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Lt 2, 1907

Belden, Vina

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1906

Mrs. Vina Belden

Dear Sister Belden:

We received your letter today and have had copies made and sent to the brothers Frank and Charlie Belden.

By last mail we sent you a draft from Frank. This draft came several weeks before, but there was no boat until last week. The sailing of boats for Australia has of late been very uncertain.

I know that poor Stephen must have suffered severely, but let us be thankful that the end came quietly. Of him the words apply:

“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

“And I looked and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in Thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for Thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.” [Revelation 14:12-15.]

These scenes will soon transpire, and then we shall better understand the words, “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.” [Verse 13.]

You may now rejoice in the thought that Stephen is free from all pain. There need be no more worry or anxiety on his account.

I am glad to know that our brethren in Australia do not forget you, that they have promised that you shall be cared for, whether you remain on the island, or whether you go to friends elsewhere. May the Lord bless and strengthen you and help you to recover from the long strain that has been upon you. Please continue to write to me by every mail that leaves Norfolk Island.

With love.

Lt 4, 1907

Brethren and Sisters in Avondale

St. Helena, California

January 17, 1907

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Avondale:

I feel a deep interest in the work that is going forward in Avondale and in the plans that are being made for the future. I often wish it might be my privilege to visit you and see the advancement that has been made.

I greatly rejoice in the prosperity of the school. The Lord is fulfilling His promises. There is safety in trusting in Him. Let Him direct in your counsels. Do not let the expense incurred in establishing the work hang as a lodestone to discourage you. Be determined to clear away the debt from each department.

The outlook as you present it is truly encouraging. Be of good cheer, and go forward. I have had much light in regard to the Health Retreat. It should be a working agency for all who live in that vicinity and for those who gather at Avondale to gain an education. Nothing should be done to circumscribe or hinder the work for which the retreat was established.

The students in the Avondale school should have the advantages of those chapters of experience to be gained in this little sanitarium. In no case should this part of their education be dropped out or neglected. The Avondale Retreat can be made an educating influence; and in connection with its work, principles may be brought into the work of the students, that shall help to qualify them to do the special work for this time.

The Avondale Health Retreat was established by the direction of the Lord before the Sydney Sanitarium was built at Wahroonga. But one institution need not interfere with the work of the other. A special effort should now be made to set in active operation the Avondale Health Retreat.

We have wonderful encouragements from the Word of God. We must every one have a firm hold upon the Mighty One of Israel. In Him is our strength.

Lt 6, 1907

Church Members in Australasia

St. Helena, California

January 17, 1907

To our church members in Australasia

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

In the night season I was speaking to assemblies of our people in Australasia. I now wish to say to you with my pen that which, if it were possible, I would gladly say with my voice.

The Lord calls your attention to His Word. "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." [Isaiah 8:20.] The truth will triumph gloriously. Let the churches begin to do the work that the Lord has given them—the work of opening the Scriptures to those who are in darkness. My brethren and sisters, there are souls in your

neighborhood who, if they were judiciously labored for, would be converted. Efforts must be made for those who do not understand the Word. Let those who profess to believe the truth become partakers of the divine nature, and then they will see that the fields are ripe for the work that all can do whose souls are prepared by living the Word. I entreat you to begin to work for those who are unconverted. Let the beams of light shining upon your own pathway shine upon the pathway of others. Think of how much truth you can give them by presenting a plain “Thus saith the Lord.”

“Ye sent unto John,” Christ said, “and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man; but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light; and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father hath given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me. And the Father Himself which hath sent Me hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape, and ye have not His word abiding in you; for whom He hath sent, Him ye believe not. Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me. And ye will not come unto Me, that ye might have life.” [John 5:33-40.]

There are many in our churches to whom these words are applicable, “Ye would not come unto Me, that ye might have life.” [Verse 40.] I am charged to present this chapter, the fifth of John, to our churches. Unless those who have had such great light shall awake from their sleep, and keep their lamps burning, they will slumber until they will at last find that their lamps are without oil. Now, now, without delay, let our people improve the opportunity to arise and shine. Let them take the Bible and on their knees before God confess their sins of neglect. Let every other consideration become secondary. Earthly, common business is of little consequence compared with eternal interests.

Awake, ye sleeping virgins, and trim your lamps. With the Bible in your hands, go to your neighbors with the message of present truth. In the spirit of deep repentance, confess your past neglect in the assembly of God’s people, as they meet to worship God. Then the Lord will pardon your transgressions and forgive your sin. If you feel that you have not the ability or the knowledge that are needed in order to present the truth to others, read your neglected Bible, and seek for an understanding of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Many have not developed a Christlike character in the daily life and conversation. They have not lived for the Lord Jesus and for Him alone, daily gaining a fitness to unite with those who have overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. There are many church members who have not cherished love and respect for one another. Let the members of our churches in Australasia now obtain oil for their vessels with their lamps—the holy oil of experience gained by developing Christlike traits of character.

Before it is forever too late, study the Scriptures with prayer. Let all church members cease to speak the language of condemnation and begin to work intelligently to obtain the pearl of great price—the meekness and lowliness of Him who took humanity upon Himself, that human beings might be partakers of the divine nature. Let there be heard no unkind comments about others. Let each one remember that his own case needs to be cured by a practice of the precepts found in the Word of God. Let no soul exalt himself or herself. Let not one word be spoken to disparage others. Seek instead to speak words that will bring courage and hope to those who are perishing out of Christ.

Let fathers and mothers seek together for the truths found in the Word of God. Let them clothe their speech with the language of a converted soul and then, with great earnestness and love, encircle their children with the influence of truly sanctified hearts. The Scriptures are to be to them the bread of life and their great lesson book.

May the Lord help you to understand His Word. If you will heed and practice this Word, you will become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Let our ministers and teachers seek knowledge from the one true source. Let them seek the Lord with much prayer, earnestly searching His Word to find the hidden treasure. Now, just now, is the golden opportunity to understand the truths of the Word, and let this opportunity be improved by all. Let the book of Daniel be read and its instruction heeded.

“Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand. ... Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand, three hundred, and five and thirty days. But go thou (Daniel) thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.” [Daniel 12:10, 12, 13.]

Daniel is today standing in his lot, and we are to give him place to speak to the people. Our message is to go forth as a lamp that burneth. “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 shame 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.” [Verses 1-3.]

These words present the work that we are to do in these last days. We are not one-half awake. We have not the power that is essential to the doing of the work that must be done. We must come into life, come into union. Now, just now, we must stand in that position where repentance and pardon shall be the striking features of our work. There must be no quarreling. It is too late to engage with Satan in his work of blinding eyes. It is too late to give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

I am instructed to say that when the Holy Spirit gives tongue and utterance, we shall see a work done similar to that done on the day of Pentecost. The representatives of Christ will work intelligently. There will not be found one man here and another there seeking to tear down and destroy.

“Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord’s anger come upon you, seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His judgment. Seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord’s anger.” [Zephaniah 2:2, 3.]

Lt 8, 1907

Olsen, O. A. and his fellow workers

St. Helena, California

January 17, 1907

Elder O. A. Olsen and his fellow workers

My dear Brethren:

We feel an intense interest in the work in Australia. I give thanks to our heavenly Father for the encouraging news received from that field in the last mail, especially the good report concerning the building up of the office of publication at Warburton. The removal of this work from Melbourne was in accordance with the will of the Lord. Now let the work grow, and let there be the strongest union possible among the workers, heart cemented to heart. In order that this union may exist, let your hearts be joined together in Christ Jesus. A great love for Christ will keep brother in union with his brother. All will be filled with a helpful desire to be laborers together with God. We need less of self and more of Christ. Faith, living faith in Christ, is to be a growing principle, filling us with determination to obey the Word.

I saw One standing in the midst of you, saying with clear voice and deep fervor:

“Press together, press together. Love Christ with all the heart with all the soul, with all your strength, with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. This do, and ye shall live.”

“A new commandment I give unto you,” Christ said to His disciples, “that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” [John 13:34.] The disciples did not then understand the love that Christ had for them, but after they had witnessed the scenes of His humiliation and death, they understood more fully the depths of His marvelous love.

What shameful humiliation the Redeemer suffered. Priests and rulers, scoffing at Him and mocking Him as He hung on the cross, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him; for He said, I am the Son of God.” [Matthew 27:42, 43.]

Those who spoke these sneering words did not remember that the Old Testament Scriptures foretold that this would take place. In the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah the prophet says, “Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. 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.” [Verses 1-5.]

Brethren, the angels of God are in our world, and satanic agencies are here also. I am permitted to see the inclination of certain ones to follow their own strong traits of character. If they refuse to yoke up with others who have had a long experience in the work, they will become blinded by self-confidence, not discerning between the false and the true. It is not safe that such ones should stand in the position of leaders, to follow their own judgment and plans.

It is those who accept the warnings and cautions given them who will walk in safe paths. Let not men yield to the burning desire to become great leaders or to the desire independently to devise and lay plans for themselves and for the work of God. It is easy for the enemy to work through some who, having themselves need of counsel at every step, undertake the guardianship of souls without having learned the lowliness of Christ. These need counsel from the One who says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

In every church bear the message that man is not to exalt his own judgment. Meekness and lowliness of heart will lead men to desire counsel at every step. And the Lord will say, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me." [Verse 29.] It is our privilege to learn of Jesus. But when men, full of self-confidence, think that it is their place to give counsel, instead of desiring to be counseled by their experienced brethren, they will listen to voices that will lead them in strange paths. "My sheep," saith Christ, "hear My voice, and follow Me; but a stranger will they not follow." [See John 10:27, 5.] Would that every minister realized the solemn responsibility resting upon him to carry the work forward without blemish. The instruction given me is, "Speak the words of Christ, 'Take My yoke upon you, and follow Me.'"

I have a warning for our churches in Australia. If Elder McCullagh had followed the cautions and warnings that God gave him, if he had followed the way of the Lord and had not gone for advice and counsel to those who were strong in their own way, but not in the way of God, linking up with them, he would today be with us. Many times the Lord abundantly blessed him; many times did the Lord give him evidence as to the right path for his feet to follow; but he thought that he ought to be the head man, and he walked where Christ did not lead. He took a course contrary to the light given him by God, and today the result stands revealed.

The Lord desires His workers to counsel together, not to move independently. Those who are set as ministers and guides to the people should pray much when they meet together. This will give wonderful help and courage, binding heart to heart and soul to soul, leading every man to unity and peace and strength in his endeavors.

Christ taught His disciples that they needed to press out into fields where nothing had been done. At one time they urged Him to eat, saying, "Master, eat. But He said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought Him aught to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest. Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto eternal life; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. ... I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." [John 4:31-36, 38.]

There is stern, earnest work to be done. The pioneers in our work put forth untiring effort. Let all now take hold and act as if they were preparing for a great harvest. Let them do all in their power to enlighten blind eyes. Let them go forth to work with the Bible in their hands, and may the Lord give them a true, peaceable spirit. I beseech our church members not to lose precious time in confusing and hindering the work of the Lord.

Read the fifth chapter of John. The whole chapter is full of instruction that we all need. "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He seeth the Father do; for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth Him all things that Himself doeth; and He will show Him greater works than these, that ye may marvel." [Verses 19, 20.]

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." [Verse 24.]

Lt 10, 1907

Members of the Oakland Church

St. Helena, California

January 18, 1907

To the Members of the Oakland Church:

I must write to you regarding your proposed church building. I am pleased with the site you have selected. It is near to the street railway, and thus very convenient for those who come from a distance.

I have been bidden to give you words of warning regarding the meetinghouse that you shall build. This is a time for you to examine yourselves, to see if you are standing in the right position regarding this matter.

In Oakland we need a church building. Soon a simple and inexpensive place of worship should be erected. In this the brethren and sisters in Oakland are to show that they fear the Lord by refusing to build a stylish and costly church. We are living in perilous times; judgment is to follow judgment. Let us now reveal in our works that we believe that the time of God's judgments is come, that we are approaching the day when there will be no certainty regarding anything in this world. By our works as well as our testimony we are to tell that the end of all things is at hand.

We are to take heed to the warnings given in the calamity that has overtaken San Francisco. The people of Oakland must not give the people of San Francisco cause to think that they feel secure. But that is what they would understand your action to mean if at this time you should erect a large and costly meetinghouse.

The great earthquake of San Francisco is to be followed by earthquakes in other places. We need not be surprised if after a time Oakland should become so wicked that calamities will fall on this city also.

Those who do not believe that the Lord is coming soon are building without stopping to consider why the Lord wiped out a greater part of the city of San Francisco; but the leading men of San Francisco are no pattern for us to follow.

One thing will be plainly developed at this time, one question be clearly settled—whether we are solid Christians, or merely professors. We should let it be well understood that we regard this terrible calamity as the stroke of an offended God, because His treasure has been lavishly spent to glorify self. Let our works be such that men can see that we are but sojourners here, that we are seeking a better country, even a heavenly.

We may well fear and tremble for the things that shall be in the future. Many of the citizens of Oakland will be weighed in the balances and found wanting. Would you be of that company? You need now to show in life and character the sanctification of the gospel and a belief in Christ's soon coming in power and great glory. Will you show faith by genuine faith in the signs of the Lord's second coming?

We are to bring the truth into all our works; we are to be sanctified through the truth and show to a world dead in trespasses and sin that we are a holy nation, a peculiar people, a chosen generation, zealous of good works.

The death of Christ was accomplished to make us genuine Christians through faith in Him. We carry a message of sacred truth, and through the righteousness of Christ we are to become one in Him, separate from the world, distinguished from it by the features of our faith that make us heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. We are Christ's witnesses. By our baptismal vow we are under solemn pledge to witness for Him. Through the merits of Christ, we are to let our light shine forth to the world, that they, by seeking our good works, may glorify our Father which is in heaven.

At this time the building of costly meetinghouses in any place is not in accordance with our faith. There are many places where meetinghouses will soon have to be built; therefore we should not put large sums of money in any one place.

At Mountain view a meetinghouse is greatly needed and should soon be built. The oakland church will need to help the brethren and sisters in Mountain View. If five thousand dollars could be given for the building of a suitable meetinghouse for this sister church, the enterprise could go forward at once, and the two meetinghouses would soon be completed.

All who help in this essential work will receive the blessing of God. I hope that none in Oakland will object to appropriating a portion of the means to help in building the meetinghouse in Mountain View. May the Lord help and sanctify and bless in the work of building in Oakland and Mountain View. May all hearts he made willing, is my prayer. The Lord will certainly bless those who will work unitedly to carry forward this work at this time.

Lt 12, 1907

Nicola, Brother and Sister [C. C.]

St. Helena, California

January 23, 1907

Dear Brother and Sister Nicola:

What a pleasure it would be to me to visit you at Melrose. I would be glad to look once more on the beautiful country there, and to ride out and see the lakes again; they are certainly very beautiful. When I first visited Melrose, I thought that a more desirable site for a sanitarium could not be found, and I have not changed my mind I have written in my diary some things in regard to the Melrose Sanitarium and its advantages, and I will send you a copy.

