestations of the Holy Spirit that attended the proclamation of the truth as we now hold it. The truth of heavenly origin is rapidly extending, and the world may say, Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. The great principles of truth brought from the Bible under the Spirit's guidance are of no less importance now than in the beginning of our work. At that time there were wonderful manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the detection of false doctrines. The counterfeit, which urged itself upon us for recognition, was separated from the true. The prominence given to the words of Scripture was so marked that our faith became established in a plain "Thus saith the Lord."

In every new field that was entered, we contended earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Those of the pioneer laborers who are still living understand that the rebuke of the Holy Spirit was upon all fanatical performances. Elder James White, Elder J. N. Andrews, Elder Haskell, Elder Loughborough, and I had to meet the various phases of error that sought to come in as present truth. When these false doctrines strove for entrance, we consulted God in prayer, and He revealed Himself to us.

The great truths that we then received are in print and will speak; for they are the teaching of the Spirit of God and are immortalized. God has justified these truths, which have been traced out under the dictation of the Holy Spirit.

We can see today the very same power working that worked when the message was first given to bring in seductive theories. But the truth for this time is in print, immortalized by the sanction of the Holy Spirit; and when false theories are brought in, they can be distinguished from the true.

We prize very highly the old soldiers of the cross. The messengers of God who have been in the work from the passing of the time in 1844 have seen the truth established and settled. Their experience we highly appreciate. These men are to be sustained in their work. Elder Butler and Elder Haskell have been blessed with great light and should in the southern field stand as is described in Ephesians 6:10-18.

God forbid that these aged servants of His should not be sustained in their arduous work of fitting up men and women to engage in the proclamation of the message. These self-sacrificing, self-denying workers are to be respected as chosen of God, precious and worthy. They are men who have had an experience, and they are doing a work that will not ravel out. We commend these laborers in the southern field to the care of the people of God. Wherever they may go, prepare the way before them. May the Lord give them faith and hope and courage and wisdom.

We know what it means to have such men on the ground when great perplexity is brought in by those who present misleading theories, taking a text of scripture and bringing out of it that which God has not placed in it. At such times, it is worth everything to have on the ground men who have proved the falseness of these theories and who do not enter into controversy, but present the clear, straight truths that God has vindicated.

We are glad that we have the Word of God and the testimony of the Holy Spirit brought out in pen pictures of the past and the solemn predictions of the future. These things will continue to be living realities to the people of God. The printed truths that the Lord has given us will hold us on the Rock, firm and steadfast. We shall not let go the things that were so great a help to us while the work was being established.

We are glad that God in His providence has furnished the believers in Nashville with an excellent place of worship. I ask our people in the southern field to help our brethren and sisters in Nashville to raise the money to pay for this building. And I ask our people all over this country to help also. The work in Nashville has been pushed forward amidst poverty and hardship, and I pray that God will move upon the hearts of His people everywhere to send in their gifts for this church building, and also to support the tent-effort that is now being made in Nashville. I hope that all will see and appreciate the importance of this work. Elder Haskell and his wife, Elder Butler and Sister Wilson and others are working hard to present the truth that will stand the test of ages.

Let God's aged servants stand with the whole armor on; for God has given them the truth to vindicate. God has His messengers on earth, and angels will be their guides. They will be all taught of God. Instruction is often given by immortal messengers to men. Will this instruction be exchanged for the teaching of science falsely so called? No, No! Let us stand fast as Christ's soldiers, ever working on the affirmative side.

The record given in the thirteenth chapter of Judges shows how God employs angels to communicate with human beings. So also does the vision of Cornelius, recorded in the tenth chapter of Acts, and the experience of Peter, recorded in the twelfth of Acts. I could cite case after case where God has sent His angels to be the powerful helpers of His chosen messengers.

God calls upon His servants to study His mind and will. Then when men come with their curiously invented theories, enter not into controversy with them, but affirm what you know. "It is written" is to be your weapon. There are men who will try to spin out their fine threads of false theories. Thank God that there are those also who have been taught of Him and who know what is truth.