I would be pleased to see Sister King again. I look back with pleasure to my visit to the Melrose Sanitarium; for you all did all you possibly could to make my stay there a pleasant one.

I am interested in the improvements you have made in your buildings. Now the objectionable features in the noble building where you live are removed. I knew that something must be done for this building, and I am thankful to God that in His providence this has been done. Your building, standing on the rise of the ground, will now have a better view than before.

My brother, I have a burden for the city of Boston. I pray that the Lord will arouse the missionary spirit among our people to work for this city and its suburbs. I pray that He will raise up laborers to give the last message of warning, and that sheaves may be gathered from this place for the great harvest.

Many, very many, will be terribly surprised when the Lord shall come suddenly as a thief in the night. Let us watch and pray, lest coming suddenly He find us sleeping. My soul is deeply stirred as I consider how much we ought to do for perishing souls. The prediction of Daniel, "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," is to be fulfilled in our giving of the warning message; many are to be enlightened regarding the sure word of prophecy. [Daniel 12:4.] There ought to be one thousand laborers at work in Boston today.

The salvation of souls should be our first consideration. I am troubled when I see many rejoicing in temporal prosperity; for those who possess worldly treasure seldom seek earnestly to secure the heavenly. They are in danger of falling into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown man in destruction. To those who seek the heavenly treasure, a more cheerful and encouraging prospect is held out. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." [Matthew 6:33.] "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold upon eternal life." [1 Timothy 6:17-19.]

There are some things we do not understand concerning the problems of this life. We need clear moral perceptions in order to understand the mystery of godliness; we have such an uncertain sense of eternal realities. But in Christ there is certainty. Through Him we may know the love of God, which passeth knowledge.

Many who profess to be Christians do not advance step by step in the knowledge of God and in true faith in Jesus Christ. Feeling is not to be the test of our religion. We must rely firmly upon God. We must eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. This means that we shall appropriate to ourselves the words of Scripture, and live by them, letting all the life's actions be controlled by a "Thus saith the Lord."

My dear friends, we do not realize that we can have the pure, unadulterated faith that works by love and purifies the soul. We need a more firm reliance upon a "Thus saith the Lord." If we have this, we shall not trust to feeling and be ruled by feeling. God asks us to rest in His love. It is our privilege to know the Word of God as a sure and tried guide, an infallible assurance. Let us work on the faith side of the question. Let us believe and trust and talk faith and hope and courage. Let the praise of God be in our hearts and on our lips oftener than it is. "Whosoever offereth praise, glorifieth God." [See Psalm 50:23.] Keep the mind stayed upon God, and know the love of Christ as the word of God reveals it. This Word is life. Talk of Christ; call others to behold Him as your Redeemer.

It is our privilege to rest in an active, living faith in Christ as the Life-giver. It is our privilege to comprehend with all saints what is the length and depth and height, and to know the love of God which passeth knowledge, and be filled with all the fulness of God. Let us contemplate Christ as the One in whom all fulness dwells. Beholding Him as our personal Saviour, we shall appreciate the value of His saving grace. We should think about Jesus more than we do. We should let His praise be in our hearts; we should speak of the love that has been so abundantly expressed for us. We certainly have every reason to praise God with heart and soul and voice, saying, I will praise the Lord for His great love wherewith He hath loved me. Let your patients see that it is their privilege also to let the heart abound with grateful thanksgiving. My brother and sister, Lift Him up, the Christ of Calvary; lift Him up, that the world may behold Him. Talk of His goodness, sing of His love, and give Him the grateful thanks of your hearts.

Lt 14, 1907

Taylor, E. G.

St. Helena, California

January 25, 1907

My dear friend:

I read your letter and will say that I am very thankful to be able to point you to the Word. "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [Matthew 4:16, 17.]

"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." [Matthew 7:7, 8.] Christ speaks to you. Hear what He saith, and believe. "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Take this assurance from the Word of the Lord, and believe it. "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

I point you to Jesus Christ. He knows every feature of your character. He asks you to come to Him with all your troubles, all your perplexities, and His Word declares that the One who died for the sins of the world will give you rest. He knows your heart. He knows that you are heavy laden with a burden you cannot carry, and He gives you the promise of relief. "Take My yoke upon you," He says,

“and learn of Me.” Take your Bible, and tell the Lord Jesus that you will learn of Him out of His Word, that you will heed the words of Christ. Read these words carefully. You will find them in Matthew 11:28-30.

Will you turn away from the words of Christ, to bring you case to any human being? Carry your burden to the Lord Jesus. With your Bible in your hand, say, “I claim Thy promise. I come to Thee; for I am weary and heavy laden with sin. I believe Thy Word, and I accept Thy promise. I place myself under the yoke of obedience, and believe that I shall have the rest Thou hast promised.”

My dear sister, pray, believe, and receive the freedom that Christ alone can give. I cannot believe for you. You must believe for yourself; and believing, you will receive the fulfilment of the promise. This is faith. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” [Hebrews 11:1.] Cast your helpless soul on Christ. He has invited you to do this and has promised that if you ask, you shall receive. Do the work that rests upon you to do. Believe, believe!

Lt 16, 1907

Haskell, Brother and Sister [S. N.]

St. Helena, California

January 30, 1907

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I dared not venture to attend the meeting that has just closed at San Jose; for I have much to do in preparing my writings, and in making such selections from them for our people as are needed at this time. Letters must be answered and many things explained. It is a study to know what is best to bring before the people and what is best to leave out.

We would be pleased to see you in our home at any time. We have ample room, and plenty to eat and drink, as we have ever had. I would be pleased to have you write me about the house in Oakland. Are you occupying it yet?

In looking over the writings of the past few years, I find that a mass of matter has been copied. Maggie has put in good time and has been as true to steel to my work. She leaves us very soon now. I shall miss her much; for I shall never find one to take her place. I dread to think of her leaving; but she has served me faithfully, and I cannot hold her longer.

I expect to come to Oakland when matters are arranged in regard to the case of Elder Rice and wife. In looking over what I have already written on this matter, I find that I will not have to produce more unless new circumstances shall arise. With few exceptions everything is made very clear. I will present that which I have written when we are called to Oakland to consider this case. Among other writings I found the letter that I wrote to Elder Rice and wife in 1902. How could I take any different course from that which I have taken? I feel clear in my course in sustaining them, and I know that the course pursued toward them by their brethren was unchristian and does not bear the endorsement of God. The Lord would not be pleased to have this matter remain much longer as it is.

When will we be able to appreciate the instruction given us in the eighth chapter of Proverbs? Heavenly wisdom is here speaking to the human family; wonderful instruction is given. The Lord is earnestly seeking to instruct every soul who will be taught. There are many things to be set in order. May the Lord guide us with wisdom, is my earnest prayer.

Last night I awoke at twelve o'clock. In my sleep, scene after scene was presented before me. All that I saw is not distinct to me yet; but one matter was made clear. The Lord can never make successful the efforts of men who have little control of their words and spirit, who watch the church members and ministers, to criticize and judge their actions. This overseeing on the part of man had better cease.

There are among us men whom it is not safe to place in charge of the work; for they would take upon themselves the responsibility of telling their fellow workers their duty. Men who are so ready to criticize and to control others will, when placed in responsible places, do a work similar to that which has been done in Oakland. We have a God to whom to go for wisdom and counsel. Christ, who gave His life for man, understands the value and the needs of the soul.

The course pursued in the case of Elder Rice and wife by the brethren is inconsistent with the Word, and we need much wisdom to know how to deal with it. Hasty and inconsiderate actions result from a lack of judgment and lead to wrongdoing. But that which is most to be lamented is that the young converts will be hurt by this influence and their confidence in the cause of God shaken. Let us pray that when the time shall come to act, we may be ready.

Lt 18, 1907

Belden, Vina

St. Helena, California

February 3, 1907

Dear Sister Belden:

We received your letter in the last mail. When you write again, please tell us where you are living, how you are situated, and what you propose to do. I understand that you intend to remain on Norfolk Island. How do you expect to make your living? We are anxious to know all that you can tell us about yourself.

I should also be pleased if you would tell me all you can of the workers sent to Norfolk Island. I heard that a laborer and his wife have been sent there. I hope this is true; for that island ought to have more help. If house-to-house labor could be done, it would be a great advantage. We are nearing the close of this earth's history, and we must labor intelligently and in the way of the Lord to press the work ahead. I will send you copies of letters, which you may give to this brother to read.

I wish to make mention of the dental outfit that I lent to Brother Belden. I should like to have it sent to Brother Hindson, and then I can plan for its future use.

I am sorry to say that Frank Belden is so far off the track of true faith and Christian living that unless he makes a change, he will be no good to the cause of God. He is in sympathy with Dr. Kellogg. He

has a fighting spirit and would go to war over the matter, bringing dishonor upon the cause of God by his course of action. I am sorry; for he is my much-loved sister's child. But to grieve over these things will do no good. It is his soul's salvation that I am concerned about.

I have written this letter under difficulties. May the Lord guide and direct you all in Norfolk Island. Christ is soon coming, and I pray that our people will wake up to the situation. May the Lord strengthen and bless the workers on Norfolk Island, that something may be accomplished. I have much work to do; I want to do it intelligently and in the fear of God. I desire to work for the salvation of souls. May the Lord guide us all. Be of good courage in God. While you trust in Him, He will help and bless and save you.

In love.

Lt 20, 1907

Olsen, O. A.

St. Helena, California

February 2, 1907

Elder O. A. Olsen

Sydney, Australia

Dear Brother:

The last steamer from Australia brought us many letters from our friends at Sydney, Wahroonga, and other places.

We are deeply interested in the work in which Brother and Sister Starr are engaged in Sydney. There is room for several evangelists to be working at the same time in Sydney. Encourage Elder Starr and his wife to press forward with the work they have begun in Sydney and other places.

Do not let the work at the sanitarium hinder them from extending the work they have begun in Sydney in other fields. There should be many appointed to engage in this line of work in the cities and towns and villages.

The Lord has given to Brother Starr and his wife ability and an experience in giving Bible readings and holding meetings. By drawing close to those for whom they labor, they can be a help and blessing to many. They should cultivate their gifts for this work and encourage and teach others to engage in the same work. Let our brethren encourage them to use their gifts in the unworked fields where they are most needed.

Our sanitarium at Takoma Park is nearing completion. Our brethren hope to open the institution about the first of April. We should have a strong medical faculty at the Washington institutions, but where are they to be found? Elder Irwin has spoken to me several times about his conviction that Dr. and Mrs. Kress were needed in Washington, to give a mold to the medical and spiritual work to be done there, and to influence our medical work throughout the field. To him I have said, The time is not yet. The work in Australia must not be crippled.

In my last interview with Elder Irwin, I said, if Dr. Kress could be spared from Wahroonga without crippling the work in Australia, it would be well to call him to Washington. The work there is very important. It has been delayed too long. Strong physicians will there do much to strengthen our work throughout the field. Therefore if good faithful workers can be secured to take their place at Wahroonga, and if their minds are drawn toward the Washington work, secure their transfer if possible.

And now through the transfer of the Drs. Richards from England to Australia, it seems that the way is opening for the Drs. Kress to come to Washington. My last letter from Dr. Kress shows that his mind is turning toward America.

In my last letter from Dr. Kress he says that his wife's health is poor and that she needs a change of climate. He seems desirous of coming to America for a time and would be pleased to be at the opening of the sanitarium. To him it appears that the sanitarium work in Australia is now arranging itself so that it will be possible for him and his wife to be released from Wahroonga. The Drs. Richards are preparing to unite with the Wahroonga Sanitarium, and he thinks that Elder Fulton will have to remain in Australia for some time on account of the health of his wife, and considers that his influence will be very valuable. With his help, he thinks that the way will be open for him and Mrs. Kress to leave.

I believe that the Lord has been working to bring about changes that would open the way for Dr. Kress to come to Washington. We need him there very much, and we need him just now, at the opening of the work.

I have written to you as early as possible, and have written hurriedly. I wish that Dr. Kress could get here before the opening of the sanitarium in April.

Lt 22, 1907

Kress, D. H.

St. Helena, California

February 3, 1907

Dr. D. H. Kress

Wahroonga, Sydney, Australia

Dear Brother:

I received your very welcome letter on Friday, February 1. The possibility of your being able to return to America, to help in the work at Washington, pleases us all very much. In the last interview I had with Elder Irwin, I expressed the belief that if the move could be made without serious loss to the sanitarium where you are now presiding, that it would be wise for you to make this change. We discussed the matter quite fully, and at last came to this understanding, that if in your judgment the work at Wahroonga could be left in other hands, we would ask you to transfer your labors to the work in Washington.

Your last letter shows that your minds as a family have turned toward America; and I take this as an evidence that the Lord would have this change made. Taking everything into consideration, I believe the Lord is working out this plan for His own name's glory.

We desire that your experience shall be of value not only to the sanitarium in Washington, but to our sanitariums in other places. The prospect of your taking up work in this field is a very pleasant one to contemplate. The experience you have had in the Wahroonga Sanitarium will enable you to be a great blessing to the new sanitarium at Washington. My prayer is that the blessing of the Lord may attend you in your preparations for your journey. If you could accompany your wife, I think it would be better for you all. We shall pray for you as you journey across the water, that all blessings may be provided for you.

I hope that you will be able to be present at the opening of the Washington Sanitarium. I am so glad that our Father is affected by our joys as well as by our griefs. We may put our trust in Christ; for He is the Sent of God. He bears to us the revelation of God's will. He is the Word. He is the sympathizing Saviour. Our bodily wants as well as our spiritual come under the supervision of God. We leave you in His care, in your preparations for your voyage, and in your journey across the water; and we pray that He will be full of kindness and sympathy for you.

With this I send you a copy of my letter to Elder Olsen. Be of good courage in the Lord. In much love to all your family.

Lt 24, 1907

Daniells, A. G.

February 4, 1907 [typed]

Elder A. G. Daniells

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Daniells:

I have just read your letter of January 18 to W. C. White, in which you speak concerning organization and point out that efforts are being made to confuse our people on every possible point.

I have received instruction from the Lord that at this time we need to humble our souls before God. We need to carefully study the present situation. We must not send off our men of experience and understanding so as to leave the citadel unguarded. We need at Battle Creek men who know when to speak and when to keep silent. A strong testimony should be borne there all the time regarding proper organization. Our brethren in responsibility there should be instructed, regarding this matter, and taught to give the trumpet a certain sound. It is high time for us to stand watching, clad in all the armor of God.

The movements of Elder A. T. Jones must be carefully watched. Meet him with a plain declaration of the truth. The Word of God must be our weapon of warfare.

Let us now seek the Lord in earnest prayer that He will direct in all matters regarding our new buildings. If the work does not come out just as we expected it would, let us bear in mind that even this may be in the Lord's plan. Do not let us seek to reprove; do not let us spend time in regretting what has been done; for in the end it may prove a blessing.

I am bidden to say to our brethren and sisters, Let no contention arise over the work already done that you cannot help. The thing is done; make the best of it. As the Lord's dear children, we need now to seek Him in most earnest, humble prayer; and in accordance with His promise, He will bring the Spirit upon us in rich measure.

Brother Daniells, draw nigh to God; tell your people to draw nigh to God. Let every soul claim the promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Matthew 7:7.] "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." [1 John 5:4.] We need to hang our helpless souls on God, trusting Him as little children trust their parents.

To our laborers I say, Take care of your health. I am taking care of my health; and I scarcely suffer any pain. I awake early in the morning, sometimes at two, often at three. I consider it a great blessing if I can sleep until four o'clock. As soon as I rise in the morning, I prepare myself for work. My pen is in my hand much of the time during the day. For the past week I have had no fire in my room, and my windows have been open all day. We have had rain for almost a month. One day the sun shone out as warmly as in summer; but this weather did not last. In the night the rain came on again, and the sky has not been clear for several days.

The end is near, and I am seeking the Lord earnestly for wisdom and grace to do my allotted work. The words come to me, "Wake up the churches." False doctrines are being presented as of great importance and are being secretly introduced to undermine the faith of those who are not on guard. We have been cautious, and must continue to be, in regard to what we accept as truth.

The Word of the Lord has guided our steps since the passing of the time in 1844. We have searched the Scriptures; we have built solidly; and we have not had to tear up our foundations and put in new timbers. There is always safety in presenting a "Thus saith the Lord." We must put our trust in a "Thus saith the Lord" and be well established in the faith.

With this I send you a copy of what I have written to Elder Olsen. I verily believe the Lord has arranged matters so that Dr. Kress and his wife can come to America. Dr. James is to unite with Brother Semmens in Adelaide, and Dr. Richards and his wife take up work at Wahroonga. This we hope will be for the good of the work all round.

Lt 26, 1907

Salisbury, W. D.

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1907

W. D. Salisbury

Warburton, Victoria, Australia

Dear Brother:

I was much pleased to read the description, in a letter from Brother Irwin, of your new office location. I do not remember if I was ever at Warburton, but Brother Irwin's description called to mind other places I had seen similar to it. I could not help thinking how much better for our office work is such a place than the suburb of North Fitzroy. The impurities and disease always to be found in cities, and especially in Melbourne, exposed the workers to many dangers health-wise.

The instruction is still being given, Move out of the cities. Establish your sanitariums, your schools, and offices away from the centers of population. Many now will plead to remain in the cities, but the time will come ere long when all who wish to avoid the sights and sounds of evil will move into the country; for wickedness and corruption will increase to such a degree that the very atmosphere of the cities will seem to be polluted.

We are very pleasantly situated at St. Helena, as you know. It is a haven of rest to me. We have had the most pleasant winter that I can ever remember having. The last month, gentle rains have been falling steadily, day after day and all through the night. I sit in my room with the windows open and much of the time do not care to kindle a fire.

The place where you now live is certainly preferable to the place you have left. If the health of your wife and yourself can be improved, it certainly will be in such a place as this. If others, who can be an influence for good in Warburton, can be induced to move there, it will be an advantage to them and to you. But do not crowd closely together; leave room for the cultivation of the soil. And plan for a school that can be made a success, as the Avondale school has become.

Do not crowd so much time into mechanical labor that the spiritual needs of the workers are neglected. The Lord wants the first place in our hearts. He will be your sanctification and your righteousness. Put aside all evil surmising and faultfinding. Keep the atmosphere sweet and pleasant by exercising the love of God toward one another.

I should be pleased to see Sister Salisbury at her light employment out-of-doors. She has now a favorable opportunity to take out-of-door exercise; but she must be careful not to overtax herself. I sometimes wish I could be with you. I should delight in the scenery around Warburton.

Read to the hands employed in the office verses sixteen to twenty-seven of the first chapter of James; for here is contained God's great remedy for the diseases of body and soul. It is God's health reform prescription. The whole chapter is a practical one. I advise all to follow the instruction; for if they take heed to it day by day, they will triumph at last with the overcomers.

The second chapter of James also presents these health principles. Let the lessons of these two chapters be brought into the daily life. Let Christ exercise His grace toward you in large measure, and you will certainly prosper. By your daily course of action, you can bring heaven very near, and make the office of publication a place where angels of God will delight to come. The principles of this teaching, brought into your character building, will bring you happiness of spirit and cause you to see the salvation of God. Let the heart be opened to these principles of righteousness, and you will obtain an experience that will make you a tower of strength.

Be of good courage in the Lord. Be not weary in well-doing; you will reap if you faint not. You will obtain, if you strive continually for the victory. Pray every day for the strength that comes from above, a strength greater than you possess.

Satan will seek for the mastery of your heart and mind, that he may mold them to do his will. "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you." [James 4:7, 8.] Believe that you receive the things you ask for, "and ye shall have them." [Mark 11:24.] Look hourly to Jesus. Lift up your heart in prayer to Him. Bring yourself into conformity to His will; be diligent, watchful, constant in prayer, and Satan will not choose your society.

Our churches are to come up on to higher ground. The Lord has given to every man his work. When brethren who act in official positions pursue a course of action that is not in accordance with the will of God, when they take upon themselves the work of judging their brethren and dictating what they shall or shall not do, God is dishonored. Such men are teaching their brethren to look to man instead of to God, and the work is brought to a low human level.

God alone is to be the guide of man's conscience. The truth is to be preached wherever an opening is found for it. The Word of God is to be explained to those who know not the truth. This is the work of God's ministers. They are not to teach men to look to them, or to seek to control the consciences of others. "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. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways." [James 1:5-8.]

The office of publication at Warburton should be a training school. The workers should be treated with kindness. When the necessity arises for reproof, let the words spoken to correct the wrong be uttered in a spirit of love. Then let the reprover and the reprovéd kneel down together and ask God to forgive the erring. The impression thus made will be far more effective than a hasty rebuke would be. The Lord cares for the youth; they are His heritage. They are to become His trusted servants and are finally to enter the city of God.

It would be a fearful thing to miss the eternal life that is offered us in the city of God. The youth and those of mature years need to pray earnestly that God will teach them the fear of the Lord. Those who fear and love God will serve Him with all the heart and soul and strength.

My prayer is that the Lord will abide with you all and impress you with the fact that you are handling sacred things. He will give faith and courage and hope to all who seek to do His commandments. We are nearing the close of this earth's history. Soon we shall have to meet the records of the deeds we have done, whether they have been good or whether they have been evil.

In much love to all connected with the work of the publishing house.

Lt 28, 1907

Olsen, O. A.

February 5, 1907 [typed]

Elder O. A. Olsen

Sydney, Australia

Dear Brother:

I am so thankful that the Lord helps me to continue my work. My pen is in my hand most of my waking hours.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; for He is awaking His people in all parts of the world. It is wonderful, wonderful! When the churches stand in their lot and place to do God's bidding, the Lord will work wondrously on human minds.

My mind and perceptions are still clear. That which the Lord presents to me in figure, He enables me to understand. I have a clear comprehension of what will be in the future. If as a people we make false moves now, it will be because of unbelief. Strange things are constantly taking place at Battle Creek. We must be on our guard; for we have a decided work to do.

I believe the way is prepared for Dr. Kress to come to America and spend some time in the work here. We greatly need such a man as Dr. Kress at our sanitarium in Washington, and we hope that he can get here in time to be present at the opening of this institution.

I trust, Brother Olsen, that Elder Starr and his wife will do strong evangelistic work in Sydney. That city, with its suburbs, should be faithfully worked. I believe that Brother and Sister Starr will be able to do good missionary work there. My prayer is that they and their associates may have the Holy Spirit with them to help them stand in their lot and place. O how I long to see the work accomplished that must be done for the enlightenment of the world.

A life of true piety is a life of constant usefulness. The work must be accomplished through faith and prayer. This is the subject that stirs my soul to its depths. The life of prayer is the strength of true godliness. Our faith must be revealed to the world as a living, acting faith, bringing in its train all the Christian graces. The great and glorious work committed to us in acting a part in the plan of salvation is wonderfully high and exalted. We cannot weigh its merits. We are to walk by faith; and as we strive to appreciate the possibilities, and realize the immensity of the plan of salvation, it is our privilege to pray with the apostle Paul, that we may be able to "comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of God, which passeth knowledge." [Ephesians 3:18, 19.] Lift Him up, the Man of Calvary. Let the mind dwell upon the beauties of His character, until by beholding, you become changed into the same image. A life of prayer and faith will lead us to speak of His praise and tell of His power.

We must search the Word of God, making it a part of ourselves. A spirit of humility, the Spirit of Christ, will help us to know Him who has called us to glory and virtue.

If we brought the truth into the daily life as we should, we would advance higher and still higher, gaining a clearer and still clearer understanding of the revelation of God. We would lift Him up in songs of praise. Through the psalmist Christ declared, "In the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee." [Psalm 22:22.] His voice was the keynote of the universe. His unconfined power, His unsearchable understanding, His wonderful sacrifice for the human race help us to comprehend the

love of God. We need individually to have Christ abiding in the soul. We need to open our minds and hearts to the indwelling of the Spirit of truth. We need to appreciate our privileges as the possessors of sacred, elevating truth. Think of what this means to us—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ!

Genuine conversion will unite our hearts in faith and love. It will teach us to hold fast our confidence in Him who is our only hope. By conversion we join our weakness to God's strength, our ignorance to His wisdom, our unworthiness to His merits, our poverty to His boundless riches, our helplessness to His enduring might. We must have an ever-increasing strength, a growing faith. We must be strong in hope, and this we will be when we have the faith that works by love and purifies the soul. I pray that we may all be growing Christians.

Lt 30, 1907

Faulkhead, N. D.

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1907

Mr. N. D. Faulkhead

Warburton, Victoria

Dear Brother and Sister Faulkhead:

I was pleased to receive the information that you are again connected with the publishing work. May the Lord strengthen and encourage you day by day, is my prayer. Establish yourself in the strength of the Lord. You may put your trust in Him; for He will be your shield and buckler. We are nearing the close of this earth's history. If I do not meet you again on this earth, I hope to meet you in the city of our God. I think we shall all rejoice when the conflict is over.

"In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." [Isaiah 26:1-4.]

I have been strengthened to write many pages this winter, although I have suffered from three attacks of influenza, caused by my visits to Oakland and San Francisco, when I was obliged to expose myself to many changes in the weather.

I thank the Lord that I can still write. I am up and at work early in the morning, when the other members of my family are still sleeping. This morning I slept until four o'clock, which is an unusual thing for me. I have reason to be very grateful for the degree of health that I enjoy. I can go up and down stairs as readily as the young people, and my mind is clear. The Holy Spirit is bringing before my mind the things that our people need to understand at this time.

My voice is clear, and I still speak to the people assembled at our camp-meetings. After speaking several times at the recent camp-meeting in Oakland, no weakness followed the work; but instead, I

felt my strength renewed, and rejoiced in health of mind and body and soul. After speaking for more than an hour one Sabbath, I invited those who desired to give themselves to the Lord to come forward, and then I united with the ministering brethren in prayer for these souls.

Quite a number have been added to the church through the efforts made at our camp-meetings. When I united with my brethren in this effort, I felt my strength renewed and my soul refreshed. I feel that it is my duty to praise and glorify God for His goodness. The Lord is my strength; He does not fail me. The Lord desires us to trust in Him every day.

The time has come when we must expect the Lord to do great things for us. Our efforts must not flag or weaken. We are to grow in grace and in a knowledge of the Lord. Before the work is closed up and the sealing of God's people is finished, we shall have the outpouring of the Spirit of God. Angels from heaven will be in our midst. I want you and all your family to have a part in this closing work. The present is the fitting up time for heaven, when we each must walk in full obedience to all the commandments of God.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." [Isaiah 35:1.] God's people will be out of the cities then. "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 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 lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon; it shall not be found there; but the redeemed 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." [Verses 2-10.]

Here the future restoration of the people of God is brought to view for our encouragement. Lay up these words in your hearts. Accept Christ as your Saviour. Make Him your friend. Take the offered salvation, and place yourself wholly on the Lord's side. Every member of your family should now consecrate himself to the service of God. Do not disband, but draw together. Depend on Christ alone for your salvation.

The Word of God is to be your lesson book. Study this Word, and it will become your strength, your fortress, your high tower, your consolation, your instruction, your guide, your sanctification. It is given for your constant growth in holiness. Peter calls the practical application of the Word "growth in grace." [2 Peter 3:18.] Through the study of the Word the whole character may be changed. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things (old ambitions) have passed away; behold, all things have become new." [2 Corinthians 5:17.] The fruits of the Spirit will be revealed in refinement

and true godliness. Selfishness will be purged from the life. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, and gentleness will be revealed in the life.

With Christian love to you all.

Lt 32, 1907

Members of our Churches in Melbourne

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1907

To the members of our churches in and about Melbourne:

The Lord desires you to receive the gospel and to practice it in your lives. He calls upon you to become humble seekers after Him, to receive the truth into good and honest hearts, and to reveal it in a decided change of character. Let every believer turn his attention toward seeking the Lord, that the church as a body may stand before God in true humility, the souls of the members cleansed from the defilement of sin.

My brethren and sisters, take hold of the work of perfecting Christian character. We are to live for the glory of God. There needs to be deep searching of heart. There is a great work to be done in cleansing the life by the truth of God's Word. When this truth is received as it should be, the life will become a power for the glory of God.

Brethren and sisters, wake up, wake up! Proclaim the gospel in its simplicity. Listen as for your life to "what saith the Scriptures." [Romans 4:3.] It is of supreme importance that you hear aright, that you purify your hearts from selfishness; for your eternal welfare is at stake. Are you seeking for the pearl of great price? Are you guarding yourselves against the deceptions of Satan, or do you stand ready to receive the suggestions of those who have departed from the faith and given heed to seducing spirits? Your salvation depends on your hearing aright and receiving with meekness the engrafted word. Will you be reconciled to God, and obey His commandments, that you may be sanctified—body, soul, and spirit? You have been bought with a price, by the death of the only begotten Son of God. Your heart beats on. On that pulsation depends your life. Its beating is independent of your will. You eat and sleep in careless indifference. But God's guardian care over you is unceasing. He controls the ebb and flow of the vital current. Where is the gratitude that should rise from human lips for His preserving care? Where is the recognition of His unceasing watchfulness? Why does not thankfulness flow forth from the life in gratitude-offerings? Why do not springs of joy well up in the heart? Why are there not made pledges of most sacred consecration to do the will and way of the Lord? Where are the sensible thoughts that should fill each mind? Thorough conversion from selfishness should now be seen. We should put away all the plans which do not directly tend to advance the Lord's plans, and which, if carried out, would retard the work that should be done for perishing souls.