Let the Lord's name be magnified. Do not give up. Do not allow specious errors to come in to tear down the pillars of truth through specious sophistry. Let those who have been taught of

God hold up the standard higher and still higher. Let them stand as men enlightened by wisdom from on high. We need men who are born again. Such men will be humble, willing to be taught of God.

Lt 192, 1905

Harris, Stonewall Jackson

San Jose, California

July 6, 1905

Stonewall Jackson Harris

Dear Brother,—

I have received and read your very interesting recital of your experience in embracing the truth. This is indeed a manifestation of the wonderful working power of God. I am thankful that you have come to the light of this precious truth. Be assured that the same precious Saviour who has led you hitherto will continue to lead you step by step if you commit the keeping of your soul to Him and seek His counsel at every step.

I am not in my work led to do the things that you ask of me. I rest my whole self in God's keeping. These commercial enterprises are trying tests. You know not which shall prosper, this or that. If the Lord pleases to give me any light for you, you shall have it; but I cannot solicit the Lord for instruction that is not in His order or will to bestow. When the Lord sees best to give me instruction for you, I shall praise His name for it.

You need to bear in mind, my brother, that Lucifer fell and was expelled from heaven because of his ambitious plans. It was ambition that led him to desire to be like God.

Lt 193, 1905

Reaser, G. W.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

July 7, 1905

Elder Reaser

Dear Brother,—

Your letter was received in the noon mail today. In regard to the matter mentioned in your letter, as to whether it is right for Elder Simpson to leave Los Angeles and labor for a time in a

northern city, I will say, We must sometimes leave such questions very largely to the man himself. There is too much displacing of the men who are doing a good work, the very work that the Lord has said should be done. Sometimes when a man is having success in his efforts and the interest continues good, the question of moving him to another field ought not to come to him at all, because it only confuses him. If the Lord is mightily stirring the people of Los Angeles through the tent-meetings, let nothing interrupt the work.

Let the Los Angeles church have special seasons of prayer daily for the work that is being done. The blessing of the Lord will come to the church members who thus participate in the work, gathering in small groups daily to pray for its success. Thus the believers will obtain grace for themselves, and the work of the Lord will be advanced.

This is the way that we used to do. We prayed for our own souls and for those who were carrying on the work. The Lord Jesus declares that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He is in the midst of them to bless them. [Matthew 18:20.] Let there be less talking and more sincere, earnest prayer.

I fear that the effort that is being made to proclaim the truth in Los Angeles will not be appreciated. Let every man come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty foe. Where a special effort is made, as has been revealed by the evangelistic work done in Los Angeles, let every member of the church draw near to God. Let all search their own hearts with the light that shines from the Word. If sin is discovered, let it be confessed and repented of. Let every helper be in good working order. The Lord will hear and answer prayer. Let not the church members think that efforts should be put forth for them by the one who is impressed to labor for those who have been neglected, those in whose behalf special efforts have not heretofore been put forth.

When such an effort is made as has been made in Los Angeles, let the members of the church clear the King's highway and help with their means in the work being done. Let them show that they are in perfect harmony. Let them be on hand at the meetings, armed and equipped for service, ready to talk with any one who may be interested. Let them pray and work for the lost sheep.

Let the second chapter of Second Timothy be impressed on the heart and brought into the practical life. Let not this season pass and leave the church uninfluenced by the truth that has been proclaimed. There is danger of the church being in a self-satisfied, indifferent, backslidden condition during this time of special blessing, when the Word of God is being presented. Awake, awake, my brethren, awake, and do not let angels see that you feel but little obligation to act your part in sustaining the work that is being done. Be wide awake. Pray while going about your

daily duties. Draw strength from Christ, and let your hearts be filled with the deepest gratitude, that the Lord is working. Be laborers together with Him.