If Satan can lull us to sleep at this time, when we have reached the crisis in this earth's history, his end will be gained. The Lord calls upon our churches in Australia to make decided efforts for the right, lest the members fall into some deceptive snare of the enemy. Wake up, wake up! Put away

your pride, and forsake your noncommittal position. Your testing time has come, and you must take sides with Christ or against Him. On which side are you standing, with the world or with Christ? Are you receiving the truth and preparing to speak a word in season to arrest the attention of the careless and the indifferent? God demands decided changes in your attitude. The truth you possess is the Word of the living God. What are you doing to meet the claims of the gospel? Is it your highest desire to learn the will of Him who gave Himself for you in self-denial and sacrifice, that you might become sons and daughters of God? Are you seeking to arouse souls to take an interest in eternal realities?

Now is your time to learn how to work earnestly and intelligently for the salvation of those ready to perish. Make no compromise with the powers of darkness. Learn the claims of the law of God, and obey them heartily. Then your life will shine forth brightly amidst the spiritual darkness of the world.

Those who have been baptized and have taken their stand on the Lord's side, separating from the enemy, have pledged themselves to the service of God. When you went down into the water, and were baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, these three great powers of heaven pledged themselves to give you power and grace to resist every temptation to dishonor God. When you rose from the water, you represented the resurrection of Christ.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth, fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affections, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience; in which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, evil communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him." [Colossians 3:1-10.]

Great responsibility comes to those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Strive to understand the meaning of the words, "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." [Verse 3.] In the new life upon which you have entered, you are pledged to represent the life of Christ. Having put on the new man, "which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him," "put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." [Verses 10, 12-15.]

The old sinful life is dead; the new life entered into with Christ by the pledge of baptism. Practice the virtues of the Saviour's character. Let His wisdom "dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." [Verses 16, 17.]

These things are to be presented in the churches. Love, compassion, and tenderness are to be revealed amongst us. Put on, as the elect of God, mercy and kindness. The sins that were practiced before conversion are to be put off with the old man. With the new man Christ Jesus are to be put on "kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering." [Verse 12.]

Those who have risen with Christ to walk in newness of life are the elect of God. They are holy unto the Lord and are acknowledged by Him as His beloved. As such, they are under solemn covenant to distinguish themselves by showing humility of mind. They are to clothe themselves in garments of righteousness. They are separate from the world, from its spirit, its practices; and they are to reveal that they are learning of Him who says, "I am meek and lowly in heart." [Matthew 11:29.] If they realize that they have died with Christ, if they keep their baptismal vow, the world will have no power to draw them aside to deny Christ. If they live the life of Christ in this world, they are partakers of the divine nature. Then, when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, they also will appear with Him in glory.

The people of God are to love as brethren and sisters. They are to be kind and courteous. They are to forgive one another as Christ has forgiven them. They are to follow His example in all things; for their life is hid with Him in God. My brethren and sisters, consider the possibilities of such a life. Christian unity is a grand and wonderful thing. Strive for it. "As He which that called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. ... Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth, unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently, being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." [1 Peter 1:15, 16, 22, 23.]

My brethren and sisters, will you not heed this appeal? As it is read to the members of the several churches by the one who shall stand in my stead, because I cannot be with you personally, let the believers respond. Bow before God, and make confession of your backsliding. In humility accept the words of Christ, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Matthew 16:24.] "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:29, 30.]

We need to work unitedly and with Christ, that we may not be drawn away from the faith. In the night season I was speaking these words to the churches of Melbourne, impressing upon them the need of preparing for the coming of Christ. We need to be very earnest now; for much time has been lost because our lives have not been hidden with Christ in God. As I presented these things, the deep movings of the Spirit of God were felt, and light came into the meeting. Humble confessions were made. Some who at first had seemed to be indifferent broke down and confessed their sins, and a reformation was begun.

I write these things to you because I believe it will be the means of helping you out of darkness into the light.

Lt 34, 1907

Olsen, Sister [O. A.]

St. Helena, California

February 6, 1907

Dear Sister Olsen:

I am writing a few lines to you in this mail, in the hope that you may receive the comfort and encouragement in your sickness that the Lord desires you to have. It will bring no brightness into your life to look continually to yourself. Look to your precious Saviour, who gave His life for you. Christ is not dead. He is not in Joseph's tomb. He lives to make intercession for you. Look unto Him who is the author and finisher of your faith.

While your husband is faithfully seeking to act his part in the work, you may do your part by making the best of your condition of health. It would please the Lord if you would make an effort to forget yourself. Begin to thank the Lord for your home and your pleasant surroundings and the many temporal blessings He gives you. By returning thanks to the Lord for His goodness, you can do something for the One who has done everything for you. Contemplate the depths of the compassion that the Saviour felt for you. For you He gave His life, suffering the cruel death of the cross. Can you not praise the Lord for this? If you will hide your life in Christ, He will receive you.

If you will show that you have a working faith, by trying every day to exercise your will power, your faculties will gain strength. I know this by experience. I remember in my own case how my faculties recovered their pliability as I tried to exercise them. Will you try to move about and be cheerful in spirit. Put your trust in Jesus. Have faith in Him, and be pliant in His hands. You will receive great blessing by making a change in your habits. You need to act, to employ your mind, your hands, your feet, even if the effort costs you some pain.

I have had to do this; had I not I should have remained in a crippled condition. For eleven months after going to Australia, I suffered from inflammatory rheumatism. I was unable to lift my feet from the floor, without suffering great pain. My right arm, from the elbow down, was the only part of my body that was free from pain. When I attended meeting, I was borne in an armchair by two men, up the long flight of stairs that led to the meeting room, and was then lifted on to the platform. None of those who heard me speak knew how much the effort cost me, and I did not wish them to know. Now and then a spasm of pain would pass through my limbs, and I would have to repress a cry of suffering.

Some of the meetings that I attended at this time were from four to twelve miles from my home. On some of these occasions I was able to speak for an hour at a time. The fact that I could speak in public, in spite of my crippled condition, was an encouragement to my brethren and sisters.

Physicians said that I would never be able to walk again, and I had fears that my life was to be a perpetual conflict with suffering. But I would not give up; and the constant effort that I made, because of my faith that I could still be the Lord's messenger to the people, accomplished a great change in my health.

This was not the only experience of suffering that I have had. Once, years before, one bone of my leg was split from the ankle to the knee. For a long time I could not use that limb at all, but went on crutches. Later, my foot was caught under the runner of a heavy lumber sleigh. I was to speak on New Year's Day in Battle Creek, and at the appointed time the church was crowded with city people. I would not disappoint them. My husband brought a chair. On this I knelt and spoke for one hour.

Then, I lost my senses with pain and was carried to the sofa. My suffering was intense. As gently as possible I was lifted into a sleigh and rode several miles to the house in which we were living, which was on the road to Goguac Lake.

I thought that I could attend to my ankle myself, but after I had suffered intensely for three days, Dr. Kellogg was called in. He said that I would never again use that foot in walking. But I was carefully tended at the sanitarium, and my foot was saved. I am so thankful that I am not a cripple.

During those eleven months of suffering in Australia, I would not give up. My right arm, from the elbow down, was whole, so that I could use the pen, and I wrote twenty-five hundred pages of letter paper for publication. During this period, I had the most terrible suffering of my life. My hips and my spine were in constant pain. I could not lie on my cot for more than two hours at a time, though I had rubber cushions under me. I would drag myself to a similar bed to change my position. Thus the nights passed.

But to all this there is a cheerful side. My Saviour seemed to be close beside me. I felt His sacred presence in my heart, and I was so thankful. These months of suffering were the happiest months of my life, because of the companionship of my Saviour. He was my hope and crown of rejoicing. I am so thankful that I had this experience, because I became better acquainted with my precious Lord and Saviour. His love filled my heart. All through my sickness, His love, His tender compassion, was my comfort.

Now, my sister, I have given you this rambling sketch of my sickness in order that you may be comforted in the Lord, and not cherish a spirit of repining and discouragement. Your husband is engaged in a good work. He is needed in the Australian field. He can be a blessing to many. My dear sister, if you will look away from yourself to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith and mine, you will be a happy woman. "Look unto Me," says the Saviour. [Isaiah 45:22.] "Trust in Me; believe in Me; and do not weaken your physical and moral powers by looking at your own weakness." Look unto Jesus, your pitying, loving Saviour. If you cast your helpless soul on Christ, He will bring joy and peace to your soul. He will be your crown of rejoicing, your exceeding great reward. Listen to the words I speak. Exercise yourself in every possible way. This is what I have had to do. Be cheerful and praise the Lord.

In love.

Lt 36, 1907

Irwin, C. W. and others in the Avondale School

St. Helena, California

February 6, 1907

To Prof. Irwin and others bearing responsibilities in the Avondale School

Dear Fellow Workers:

We are much pleased to have the privilege of hearing how greatly the blessing of the Lord is resting upon the Avondale school. How pleased I should be to see the grounds as they are now, looking as I was instructed they might look under proper, intelligent cultivation.

In the darkest hour of the establishment of the Avondale school, when the outlook seemed the most discouraging, I was sitting in the hotel in Cooranbong, then used by our people, completely wearied out by the complaints made regarding the land. My heart was sick and sore. But suddenly a great peace came upon me. Angels seemed to be in the room, and then the words were spoken, "Look ye." And I saw flourishing, cultivated land, bearing its treasure of fruit and root-crops. Many resources were spread out before me, and wherever my eye was directed, I saw prosperity.

I saw the school filled with promising students. All seemed to be helped, by the inspiration of well-organized efforts, to stand and work upon a high platform. There was so large a number of pleasant faces that I could not fail to understand that the light of the Lord's countenance was lifted upon them.

A great light and peace came upon me. I was so blessed that I praised the Lord aloud, saying, "His word is fulfilled, 'God will spread a table in the wilderness.'" [See Psalm 78:19.]

I had this vision in that hotel, when the enemy was working decidedly to create forebodings and unbelief. Since then I have not had one hour of discouragement in regard to the Avondale school.

Early in the morning, at six o'clock, some one tapped at the door of my room, and inquired, "Will Sister White speak to the students this morning?" I said, "I will." I found a goodly number assembled, and I told them what God had revealed to me in the night season. Brother Rousseau and all the rest present listened with intense interest. When I had finished speaking, Brother Rousseau said, "Sister White, a similar impression came to me; and now, for the first time, I confess my unbelief. If the Lord will pardon me, not another shade will I cast upon your soul to cause you sorrow. I will now look and work on the side of faith."

We felt the Holy Spirit's power in that meeting. Since that time we have had unwavering faith regarding the school.

At this time, not a building was started. The ground was being prepared, but there were a few who did not have faith to go forward. But after this, all took hold to carry forward the work in faith and hope.

You may be assured that we rejoice that you have taken hold intelligently to act your part. Let the Lord work, and we shall see of His salvation. I wish this letter to go in this mail, so that you may know that I appreciate the work that has made such good advancement under faithful, painstaking effort.

We shall be glad to hear from you at any time. We shall try to respond, if it be only in a few words. Let us have reports from the school.

With much love to you all, teachers and students.

Lt 38, 1907

Hart, Russell

St. Helena, California

February 4, 1907

Dear Brother Russell Hart:

I have read your letter of January 24, addressed to my son. I was glad to hear from you.

I have a great desire that you should see all things clearly, and walk and work with an eye single to the glory of God. In this life we are forming characters for the eternal life in the heavenly courts. I desire that you and your wife shall make straight paths for your feet. How thankful we all should be, that it is not yet too late for wrongs to be righted! It is our solemn duty to reveal love for God not only in our words, but in deed and in truth.

God calls at this time for skilful workers who will always be found on the side of the Chief Worker. We must have truth in the heart and love for Christ. "He that will come after Me," He says, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." [Mark 8:34.] We have each an individual work to do in denying self and in working out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

Again and again, in visions of the night, I have seen you halting between two opinions. I have heard a voice of Authority speak your name, and say, "Russell, watch unto prayer. Fear no man. Let nothing interpose between your soul and God."

Every soul who places himself on the side of Christ will be tempted with all the power of Satan's seductive influence. The grace of God can renew your heart, brace you against temptation, and give you earnest longings for the Spirit of God. It can make you clean in the blood of the Lamb. Your soul and the souls of your family are worth more than all the gains of this world. You need the spiritual life of the Word of God renewed in you day by day. You need to walk humbly with God. Do not, for Christ's sake, make one false step.

I am seeking to do all in my power to follow out the directions of the Master. I am writing this by lamplight, at two o'clock in the morning. I am instructed to make earnest appeals to our churches, crying to them to awake from their slumber. Now is the time to do decided work for the preparation of the coming of the Lord; for every effort will be made to seduce the people of God.

A few mornings ago I rose early to write out important warnings just presented to me. I had seen one who was seeking to tear up the foundations of our faith. Then One of authority stood in our midst and said: The adversary of souls is working on the right hand and on the left with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish. Give the message to My people: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [Isaiah 60:1.] Spreading out His arms, and then bringing His hands together, and clasping His fingers, He said, Unify, unify! Only those will stand who unify. Satan has come down with great power; for he knows that he has but a short time to work. He is working through deceptive theories in those who will not obey the truth in righteousness.

God will soon vindicate His justice before the universe. His justice requires that sin shall be punished; His mercy grants that sin shall be pardoned through repentance and confession. Pardon can come only through His only begotten Son; Christ alone can expiate sin—and then only when sin is

repented of and forsaken. Man has severed his connection with God, and his soul has become palsied and strengthless by the deadly poison of sin. But there was a time when the proclamation sounded through the heavenly courts, I have found a ransom! A divine life is given as man's ransom; One equal with the Father has become man's substitute.

So ingenious are the plans that Satan lays to deceive and pervert, that the very blessings that come to us in the divine life may be turned into snares. By the same false reasoning by which he deceived Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, he seeks to turn the very blessings which God sends for our good into snares and a curse. He seeks to lead men to use God's gifts as weapons against the Giver.

God gave His only begotten Son to the human race, that man might become a partaker of the divine nature by accepting the remedy for sin and allowing the divine grace of Christ to work in his life. The power of divinity working in humanity can bring man into right relation with God. Fallen man, by laying hold of the divine power brought within his reach, can become one with God. Everlasting life is the blessing that Christ came to give to the world.

"The angels that kept not their first estate," God declares, "He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." [Jude 6.] The element of evil introduced into heaven by the first angels that fell will never again be allowed to enter heaven. But just so long as we live on this earth, we shall have to meet evil and battle against it. A battle is being fought with every soul. The soul who chooses his own will and way, and refuses to be converted to the Lord's way, Satan will use in his service. The knowledge he has acquired in divine things is then united with the knowledge which Satan uses to strengthen his side of the controversy.

Human selfishness would monopolize the blessings of eternal life. The selfish Jewish nation sought to make the grace of God a benefit for the Jewish nation alone. A correcting influence must come from heaven to teach men that the Spirit of truth is to be a convincing power for all the world, a light to lighten every man that cometh into the world.

Again this selfish spirit in man seeks to number Israel, as if our strength were to be found in numbers. Christ came to the world to reveal God as more mighty than the angels that kept not their first estate. God has reserved them unto the darkness of the last great day, when every sin unrepented of, every evil work, will be uncovered, and every man shall receive according to his works.

Now, just now, is our day for repentance; now is our time to put away sin. He who was with the Father from the beginning, the only begotten Son of God, has paid the redemption price for the ransom of a sinful world. The value that Christ places on the human soul is unlimited. His infinite love embraces the whole human family. If they will receive Him, and practice the virtues of His character, men and women may become the sons and daughters of God. If they refuse to receive Christ, instead of becoming God's heritage, they become Satan's heritage.

"I am the light of the world," Christ declared. [John 8:12.] When Moses saw the burning bush in Mount Horeb, and turned aside to see why the bush was not consumed, Christ revealed Himself to Moses and told him what he must do to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt. When Moses asked what he should say to the children of Israel, when they asked him by what authority he called them

out of Egypt, God said, "Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you." [Exodus 3:14.]

The Son of God came to break down every partition of nationality and position. The message of salvation was given for the whole world. All men are to acknowledge God as supreme.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." [Matthew 11:15.] "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.] One equal with the Father came to redeem man. He was the only One who could encircle the world with the atmosphere of heaven.

Grace abounds with Christ, and those who take their position on the side of the Redeemer become new creatures. In character they become one with God. Herein is love! God places the virtues of His character upon those who receive Him. Through His infinite sacrifice, He lifts the human race from its position of slavery to the will of Satan and makes men and women sons and daughters of the heavenly King. Only when we understand this great truth can we understand the words of Christ, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." [Revelation 3:21.]

Christ came to suffer in man's behalf; for Satan had made the boast that no one could withstand his devising and in this world live a spotless life. Clothed with human nature, the Redeemer subjected Himself to all the temptations with which human beings are beset; and He overcame on every point. The record of His life is given to the world, that no one need be in doubt as to the power of the grace of God. To every soul who strives for perfection of Christian character, this world becomes a battlefield on which is fought the controversy between good and evil. And every one who trusts in Christ will gain the victory.

Brother Hart, I want you to stand rooted and grounded in the truth. My interest in your father and mother was not a small one. In the past we have often been united in our labors, and I have a deep interest in you. I want to see you bearing an unwavering testimony for the truth. My position is unchanged.

According to the light given me, unless a decided stand is taken to safeguard the tabernacle in Battle Creek, theories will be presented in it that will dishonor God and His cause. I have been shown that if you understood the matter, you would be as decided as I am in the testimony you bear.

I must act in accordance with the light the Lord has given me; and I say to you that Elder A. T. Jones and Dr. Kellogg will make every effort possible to get possession of the tabernacle, in order that in it they may present their doctrines. We must not allow that house to be used for the promulgation of error <until our work is done in Battle Creek>. The tabernacle was built by the Seventh-day Adventist people. It is their property; and their loyal representatives should control it. On this question I will stand firm; and if you and others will take a decided stand with us, you will be doing that which God requires of you at this time.

We must make sure the control of the tabernacle; for powerful testimonies are to be borne in it in favor of the truth. This is the word of the Lord to you and to others. Elder A. T. Jones will work in every possible way to get possession of this house; and if he can do so, he will present in it theories that should never be heard. I know whereof I speak in this matter; and if you could have seen the

end from the beginning, if you had believed the warnings that have been given, you would have moved understandingly.

I am glad that you wrote, so that I can express myself to you. I want you to understand that as long as the Lord gives me testimonies to bear, I will bear them, whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear. I have been clearly shown that we must safeguard the tabernacle.

The Lord has a message for the people in Battle Creek, and I may act a part in giving them this message. I am in my eightieth year, but my mind is clear. My faith is strong. May the Lord give you clear light, that you may not be numbered among those who have been seduced from the truth, is my prayer.

Lt 40, 1907

Hayes, E. G.

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1907

Elder E. G. Hayes

Dear Brother:

I write to ask you to interest yourself in the school at Madison. Brethren Sutherland and Magan have worked diligently, far beyond their strength, to open up the school work in this place, which is of the Lord's appointment. They have endeavored to establish a school that would fit young men and young women to act as missionaries in the southern field.

At the present time they should have five thousand dollars to enable them to provide suitable facilities for the work; and still more should be provided, in order that a small sanitarium may be connected with the school.

So far they have received very little help in this enterprise, compared with the needs and importance of the work. They have worked hard and have laid plans for such an education as is essential to prepare workers to be able to teach the ignorant and to explain the Scriptures. Besides the study of books, the students are taught to till the soil, to build houses, and to perform other useful labor.

The location of the Madison school is excellent and possesses great advantages for the school work. But the leaders in this work are carrying too heavy a burden and should be relieved from the great anxiety that has rested upon them, because of a lack of means with which to do what must be done to provide suitable conditions for a successful school.

Shall we allow these workers to be burdened beyond their strength, carrying forward almost alone a work in which they should receive the hearty co-operation of their brethren?

I appeal to our brethren in South Dakota to help in this emergency, and make a liberal gift to the Madison school, that they may erect a chapel and school building. Such a building should have been provided for them long ago. Let us not leave these men to work under present disadvantages, when time is so precious and the need for trained workers in the South is so great.

The work in the South has been sadly neglected. It is high time that our churches were awakened to their duty to this needy field. The light must shine forth amid the moral darkness of ignorance and superstition. The truth in its simplicity must be brought to those who are in ignorance.

In the common schools some things are taught that are a hindrance rather than a blessing. We need schools where the Word of God is made the basis of education. The Madison Training School for teachers should have the hearty support of God's people. Therefore I ask you and your associates on the conference committee to act liberally in helping our brethren in Madison in this important work.

Lt 42, 1907

Wilcox, F. M.

St. Helena, California

February 8, 1907

Elder F. M. Wilcox

Dear Brother Wilcox:

I have just been reading a letter from you. I cannot advise you to leave the position you are now occupying, unless the Lord shall clearly indicate that it is your duty to do so. Hold the fort where you are, and let the truth triumph. You have been compelled to meet the opposition of some who have gone forward in a way of their own choosing, carrying out ideas and purposes of their own, which are in direct opposition to a plain "Thus saith the Lord." Should you now be forced from your post of duty, the Lord who has repeatedly sent His messages to strengthen you would be dishonored.

I have had many messages given to me concerning the work in various places. In the early morning hours I arise and write out the things that the Lord has revealed to me. I have a message for you and for your associates in the work of the Boulder Sanitarium. I am bidden to say to you, Come into a close and sacred communion with the Lord Jesus Christ. In the sanitarium there are some who need the refining, sanctifying grace of God on the mind and character.

To some God will one day speak the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [Matthew 25:23.] These words of commendation will be spoken to those who endure test and trial, who submit to the refining process and are made white by the blood of the Lamb. If all those who profess to be sons and daughters of God would reveal in the words and in the life practice the light and grace of God, they would be companionable. They would learn of Him who has said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

Here is Christ's method of finding rest. Shall we not all open the heart and invite the Saviour to be our guest? Unless our characters are formed after the divine similitude, we shall not, in this evil and wicked generation, be found bearing the signature of heaven. It means much to form characters after the similitude of Christ's character. If, with defective characters, we were admitted to heaven, we would spoil its harmony. I beseech of every physician and every helper in the institution in Boulder to seek earnestly to be fashioned after the likeness of Christ.

In this world we are to learn the science of perfecting Christian character. This will be learned best by a close connection with the Great Teacher. In wearing His yoke, we shall know what it means to overcome defects in character. "Learn of Me," He says. [Verse 29.] We are to learn the meaning of true reform, and then to live in harmony with the principles of this reform.

Let all remember that others, as well as themselves, are the Lord's purchased possession. Care should be taken not to give occasion for a disaffection in the minds of fellow laborers in the work of the Lord. Much friction might be avoided were there a more earnest effort to learn the meekness and lowliness of Christ. Let every worker treat every other worker with due respect and Christian courtesy.

By the manifestation of patience, you may sometimes reveal that you have responded to the invitation of the Saviour and have found rest in Him. When unkind words are spoken, silence is often the best rebuke that can be given. Kind words, kind deeds, and a tender spirit are the ornaments of a Christian.

A manifestation of the spirit of true courtesy will be a testimony to those who patronize the sanitarium that the workers are not counterfeit Christians, but that they are following an infallible Guide. Christ is our Example, He who laid off His royal crown in heaven, and clothed Himself with humanity, that men and women might be partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we are to behold the perfection of His character.

"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." [2 Timothy 3:16, 17.]

Christ has given us His Word, that men and women may be thoroughly furnished with a remedy for all spiritual diseases. The Word is a test of human character. It points out the disease and prescribes the remedy. In the Word is a prescription for every spiritual ailment. The plain commands of God will exert a healthful influence upon the mind and upon the whole body. If taken in faith and faithfully practiced, its remedies are infallible.

If the workers in the sanitarium will practice the principles of the Word, a strong spiritual atmosphere will pervade the institution. Angels of God will be present. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. As it exerts its power of saving grace upon physicians and nurses, its influence will extend to the patients. If we are determined to do the will of God, His will becomes a living, working agency in our experience. We shall never entertain in thought or words of action that which the Lord forbids.

The instruction to be found in the Word of God is comprehensive. It is adapted to every circumstance and every condition in life. Especially is it adapted to the need of the workers in [the] sanitarium; for it is inspired by the greatest Physician that ever lived. A deep study of God's Word is essential to every Christian physician and nurse.

A timely word of encouragement will often do much to revive the heart of one who is discouraged. Remember that you are laborers together with God. When you are in perplexity, seek unerring counsel from the words of inspiration. This means that you are to seek the Lord for guidance as did

Daniel, of whom we read that “he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God.” [Daniel 6:10.] The blessed words of inspiration are not appreciated as they should be. They make manifest the wisdom of God, applied to human affairs. Every true reform is based upon a “Thus saith the Lord.”

“And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, 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. And He said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

“But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

“And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that had mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go thou and do likewise.” [Luke 10:25-37.]

“I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given 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. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? ... If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?” [Luke 11:9-11, 13.]

Having ascertained from the Word what is the will of God, go forward with fearlessness and courage. But you may be assured that some will always oppose the right. Selfish interest will clash with the close, self-denying principles of the Word. You cannot carry out the pure, uplifting principles of true reform without there being a revelation of opposing interests. The law of Jehovah will ever be opposed by selfish men.

But I am to say to you, The Son of God was manifested that He might establish true reforms, and that He might draw all men unto Him. He tells us that “all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” [2 Timothy 3:12.] The Son of God calls Himself the Son of Man. He came to draw all men unto Him, but some will not be drawn. He says, “I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword.” [Matthew 10:34.]

I am instructed to say to you have been striving to carry forward a work in Boulder, in harmony with the Word of God: You will not find the way smooth before you. But ever bear in mind the light that the Lord has sent. And let every one connected with the sanitarium put away all sensitiveness and

jealousy. Die to self, and let Christ be your strength. Let all sanctify themselves unto God, and cleave, in humility of mind, to correct principles.

The Lord has said to those who are carrying out the great gospel commission: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:20.]

Ever remember that you are amenable to God in the formation of your character. Nothing is to be undertaken upon which you cannot ask the blessing of God. He is the eternal and the universal Guardian. Truth is to be maintained in its purity. We cannot engage in any business enterprise that will trample upon the rights of God's heritage, or that will in any way work injustice to others. If, in carrying forward His work, others treat us unjustly, we need not feel that we are personally injured.

God will in righteousness vindicate His own cause. He discerns every motive that prompts to action. He sees, in every devising, the end from the beginning. He recognizes the motives in every action, and He will send light and knowledge to those who endeavor to follow out His counsel. No man can trample upon the rights of God's workmen without smiting the hand of God.

Let all the workers in the Boulder Sanitarium be of good courage. Light has come from heaven to distinguish between those who heed the instruction of God and those who discard its principles. God has spoken, but some have said by their actions, "Who is the Lord, that I should serve Him?" [See Exodus 5:2.] The Lord may permit men to develop the spirit that is in them, but think not that the will and purposes of unsanctified men will bear away the victory.

Men are now taking sides. Those who are serving the Lord will follow the principles of justice to all men. God will vindicate the faithful endeavors of those in the Boulder Sanitarium, an institution that He has signified should be conducted in the strictest integrity. There is true success in practicing the high standard of the commandments of God and recognizing their moral obligation. God will bless all who will carry out the principles upon which our sanitariums were established. Let there be not a trace of conniving at evil or of dishonesty.

The Lord is calling His professed commandment-keeping people to come up on a high platform of righteous judgment. "For God and His truth," should be the motto of the workers in every sanitarium. Efforts have been made to supplant the institution that the Lord has established. Men who have refused the counsel of the Lord have brought perplexity and trial to God's workers. Yet you are not to enter into controversy. Let nothing be said, except in vindication of truth.

Those who have united with Dr. Place to extol and sustain him will have to answer to God for their course and for its evil results.

Trust in the Lord, even though you have severe trials. Do not create trials for yourself. The precepts of Jesus are the only safe rules of conduct. Make every detail of business the subject of earnest prayer. Seek the Lord with sanctified purpose. Seek for that guidance and strength which you feel that your circumstances demand. There is nothing that is of interest to those who will do the will of the Lord, but what is precious in His sight.

Let physicians and nurses, and all helpers, make a covenant with God by sacrifice at every step. If all will bring all the principles of true religion into their service for God, they will some day hear 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.]

Lt 44, 1907

Sheafe, L. C.

St. Helena, California

February 4, 1907

Elder L. C. Sheafe

Dear Brother:

I am writing to you in the early morning. In the night season I have had representations of your case and have been conversing with some of the brethren in Washington, D.C., in regard to the work to be done in that city.

Elder Sheafe, Satan has been at work upon your mind, and for a long time you have been entertaining his suggestions. Through his temptations you have been led to take a course of action in your home that has been a great evil. It has injured you and the cause of God.

The Lord has given you tact and skill in knowledge to proclaim the last message of mercy to our world, that you might become a great blessing in Washington, D.C.; but you have entered into temptation. Will you let Satan have the victory? You have lost your bearings, concerning many things, and cherish some views that bear the same mark of spiritual disease that has led to the disaffection at Battle Creek. And the enemy is working through you to spoil the flock of God. The Lord bids me say to you, Stop right where you are.