“Continue thou in the things which thou hast heard, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom, 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 3:14-17; 4:1-5.]

Let no one try to draw Brother Simpson away from the place where there is a deep interest and an extraordinary opening to present the truth. This is Los Angeles’ opportunity. If the members of the church will come humbly before God, putting all that is wrong out of their hearts, and consulting Him at every step, He will manifest Himself to them and will give them courage in Him. We must be ready to use our God-given capabilities in the work of the Lord. We must be ready to speak words in season and out of season, not hard, unkind words, but words that will help and bless.

There will be work for Brother Simpson to do in Redlands. But let him now complete the work undertaken in Los Angeles. The Lord will lead and guide His servant and strengthen him for his important work. Let all hold up his hands and draw bright beams from the heavenly sanctuary.

There is important work to do in Redlands and in Riverside. The churches in these places are to be added to. Let the work advance. Calls will be made for the workers to go to other places; but if in the middle of an interest the work should be broken up and the workers sent elsewhere, time would be lost in making beginnings without bringing anything to completion. We are soul-hungry to see the work advancing as it should. Christ is our Alpha and our Omega. Only in His strength can we gain success.

Lt 195, 1905

Ballenger, E. S.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 9, 1905

Dear Brother Ballenger,—

I fear that sufficient fruit canned in glass will not be provided for use in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. All fruit put up for use in the institution should be canned in glass. Let no fruit canned in tin be used; for there is danger in this. Many cases of sickness occur from the use of food canned in tin. Families occasionally learn to their sorrow that the contents of tin cans have brought death to several of their number who have eaten of fruit put up in this way.

Provision should be made for obtaining a supply of dried sweet corn. Pumpkins can be dried and used to advantage during the winter in making pies. Apple sauce, put up in glass, is wholesome and palatable. Pears and cherries, if they can be obtained, make very nice sauce for winter use.

In San Diego you are a little to one side of the large fruit centers, but you can make arrangements with those living near these centers to supply you with what is needed.

I present these matters to you, knowing that they will not then be neglected. Please do what you can to see that provision is made for obtaining a sufficient supply of canned fruit for the use of the sanitarium. Do not let the season pass without seeing that this is done. Sick people need a liberal supply of fruit. A word to the wise is sufficient. Let a special interest be taken in obtaining a supply of fruit for winter use. Get the fruit wherever you can obtain it most cheaply.

While I think of it, I will tell you that I believe you ought to plant some loganberries at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. We have sold this season one hundred dollars' worth. You now have plenty of water, and this would enable you to raise loganberries successfully.

Lt 197, 1905

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

July 10, 1905

Dear Brother and Sister Burden,—

On my way from San Jose to St. Helena, I met Dr. Stewart from the Battle Creek Sanitarium and had some conversation with him. He is one of Dr. Kellogg's lieutenants, and I hope that you will not be deceived by any flattering statements that may be made. I know that Dr. Kellogg is doing a work which is misleading. I am writing now to put you on guard. Dr. Kellogg is sending men all

around to encourage those whom they visit to take sides. Do not give the least credence to their words or plans.

We know not what tactics Satan will adopt in his efforts to gain the control. I have confidence that you will hold the fort at Loma Linda. The Lord will work for us if we will carry the work forward without binding it up with the work at Battle Creek.

I wish I could see you and talk with you. Let nothing draw you to Battle Creek. It is presented to me that every effort is being made to draw to Battle Creek our young people and those who should be engaged in missionary work elsewhere. Men must be placed in charge of the educational branches of our work who are sound in the faith and as firm as a rock to principle.

I want you to keep me posted about the money coming in with which to make the payments on the Loma Linda property. I am writing to different ones, asking them to help us at this time, and I think that we shall obtain means to make every payment. Please write to me often, and tell me what you are doing and what the prospect is for obtaining means.

We have been passing through some very hot weather. Yesterday I succumbed for a little while, but carefulness set me right again.