You are severely tempted and for some time have been pursuing a course that will impair your future usefulness. The Lord has given you freedom of speech, that you might present the truth before the people. But you have been losing the grace of God out of your heart. You have taken a draught of a mixture prepared by the tempter.

I do not want you to destroy yourself. Battle Creek is not the place where you will get light. The work being done there does not bear the signature of the Divine. Another spirit has come in and taken possession of human minds. The Lord God of Israel will surely punish the men who have set at naught His counsel. The Word of God tells us that just such things would come in these last days.

The message of mercy that was brought from the Father was meant for the ears of the whole world. Christ came to unveil the character of God. He did not select a part of the human race and place a limited value on them. His grace is for all, and the estimate He places on the human soul is infinite. His power also is unlimited by right of His position with the Father. Had it not been for the great sacrifice He made in giving His life for mankind, the human race would have perished in their sin. But after the fall of Satan and man, Christ stepped in to give us another trial. He alone could give man another opportunity to recover himself; for only He who was equal with God could carry out the great scheme of redemption. When Christ has given such an example of comprehensive love, should

an exclusive spirit be cherished by those who profess His name? Christ says, "I am the light of the world." [John 8:12.] He is the great fountain of life and salvation.

The Lord has greatly blessed you, Brother Sheafe, and He desires that you shall no longer walk in the path you have been treading, but step back into the path that Christ has formed by His own example. Christ is the Bright and Morning Star. He reflects His light to every class of people in the world. When you take any other position than that which Christ took, you are certainly walking in a false path.

O what a God we have that He should "so love the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] Collecting all the riches of His grace, all the resources of His infinite love, He has placed them at the disposal of the human family, that as many as receive Him might have power to become the sons of God. All who believe in His name may become one with Christ in God.

My brother, you have let spiritual pride come into your heart. You have given the tempter an open door through which he could enter and work upon your mind. Will you give him the right of way, as many are doing in Battle Creek? Before you go any further in this path you have entered upon, stop and consider the results. Make a halt right where you are. If you do not, you will apostatize from the truth. You and your wife must be converted, or you will, in the madness of your deceived souls, take some rash and dreadful step. Watch, pray, repent, and be converted.

In His mercy and grace God desires to let you see your wrongs, that you may repent and become reconverted. You may become kind and thoughtful and reveal to others that your hearts are made white in the blood of the Lamb. Let not another blot of sin come upon your soul. The Father calls you to live the life of Christ, to put away the passionate temper, and henceforth to walk in meekness and lowliness of mind. He desires that you and Sister Sheafe shall become a son and daughter in the heavenly family.

Your heavenly Father, the God of heaven and earth, gave everything into the hands of Christ for those who will give up their hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil and become the children of light. He did all this to make you and your wife patient and kind to one another. Will you not be convinced of your wrong and be renewed in the spirit of your mind?

The message of mercy from the Father was given to the world through Christ. An atmosphere of grace and peace always surrounded His life. In His life He gave evidence of what every one who believes in His name may give evidence, that He possessed the gift of thoughtful kindness. Christ's followers may reveal the same characteristics in their associations with one another. All who profess the name of Christ must represent His kindness in their lives. Never in speech or action should they manifest an opposite spirit. Whosoever will may surround his soul with an atmosphere of kindness and patience and love; and these graces represent eternal life to the receiver. Will you now be reconverted. Your present good and your eternal welfare demand that you repent and be converted. Humble your heart before God, and become one of His little children.

My brother, look unto Jesus. You need not look to any human agency for the supply of grace that you can find in its perfection in Christ. The Saviour took human nature upon Him and came to this earth; and in His humanity, He was tempted in all points like as human beings are tempted. Thus was

removed every excuse for the plea that Christ does not know what temptations come to man. The Saviour came to succor all who are tempted.

Through His sacrifice, Christ has made provision for you, that you may become sweet in disposition, meek and lowly of heart. My brother, when you are sorely provoked to say or do things that make you a weak man, think of the promise, "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 My throne." [Revelation 3:21.] "He that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations." [Revelation 2:26.]

When men or women are under the temptations of Satan, let them look constantly to Jesus for aid, and not utter words of passion that dishonor Christ. If the husband speaks unkindly, let the wife not speak a word in response; for at such times silence is eloquence. This is the best way to meet the words that are prompted by the tempter. Let husband and wife treat each other kindly under all circumstances. Then the children will learn from them lessons of forbearance. Never, never give your children an education in faultfinding. Set them an example that will help them to prepare for the future immortal life.

Let not your record be marred by one false word or act. Let it be said of you, "Ye are laborers together with God." [1 Corinthians 3:9.] Keep the thought "together with God" ever in mind.

A minister of Jesus Christ should never forget his calling. He should never forget that he is to minister in word and doctrine. He should have a clean, pure spirit. He should possess his soul in patience and ever remember that the heavenly universe is looking with deepest interest upon the one who is appointed to be a mouthpiece for God. Will you humble your heart now before God? Will you fall upon the Rock, and be broken?

"The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." [John 1:14.] This was done to convince us that there is no love in the universe but God's, and that the happiness of man consists in loving Him, doing His will, and carrying out His precepts. My brother, the Lord desires you to guard against any doctrines that would lead to dissension and strife. You are charged to hold the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end. There is need of much prayer. The warning is given us in the Word, "Some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." [1 Timothy 4:1.] Brother Sheafe, is not this warning fulfilled in what we see in Battle Creek?

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace be with you." [Philippians 4:6-9.]

Let no man unsettle your faith. The Lord is greatly dishonored by those in Battle Creek who are turning away from the truth. I am sorry for them and sorry that you are becoming confused by the doctrines that are being presented to lead souls from the true faith. May the Lord help you not to

spoil your record. In the name of the Lord I say to you: Humble your heart before God, and practice the life of Christ, else you will lose your soul.

My brother, is it a strange thing that the Word of God should be fulfilled? This Word has declared just what will be; and now, when this comes to pass, should we act as a church surprised? May the Lord help you to be guarded. Watch unto prayer, and guard your spirit; for God cannot be with you, to help you in overcoming, when you do not seek to overcome, but act as the evil one desires you to act. We are now preparing for the future, immortal life. Do not, I beg of you, turn aside to strange doctrines.

In the visions of the night I am charged by the Lord to warn you against this. I want you to be a happy man in this life, a representation of what a minister of Christ should be. Work diligently to make your calling and election sure. Bring peace into your heart, even the peace of Christ. Learn of Christ, and thus become fitted to unite with the family of the redeemed. Our time here is short. Prepare, prepare to meet thy God.

“If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24.] “So shall he be My disciple.” [See John 15:8.] The Lord Jesus is to be your pattern. No man is to please himself. I want you to know what the grace of Christ can do for you. I want you to speak sound words, with true, eloquent utterance. Serve the Lord Jesus Christ with the whole heart. God expects you to purify your soul from all defilement. True conversion means a radical change of heart.

The richest blessings are for you and all others who preach the Word. But we must ever remember the words, “Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.” [Colossians 3:3.] The Saviour promises to satisfy the most urgent needs of the soul. He promises: “The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life.” [John 4:14.] You need to be converted every day in order to be a vessel unto honor, one who can teach others. Do not make a mistake. Your soul is precious, and Christ will save you, if you will be saved by purifying your soul through obedience to the truth.

Lt 46, 1907

Daniells, A. G.

St. Helena, California

January 25, 1907

Elder A. G. Daniells

Dear Brother Daniells:

As many as three times of late I have begun a letter to you, but before it was finished the rush of other business has come in, and your letter has been laid aside.

I have no words of discouragement to write, but I would encourage you that at this time we should be very earnest in seeking the Lord. We must have no strange gods among us.

We are engaged in a sacred work; and if we make our petitions to God daily, as did the prophet Daniel, we shall receive the assurance and power that were given to Daniel. Angels of God communicated to the prophet strength and wisdom. When, because of his faithfulness, he was cast into the den of lions, these heavenly messengers exercised a restraining influence over the ferocious beasts.

We greatly need the power of God. If we humble ourselves under His mighty hand, we shall realize the presence of the Lord of hosts. We need less of human devising and much more of the divine counsel. In the name of the Lord, we are to come to Him as His little children. "Ask, and ye shall receive," He says, "seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." [Matthew 7:7.] May we not cultivate the art of taking God at His word? Faith, living, active faith will do wonderful things.

In the epistle of Jude, the works of evildoers are portrayed, just as they are manifested in this period of earth's history. We must make the Lord our helper. He will be our sufficiency, and will give us success, if we will trust in Him. After pointing out the character of the ungodly men and the "mockers" who shall be in the "last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts," the subject changes, and words of encouragement are spoken to God's faithful people:

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory, and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever." [Verses 18, 20-25.]

From the representations that are given to me, I see that we are not, as a people, reaching the high standard that will give us the increase of faith and confidence and the cheerful assurance that it is our privilege to possess.

Let our brethren who are bearing responsibilities in the Lord's work meet together for seasons of seeking the Lord. Let them rejoice together in the Lord who hears the prayers of His people. We are to talk faith, walk by faith, and live by faith. This is our duty and our great privilege. Let us pray without ceasing for a free anointing for the great and sacred work of God. It is time for the church to heed the call: "Arise and shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [Isaiah 60:1.]

Brother Daniells, I have a request to make of you: That from the gifts and offerings that are received from our people, you shall appropriate to the Madison school a liberal portion. This should have been done long ago. We should help Brethren Sutherland and Magan and their associates who have worked beyond their strength, under great disadvantages. Will you not seek to understand the situation and to see that justice and mercy are not forgotten in the distribution of funds? The brethren in Madison are laborers together with God, and He is not pleased that so little has been done in their behalf by some of their brethren.

I do not wish the brethren at Madison to know that I have written to you in their behalf. When you give them the portion of means that should go to them, let it go as a token of your own wisdom and discernment.

In the past, Brethren Sutherland and Magan have made mistakes. They were united with Dr. Kellogg; but when the testimonies came to them in Washington, urging them to break loose from the influences at Battle Creek, they heeded the warnings. They made hearty confessions at that time and tried their best to rectify their mistakes.

As I have often pointed out, the South is one of the most needy fields in the world, and the outlook there has often seemed discouraging. In words and in works we should all manifest a desired interest in encouraging our brethren who are laboring in that difficult field. Whatever you can do to help them in their necessities will meet the approval of God.

Lt 48, 1907

California Conference Committee & the Brn-Srs. in Berkeley & Oakland

St. Helena, California

February 1, 1907

To the California Conference Committee and the brethren and Sisters in Berkeley and Oakland, Dear Brethren and Sisters:

For many years the importance of the work in Oakland and the surrounding cities has been presented to me. Before I left this country to go to Australia, I was instructed that special efforts should be put forth to proclaim the truth in the cities around the Bay.

When I first learned that Brother and Sister Rice were planning to take up the work in Berkeley, I felt thankful. I encouraged them to work faithfully, believing that the Lord would bless their efforts; for it was in harmony with the instruction I had received that many laborers should be set to work in Oakland and the outlying districts.

I was therefore surprised and deeply pained when, at the camp-meeting in San Jose in July 1905, one of my brethren came to me and stated that, in his opinion, it would be for the best interests of the work if Brother and Sister Rice should be moved from Berkeley and set to work in another place. He thought that the influence of Brother and Sister Rice had not been of the best character and stated that there were serious charges preferred against them by some of the members of the Berkeley church. He desired me to use my influence to persuade Brother and Sister Rice to locate in Santa Cruz.

I knew that Brother and Sister Rice were not free from faults, but that they were striving to know and to do the Master's will, and that they had talents that fitted them to reach men and women in the higher walks of life, and that through their labors many might become interested in the truth. I knew that a move would deprive an important field, of labor that was much needed, and also that a move would mean much to them personally; for they had just gotten fairly settled in a suitable home. I did not feel free to lend my influence to have them moved. Their removal to another field under such circumstances would cause an unfavorable impression to be left on the minds of those

who, through their efforts, had newly accepted the faith. Moreover, if it were indeed true that they possessed objectionable traits of character, the case would not be made better by sending them to another field of labor; for they would carry with them their objectionable characteristics and methods.

The following night the case was clearly opened before me. I saw that some of the members of the Berkeley church were confused, and that they were manifesting a spirit of criticism that was not right. Their tongues needed to be sanctified, that they might speak the truth in righteousness. Those who were so severely criticizing, and finding fault with Brother and Sister Rice, were doing a work that would not stand the test of the judgment.

I saw that Brother and Sister Rice were laboring for a class that but few were trying to reach. They had worked earnestly and diligently in search of the lost sheep, ever standing ready to respond to the calls of those who were desirous of learning the truth. Through their labors some had been converted, and I was instructed that if all the members of the Berkeley church had manifested a Christlike spirit, and co-operated with the efforts of Brother Rice and his wife, many more might have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

But envy and jealousy and evil surmising had well nigh destroyed the healthy influence of the church in Berkeley. Unruly spirits, unconverted minds and hearts had wrought mischief, for which there should be sincere repentance. If those who were out of harmony had possessed greater spiritual discernment, they would have seen matters more clearly.

In my talks at the San Jose meeting, I presented the principles that should govern God's workers in their relations one to another. Had these principles been followed, peace would have come to the church and strength and efficiency to the Lord's workers. Here are some of the thoughts presented Sunday afternoon, July 2, 1905:

"A true belief of the work of the Father and of the Son in our behalf is worth everything to us. It is a pledge of our salvation. The wounded hands, the pierced side of our Lord stand as a revelation of infinite love—love expressed for you and for me.

"In view of a manifestation of such love, what is our duty?—We are to seek for that spirit of love expressed in the words: 'Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me; and as I said unto the Jews, so now I say to you, Whither I go, ye can not come, so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.' [John 13:33, 34.]

"Why was this a new commandment? Christ in His death on the cross was about to give a manifestation of His love—such an expression of love as had never before been heard of. 'A new commandment'—it is to love one another 'as I have loved you.' [Verse 34.]

"With many it has become a habit to seek for something to condemn in someone else. What God wants you and me to do is to take care of number one. And when you get in the right relation to God, when you see the need of that faith and love that is expressed in this 'new commandment,' and illustrated by the death of Christ, there will be a great change in the character of believers. There will be a great awakening among God's people. Among officers in the church and in the

conference, there will be a manifestation of the love of Christ. They will study to know the meaning of the new commandment.

“Every member of the church has his appointed work; every one is to act his part. All are to unite in carrying the message to those who have not heard it. Every one is to join in giving the invitation, Come. And those who hear the call and respond to it are to carry the message further still, until there shall be no place where the invitation is not heard and the Word of God given. Christ’s work for the world is to be our work. We are to carry the light into the highways and byways, nigh and afar off until the gospel of the kingdom has encircled the globe.