W. C. White has been at Mountain View most of the time since we parted from you, working on Ministry of Healing. He will return to St. Helena tonight or tomorrow morning.

If the Lord will, I shall attend the camp-meeting in Southern California. I am anxious that this meeting should be held in the best place. Would it not be well to have the principal camp-meeting at Redlands, securing the best help for the work there, and then hold a smaller meeting at San Diego? What is your mind regarding this? You are on the ground, and I put great confidence in your judgment. To me, it seems as if we ought to make Redlands the center for the coming meeting.

Lt 199, 1905

Brethren in Nashville

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 11, 1905

My brethren in Nashville,—

I have words to speak to you. The Lord pardons all who repent of their sins. It is from those who do not repent, those who bolster themselves up in self-confidence, that He turns away. Never

will He refuse to listen to the voice of tears and repentance. Never will He turn His face away from the humble soul who comes to Him in repentance and sorrow.

I am sincerely sorry that you pleased the enemy by failing to resist temptation. Thus you dishonored the Saviour and grieved His heart of infinite love.

“Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, travelling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art Thou red in Thine apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with Me: for I will tread them in Mine anger, and trample them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments, and I will stain all My raiment.” [Isaiah 63:1-3.]

The church member who believes the Word of God will never look indifferently upon a soul that humbles himself and confesses his sin. Let the repenting one be taken back with rejoicing. Christ came to the world to forgive every one who says, “I repent. I am sorry for my sin.” When a brother says, “God has forgiven me. Will you forgive?” clasp his hand, and say, “As I hope to be forgiven, I forgive.”

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” [Matthew 6:9-15.]

When the enemy is seeking in every way to destroy, shall church members unite with him to discourage a man who is repentant, and is asking for forgiveness? God has not placed any man as judge. “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. ... 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 7:1, 2, 13, 14.]

“And as Jesus passed forth from thence, He saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of customs; and He saith unto him, Follow Me. And he arose, and followed Him.

“And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto His disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, He said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye

and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” [Matthew 9:9-13.] Will you let this lesson sink deep into your hearts?

“And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed Him, crying and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when He came into the house, the blind men came to Him, and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea, Lord. Then touched He their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad His fame in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake; and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitude, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” [Verses 27-38.]

“And when He had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. ... These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.” [Matthew 10:1, 5-8.]

Lt 200, 1905

Evans, I. H.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July 19, 1905

I. H. Evans, Treasurer

Dear Brother,—

During the last few days I have written many things regarding the work in Washington and in Nashville, which will be copied and sent to you soon. Tonight I have time only to write you a

few lines, asking you to be prepared to send to Brother Burden at Los Angeles four or five thousand dollars if we telegraph for it, to help to make a large payment which is due on the Loma Linda Sanitarium the 26th of July.

We may be able to find the money here. We shall not send to you unless it is needed, but if we do send, we shall expect you to send it promptly, and I will be responsible for its return.

Our brethren have made their arrangements for the money necessary for this payment in July and the payment in August, but the enemy does not want us to have this place; and he is working upon minds in a peculiar way to keep the money out of our hands. Through the hasty action of the managers of one of our enterprises, a dilatory employee was discharged. This offended him and his friends, so that about nine thousand dollars which was promised us is now withheld by them. Other disappointments and surprises have led our brethren into a difficult place where they may need your help.

If we can obtain this money elsewhere we shall do so. There is plenty of money in California to carry forward these enterprises, but persons having large means have been offended, some at one thing, some at another, and some are confused because of changes in our plan of management. These difficulties can be overcome, and we can secure the necessary means for our work. But just now we may need your assistance with a loan for two or three months, until our Los Angeles camp-meeting gives us an opportunity to lay before all the people of Southern California the importance of these enterprises and the advantages of our present plan of organization.

In view of what I have been enabled to do to assist you in raising the Washington fund, I ask you to be prepared to respond to my call for the amount we shall need up to five thousand dollars without delay or question.

Yours for the work