“‘As I have loved you, that ye also love one another.’ [Verse 34.] Christ’s love for us led Him to Calvary. Laying off His royal robe, stepping down from the high command of the angels in heaven, He came as a lowly babe, born and laid in a manger in Bethlehem. He might have brought with Him to this world legions of angels. But no! He came to fill the humblest position, to bear all the temptations to which man is subject. Thus He gave to the world an example of what humanity is to become. He was tempted just as strongly as any member of the human family can be tempted. Through His ministration He has made it possible for us to become partakers of the divine nature.

“‘As I have loved you, that ye also love one another.’ [Verse 34.] Then what is our work? It is to seek earnestly for that love that Christ will give to each of His followers in they will eat of His flesh and drink of His blood. This means to receive His words and to open the Word of life to others. ...

“If each one of us will humble his own heart, take heed to his own individual course of action, and in word and spirit take the Word of God just as it reads, we will see one of the greatest reformations passing through our churches that we have ever seen. God calls upon us to take hold upon Him and to work intelligently. In many of our churches true missionary work is a dead letter. ...

“When you feel discouraged and disconsolate, do not run to your neighbor with your troubles. This is not right—man leaning upon finite man, or man dealing with man as though he were appointed to do a work of lifting up or casting down his brethren, as he thinks best. God calls for everyone to stand in a sanctified knowledge that Christ is abiding in him, and he in Christ. Then when he is in trouble, he will come right to the Word, and see what it says. ‘I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you,’ is the promise. [John 14:18.] ...

“As you follow in the line of duty, as you seek to save souls ready to perish, as you go out in the different towns and localities around here, as you labor in Oakland and other cities, teaching others to serve God, and to glorify Him, the light of heaven will come into your souls. Christ will stand close beside you. He will impress and convince the minds of those for whom you labor. ...

“When we associate together, let us not pick flaws in one another. The Lord is grieved when we do this; for we reveal that Satan is at work among us, to make the soul weak and sick spiritually. Let us press together in the work, showing sympathy and love for one another. Instead of drawing apart and criticizing the work of one another, let us encourage one another and labor for each other’s conversion. Let us pray with one another and speak kind, helpful words that will help them to come into right relation with God. May the Lord let His Holy Spirit rest upon each one of us, that we may see of His salvation as we have not yet seen it. ...

“What is soon coming upon us? Seducing spirits are coming in. If God has ever spoken by me, you will before long hear of a wonderful science—a science of the devil. Its aim will be to make of no account God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. Some will exalt this false science, and through them Satan will seek to make void the law of God. Great miracles will be performed in the sight of men in behalf of this wonderful science.

“But in the midst of these great deceptions, it is our privilege to hide ourselves in Jesus Christ. It is possible for us to seek and to obtain salvation. But God calls us now to take off from His workers every domineering hand; for God forbids this. Let each understand his individual duty before God and do that duty humbly. He is not to consider himself a master, with controlling power to exercise upon his brethren. The Word of God is to be taught and practiced.

“God is our Commander and our Ruler. We have a Saviour, and we are not to exchange His Word for the word of any man. God wants us to come into right relation with Him. He wants every voice to be sanctified. He wants all there is of us, soul, body, and spirit, to be fully sanctified to do the will of God. It is time that we began to know that we are fastened to the Lord Jesus Christ by a living, working faith; it is time for us to take hold of the Spirit of God and to let our works show that we are under His control. Let us believe in Him, and trust in Him, and we shall see His mighty power working among us.”

In the Word of God there are definite rules laid down to guide us in dealing with the erring. Unless these rules are followed, confusion will result. The Bible rule should be strictly obeyed. Christ has outlined our course of action; let us follow it to the letter:

“Moreover 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 shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.” [Matthew 18:15-17.]

“One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.” [Deuteronomy 19:15.]

“Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.” [1 Timothy 5:19.]

The heart of Christ yearns for the salvation of men, and He is jealous for the influence of those who are working with Him for their fellow men. Therefore those who think that the appointed workers are in error should have gone to them kindly and talked the matter over with them privately. But, instead of this course being followed faithfully, reports have been circulated by unsanctified lips, and these reports have become greatly exaggerated. Had some of the members of the Berkeley church humbled their hearts before God, there would have been a far different state of things, and the Lord would have worked to add souls to the church. But the Spirit of the Lord was grieved by the jealousy, the evil surmising, and the evil speaking. Words were spoken that never would have found utterance, if those who spoke them had been under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

In church membership, there are various minds and various experiences; and unless these minds are brought under the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, hereditary and cultivated tendencies will be manifest in evil surmising and evil speaking. Unsanctified tongues will create a mountain of difficulty. But if all will bring themselves under the rule of the law of God, there will be an altogether different showing. If all will humble their hearts before God, and seek diligently to cleanse from their characters everything that Christ condemns, there will be seen the manifestation of the spirit of light and liberty.

Some have felt troubled because Brother and Sister Rice have each been drawing wages from the conference. But it is in harmony with the instruction that has often been given to me, that women who labor with their husbands in gospel work should be paid for their services.

After returning from their work in the Islands, Brother and Sister Rice purchased a small home for themselves. While he was working in the office, his wife was laboring from house to house in ministerial lines. She found access to many homes of the higher classes, and they thought that it would be for the glory of God if they might have a home to which they could invite those who were interested in the truth, and where they might entertain our ministering brethren who visited the churches near them. So they worked early and late to complete an addition to the house they had purchased.

Those who thought that Brother and Sister Rice should be uprooted from the place in which there was such great need of labor, and where they had just begun a good work, did not fully consider whether they themselves would desire to be moved in such a way. Brother Rice and his wife did not feel free to leave their field of labor, while on every side doors were opened, and calls were being made by those who desired to have the Scriptures opened to them. Had they heeded the suggestion that [they] should leave Oakland and go to Santa Cruz, I was prepared to tell them that they were making a wrong move. The enemy would have counted it a victory, if their work in Oakland and Berkeley had been uprooted, and the impression become current that they were not qualified for the sacred work in which they were engaged.

In giving them souls for their hire, the Lord has manifested His acceptance of their labors. They are God's property. For mistakes in the past, they have been reprov'd and corrected, because the Lord loves them, and desires them to be saved, and to have a part in His work. When any one confesses his sin, the Lord pardons and cleanses. "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?" [Hebrews 12:6, 7.] How glad we should be that our mistakes are not incurable!

In our dealings with one another, we all need the divine tenderness of Christ. Those who manifest a desire to labor for souls should be strengthened and encouraged. If they make mistakes, let their brethren labor with them kindly, earnestly, to help them to see the will of God. There is need that each examine carefully his own frailties, before condemning others.

In our cities there is a great work to be done. This work must be carried forward intelligently and solidly. The Lord will co-operate with all who will be worked by the Holy Spirit and who will seek for the meekness and lowliness of Christ. Let no one praise his own works, but let him draw attention to the sanctifying grace of God as revealed in His Word.

God's work calls for many who are now resting on their lees. Many will engage in house-to-house labor, after they have sought the Lord with heart and soul. A life of dependence on Christ will fit us to promote His cause and glory on earth. There are many fields where labor must be begun.

Often in the visions of the night, I find myself entreating men and women to be converted, and I awake actuated by the spirit of urgency that has seemed to me a living reality.

The officers of our churches should be men who possess truth in the soul—humble, praying men—men who will be a living example of faith and piety. God does not estimate men by position or rank or wealth or profound learning, but by their humility of heart and their willingness to learn in the school of Christ.

Those who are truly consecrated to the work of soul-saving will not cease from their evangelizing efforts. Men in the humble walks of life are to be encouraged to take up the work of God. As they labor, they will gain a precious experience. There is a dearth of laborers, and we have not one to spare. Instead of discouraging those who are trying to serve the Master, we should seek to encourage many more laborers to enter the field. All who commune with God will find abundance of work to do for Him.

Those who go forth in the spirit of the Master, seeking to reach souls with the truth, will not find the work of drawing souls to Christ a dull, uninteresting drudgery. They are charged with a work as God's husbandmen, and they will become more and more vitalized as they give themselves to the service of God. It is a joyous work to open the Scriptures to others.

Let all our ministers be sincerely in earnest in regard to the future world. Let all their works testify that they are born of God. As the physical body is in constant need of the vitalizing air, so the life of the soul is kept in healthfulness as one is guided into all truth. The life must be constantly stimulated by truth that sanctifies the soul. Those who are exalted in their own supposed superior wisdom need to consider that unless they have that faith that works by love, purifying the soul, and enlarging the intellect; and unless they hold up the divine standard, their work will be a failure. Before engaging in any enterprise, let them first seek the Lord in prayer, asking Him to co-operate with them. God will encourage the humble, the pure, and the upright in heart. Those whom the Lord leads will deal uprightly with God, and with men.

My brethren in the ministry, watch diligently, lest the continuous engrossment of the mind in business shall extinguish the purity of the soul life and crush out that godliness that needs to be strengthened in every action. Unless in this life we live out the principles of heaven, we shall never gain an entrance into the city of the redeemed. Now is our opportunity to cultivate the heavenly graces.

Make the Word of God your study and your standard of duty. With all meekness and reverence put your trust in the Holy One. Read and understand how to combine in daily action the principles: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." [Romans 12:11; 1 Corinthians 10:31.]

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are worthy." [Revelation 3:4.] It will profit us to cultivate the pure

principles of heaven in this life, and to hold fast our integrity in honoring Christ as our Redeemer, who gave His life to secure for us an eternal inheritance.

Brethren and sisters, let us cultivate unfeigned faith. Let unbending uprightness and lofty integrity characterize our every action. Let us give Christ the first place in our hearts. Let us make Him the man of our counsel. Looking unto Jesus in true simplicity, we shall inherit the overcomer's reward.

Let the language of every trembling soul be: "Whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee." "Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." [Psalm 73:25, 24.]

Lt 50, 1907

Belden, F. E.

St. Helena, California

February 6, 1907

F. E. Belden

My dear nephew:

I feel deeply burdened because of the position that you occupy. I have hoped that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes, that you might discern what manner of spirit you are of, and that you would turn unto the Lord. Had you always walked humbly before God, you might now be standing in the light. Today you are being tested and tried. I know your spiritual condition, and my soul is so bowed with grief that it is almost impossible for me to write.

For years I have had presented before me your reckless words and actions. O that the Lord would lay upon you the desire to see yourself as you really are before God. The end of all things is right upon us, but you seem to be as one blinded. Wake up; for your soul's sake, wake up, and remove the stumbling blocks. You are as a ship at sea, without a pilot.

You are quick to blame others when you are brought into difficulty. But will you consider whether you are not to blame for some of the very conditions that you think oppress you? The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Will you not now, even before another day goes by, seek the Lord? When you are indeed converted; when you have fallen on the Rock to be broken, then you will find a comfort and a peace of mind that you do not now experience. You have chosen your own way. You and others who have been associated with you have manifested a spirit of hatred against those who might have been a help to you. Before you go further in the manifestation of a spirit of desperation, will you not seek to die to self? Will you not give to God what remains of your life? I have felt so sad as I have seen you turning away from the warnings that God has sent you. So long have you sought to justify yourself in a wrong course of action, that your power of clear discernment is impaired. You will never find peace of mind unless you give up your pride and your self-esteem.

I am writing to you the things that are presented to me by the Lord. I tremble when I think of the lengths to which you have gone in a course contrary to the Word of God. I urge you to delay no longer; for the judgments of God are beginning to fall upon the earth, and upon those who despise

the law of God. You need to seek the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. O that you would repent and be converted. Your strong spirit leads you to actions that God cannot approve. You can never be free from this spell of the enemy until self is broken and you acknowledge the supremacy of God.

You have chosen yourself as your own master; and when not under the control of the Holy Spirit, you become tyrannical. Your masterly, overbearing spirit is working in you a character that is far from being like Christ's. Remember that a Christian is one who is Christlike.

In the tenth chapter of John we read: "I am the good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine. As the Father knoweth Me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." [Verses 14-16.]

Your severe criticism of some whom the Lord is using, and your affiliation with some whom the Lord reproves, is an evidence that you are standing on the wrong side. Every day, as you continue to open your heart to unbelief and to falsehood, you are being led further into the darkness. But you will be held accountable for the great light from heaven that you have received.

O how you have for many years spoiled your record, as you have followed your own unsanctified will. You have had the utmost confidence in your own judgment, and this has sometimes led you to work counter to the will of God. Will you bear in mind that you are not your own, that you have been bought with a price? Christ, our Redeemer, the Prince of heaven, condescended to come to this world and to live an exemplary life. "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.]

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." [Ephesians 4:30.] What an assurance! What an inducement to put forth earnest efforts to practice the virtues of Christ!

You need to watch unto prayer. Seek to restrain your speech, which sometimes reveals a spirit of evil surmising and an uncontrolled temper. When you are tempted to speak words of accusation against any of your brethren, pause, and think seriously.

"Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks." [Ephesians 4:31, 32; 5:1-4.]

Will you not now make a determined effort to die to self? You need to humble your heart before God, and confess to Him your mistake in following your own ideas, as though they were the wisdom of God. Your wisdom lies in patterning after the Saviour.

Every one who is rightly related to Christ will treat his fellow men thoughtfully and kindly. He will be prayerful, consecrating himself to the work of God, subduing the idea that he can guide himself. He will heed the words of Christ's invitation:

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

The daily prayer of those who follow Christ's teaching will be: "Lord, what can I do to bless others?" Thus they reveal that they are learning Christ's way, instead of selfishly walking in paths of their own choosing. Those who follow on to know the Lord will know that His going forth is prepared as the morning.

In the visions of the night I have been speaking to you. You were represented to me as one discouraged, disappointed in your efforts to follow human plans, instead of a plain, "Thus saith the Lord." You had not opened your heart to love. But a divine voice said to you, "Follow Me, and you will walk in safety. If you wear My yoke, you will manifest a sanctified tenderness and a love for those with whom you are connected."

In all your associations with others, be kind and courteous. If you humble yourself as a child of God, His way will be exalted in your eyes. With heart imbued with the love of God, there will be no impatience, no rough or harsh words. Will you ask the Lord to cleanse and sanctify your spirit, that you may realize the softening influence of the grace of Christ? When love is made uppermost in your life, when you cease to act on the impulses that have carried you further and further away from the divine Leader, then you will cease to fret and to censure and to blame others, because of your supposed injuries. When from the heart you can say, My wisdom has been foolishness, and now I desire my mind to be sanctified; when you make an unconditional surrender to the Lord, you will reveal a change in spirit, in words, and in actions.

There has been formed in you a spirit of controversy, and you will never attain true success until you learn to distrust your own judgment. Faith and works must be combined, in perfect submission to the Great Teacher, who desires to be to you "Wisdom, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption." [1 Corinthians 1:30.] Nothing less than a faith that works by love and purifies the soul will avail. Many who are not sanctified through the fear of God, and through obedience to His Word, are ignorant of the spirit that actuates them.

In the day of judgment it will be revealed that in many cases it would have been much better if men of the world had never met those who profess godliness, but who are not converted to Bible practice. A true Christian is one who is a partaker of the divine nature and has escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. He bears the marks of true kindness; the gentleness of Christ characterizes his speech. He does not make great pretensions as to his own ability. He heeds well the warning: "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." [Matthew 12:37.]

You are in danger of overestimating your own value. So long have you followed plans of the enemy's devising, that you seem powerless to break the spell or to resist evil influences. In the name of the Lord I ask you to seek the Lord with all the power at your command. Repent, and be rebaptized, that

you may act a part in union with Christ as a laborer together with God. Just as long as you seek to have your own way, trying to serve God and mammon, you will continue your record of mistakes and failures. You have now an opportunity to redeem the past, but nothing will avail you short of a complete surrender to God. Do not continue to make war against those whom you suppose ought to help you and favor you. Those who cherish a spirit of warfare against those who might help them will never find their way out of perplexities, or be free from the deception of Satan. Why should you continue in an evil way, even though others may have treated you unjustly?

As you accept the counsel of God, it is your privilege to trust your temporal interests with Him who has said: "Take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." [Matthew 6:31-33.]

You, and others to whom the Lord has sent messages of warning, are being tested. Soon the mercy and forbearance of God in behalf of the rebellious heart will cease. Messages have come to them to lead them to consider the error of their ways, and to turn unto the Lord; but they have acted as though they were being injured and have even spurned the thought that the Lord had a message for them. They have worked earnestly to increase the spirit of unbelief in the messages that God has given. They have rejected all the efforts of the Lord to save them, and of them it must be said:

"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out My hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all My counsel, and would none of My reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon Me, but I will not answer; they shall seek Me early, but they shall not find Me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: they would none of My counsel; they despised all My reproof: therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto Me, shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." [Proverbs 1:24-33.]

Many have received all the evidences of truth that God will ever give them. They have permitted and encouraged false sentiments; and they have practiced deception to cover up their apostasy. I am instructed to say to those who desire to return to God, "Cleanse your hands, and purify your hearts. Break loose from the spell of the enemy. Lay aside the garments of self-righteousness. Humble your hearts before God, and come into line."

"Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up. After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." [Hosea 6:1-3.]

Lt 52, 1907

Belden, F. E.

St. Helena, California

February 9, 1907

F. E. Belden

My dear nephew Frank Belden:

Your case is still kept before me. You are passing through the most perilous period of your life history. For years Satan has exercised his power over you, but I am praying that the spell may be broken, and that you may now take your stand on the Lord's side.

At times I am in an agony of mind as I see that the enemy has been gaining control of you. In the name of Jesus your Saviour, I call upon you to break the spell of the enemy that is endangering your soul. You have lost the power of clear spiritual discernment, and your mind is changeable. Yet you do not perceive your peril.

You are in danger of making moves that will result in your ruin. I do not want you to make shipwreck of faith. I desire to see you seeking the Lord while He may be found, and calling upon Him while He is near. You are not happy. Will you not, for the sake of Him who gave His life for you, surrender to the Lord? Will not you and your family renew your covenant with Him? Do not delay; for delay is dangerous.

The Word of God is the means by which temptation may be resisted and overcome. You need now for your soul's sake to make an entire change. You need to come to the place where you have no confidence in yourself.

Because of your controversies with your brethren, a reproach has been brought upon the cause of God. A day of reckoning is coming when every act and motive will be brought into judgment. Then every man will be rewarded according as his work shall be. Are you prepared for the test? The word of God is clear and plain; read it, and, for Christ's sake, practice its teachings.

The invitation now comes to all, Repent, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Why will men unite with evil agencies, to hurt the influence of the children of God? Let not your time and your talents be turned aside from the truth of God to do a work that God did not assign to you. Hurt not the heart of Christ in the person of His saints.

Continue not to resist the warnings that God has given you. Break this awful spell that rests upon you. Humble yourself under the hand of God. Much time has been lost. Guided by the counsel of God, you might have accomplished a good work. But you have estranged yourself; you have followed your own erring judgment, and have thereby been led into many serious errors.

Evil angels are binding their cords about you. The dread leader of the fallen host is determined to lead you to the point where you cannot turn. I entreat of you to disappoint the enemy, to break this spell of deception, and to become converted, heart, soul, and mind. When you will humble your heart, the Lord Jesus will come and take possession of His blood-bought heritage.

"Thy words," said David, "have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." [Psalm 119:11.] Satan is baffled when he finds the heart preoccupied with the truth of God. Will not you seek to

reach the position where you can say, "Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies"? [Verse 98.] It has been long since you were walking in the way of the Lord. You have often been represented to me as stout-hearted, refusing the Lord's way. The dangers before you are great, and your heart has been set against God's ways and God's will. The truth will bear away the victory. Come into line, and redeem the past.

February 10

Last night again I had a representation of your case. I awoke at twelve o'clock and could not sleep longer. My soul was greatly burdened as I prayed for you. Your condition was opened before me and your determination to have your own way. This determination should be overcome.

"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.] Will you consider this?

Every soul is engaged in a warfare against fallen angels. We are oft in heaviness through manifold temptations. But the trial of our faith may be productive of great good, if we look to the Saviour by faith, that we may be found unto His praise and honor and glory at His appearing. Those who maintain a living connection with heavenly agencies will be protected.

When, as an angel of light, Satan came to Christ in the wilderness, to tempt Him, the Saviour did not enter into a controversy of words with the enemy. Satan tempted Christ, when He was weary and worn and hungry. "If Thou be the Son of God," he said, "command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

"Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city, and setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, He shall give His angels charge concerning Thee; and in their hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone." [Matthew 4:3-6.]

In quoting this Scripture from the ninety-first Psalm, the wily tempter left out the words, "In all Thy ways." [Verse 11.] Many today are tempted in a similar manner to believe that they may experience the blessing of God, and receive the promises, without complying with the necessary conditions. There is no promise of protection to one who needlessly places himself in danger. Christ is our perfect pattern. We can successfully overcome temptation, as He overcame temptation, by the Word of God. "Get thee hence, Satan," He replied, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." [Matthew 4:7, 10.] They who trust in God, following His way, will continually be under the guardianship of holy angels; and they will receive strength for the performance of every duty that God requires of them. But they who follow their own way cannot claim the promises of God.

"And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the Lord, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. ... And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? Wherefore do ye tempt the Lord?"

“And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

“And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me.

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah (Temptation), and Meribah (Strife), because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the Lord among us or not?” [Exodus 17:1-7.]

How natural it is for men to murmur when they encounter difficulties. But to those who manifest a calm confidence in the Lord, He will reveal Himself in such a manner as will glorify His name. Notwithstanding the many occasions when God had wrought wondrously in behalf of His people, when they were brought to a test, they murmured and complained. They might have said in peaceful assurance, The Lord has bidden us to go this way; He knows better than we, and we will trust in Him. But they did not act as those who really believed in the Lord God of Israel.

So with many today when they are tested and tried. They receive with indifference many of the mercies of God and swell with their own self-importance. But when brought into difficulty, their trials seem large. They dishonor God by finding fault with their brethren, or with their circumstances.

“Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness; when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years.) ... Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end.” [Hebrews 3:7-9, 12-14.]

Lt 54, 1907

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

February 23, 1907

Mrs. Gotzian

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

Dear Sister Gotzian:

You seem surprised that I have not sooner answered your letter. But of late I have been forced into strait places. Crisis after crisis has had to be met, and this while I was suffering with the influenza which is so prevalent. And yet, amid weakness and perplexity, I have reason to be very grateful to my heavenly Father that He has enabled me to keep busily at work. During a large part of the day my pen is kept going. Last week many letters were sent to Australia, where they needed messages that had been given me for them.

I wish to say to you, my sister, Do not make perplexities for yourself by trying to make everyone see as you see and follow the plans you have devised. I have told you that you do not view everything in a correct light. Your ideas are not always pleasing to others. Your strong traits of character lead you to seek to mold and fashion others according to your ideas.

I must speak plainly to you, my sister. Let others act upon their individual merit and intelligence. God expects them to do this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To every man and woman God has given a work, and He would have every mind so well balanced that the work can be done after the divine similitude. You, my sister, must not seek to put your mold upon other minds. You must not feel that your mind and judgment is to be the criterion for other minds. The Lord has given to each capability and tact; and if we will be guided by His wisdom, the minds of the workers will blend and the work be carried on harmoniously.

Your way is not the way that would be wisest to follow in every instance. For others to attempt to follow it exactly might unfit them for the work they are appointed to do, in accordance with their intelligence. If you should permit it to appear that you want your precise way carried out, and that you desire to correct at once anything that is contrary to your ideas, you would spoil your influence.

Light has been given me of the Lord that it would be a mistake for us to suppose that it was your duty to continue to act as matron in the sanitarium. You and I have a special interest in that institution, but for the work of matron we must select some woman who is younger than you or me—one who is wise and ingenious and well adapted to that special work by temperament and training.

You and I are to be a special help to the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. We both desire it to succeed financially and to wisely represent the truth of God, so that men and women shall be won to allegiance to correct principles. We must not feel that because we have a financial interest in the institution that we have a right to do and say things that would lessen our influence for doing the work that should be done by us. In the matter of dress, we should make a suitable appearance. I will endeavor to heed the light given me on this point.

My sister, do not take a criticizing or questioning attitude toward managers or workers; we must not show by our actions that we have no faith in the work that is being done. We must not investigate and find fault and urge our way. We must not seek to make our habits and methods a standard for the home. Let us make our ideas as far as possible blend with the ideas of those who carry the load of responsibility. Each one must put aside the idea that his mind and judgment are to be the controlling influence. Be cheerful, be kind, be courteous.

I have been shown that we must all work together in harmony. In a sanitarium we must not expect that worldlings who come for treatment will fall in readily with all the plans of educated Christians.

They must not be made to feel that they are under an iron rule. Nurses have to handle their cases wisely and with good judgment if they would hold their confidence. We are not to seek to bend them to the ways and plans of any one mind.

I have seen that it is not acceptable to the patients, or to the nurses, or the ones who cook, or to those employed in other departments to be watched and criticized and instructed by one not in charge that some other way is better than the ones to which they have been accustomed. We cannot mold the minds of worldlings to health reform principles all at once; therefore we must not set down too stringent rules in regard to the diet of the patients. When worldly patients come to the sanitarium, they have to make a great change in their dietary; and that they may feel the change as little as possible, the very best cookery in healthful lines should be brought in—the most palatable and inviting dishes placed upon the table.

When we were arranging for the first sanitarium in Australia, the food was so cheaply prepared that it was not palatable. I ate at the table, that I might understand this matter. I told those in charge that with such a meager diet patients would not be favorably impressed with the sanitarium. I counselled them again and again to secure intelligent cooks, that they might teach what health reform really is, and to prepare food in a palatable way. It was some time before I could make this matter understood; but at last they took my advice; and when this was done, the greatest satisfaction was expressed.

In no case should we feel justified in providing a scant diet in order to economize. Neither should we entertain the opinion that my habit of diet or your habit of diet is the best that could be prescribed for the patients. You and I are to live up to the light on health reform; but there must be no attempt to bring the patients to a scanty diet. I have had message after message upon this point. Those who pay for board and treatment should have their food prepared in the most palatable form. The reason of this is obvious. When the patients are deprived of flesh foods, the system feels the change. There is a feeling of letting down, and they will demand a liberality in their diet. Dishes should be prepared that will invite the appetite and will be pleasing to the sight.

My sister, make it as pleasant as possible for all the workers with whom you are connected. Do not seek to carry out your ideas with unalterable firmness. Seventh-day Adventists must be kind and conciliating. We who make a profession of godliness must be a pattern of patience and kindness. We are to be of one mind and work in harmony.

Lt 56, 1907

Workers in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium

St. Helena, California

February 12, 1907

To the workers in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

The past night has been one of wakefulness and prayer. I am anxious to understand the ways of the Lord, and to know what words I should speak to those who are in charge of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium.

I heard One of authority speaking to a company of workers, including every one who has a part to act in the sanitarium. These were the words He said:

“Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself, that where I am there ye may be also.” [John 14:1-3.]

When Jesus spoke these words to His disciples, He was about to leave them. He had just given them a portion of His parting address, and in that He had foretold the work of Judas in betraying his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. When Judas left the presence of Christ to perform this terrible work, Jesus said to His disciples, “Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God be glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and shall straightway glorify Him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek Me, and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another.

“Simon Peter said unto Him, Lord, whither goest Thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go thou canst not follow Me now; but thou shalt follow Me afterwards. Peter said unto Him, Lord, Why cannot I follow Thee now? I will lay down my life for Thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for My sake? Verily, verily I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied Me thrice.” [John 13:31-38.]

The workers in our sanitariums should understand that each has an individual work. Each should realize his duty to keep his soul and body under discipline to the great Physician, who gave His life to rescue us from the control of a powerful foe. After He had burst the fetters of the tomb, He said to His disciples, “I am the resurrection and the life.” [John 11:25.] And before He ascended to heaven He declared, “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 always, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:18-20.]

Here is your work. Teach the sick. Proclaim the gospel to them, persuading them to become Christ’s disciples. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are pledged to be with you in every emergency. Act as Christians, having divine orders. God is to be trusted, believed, obeyed. His character is to be represented in every household.

A wonderful responsibility rests upon those connected with the sanitariums established in His name for the treatment of the sick. This is to be done without the use of poisonous drugs. Those who become workers in the sanitarium are to believe the words of Christ, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” [Verse 20.] Those who have the fear of God in the heart will cultivate a sweet disposition. Forbearance and courtesy will be manifested in the life. Duties will be faithfully

discharged, and in a way that will not leave a disagreeable impression on the minds of the sick or the well.

In order to maintain a right influence, the workers must reveal that they are one in sentiment. Do not let it be seen that there is disunion among the helpers.

In your care of the sick, act tenderly, kindly, faithfully, that you may have a converting influence upon them. You have need of the grace of Christ in order to properly represent the service of Christ. And as you present the grace of truth in true, disinterested service, angels will be present to sustain you. The Comforter will be with you to fulfil the promise of the Saviour, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Verse 20.]

I have a charge to give, a message to bear to our sanitarium workers. Keep your souls in purity. Do a work that will have a winning influence on those placed in your charge. You can speak often, to the sick, of the great Physician, who can heal the diseases of the body as verily as He heals the sickness of the soul. Pray with the sick, and try to lead them to see in Christ their Healer. Tell them that if they will look to Him in faith, He will say to them, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." [Matthew 9:2.] It means very much to the sick to learn this lesson.

Lt 58, 1907

Board of Managers of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium

St. Helena, California

February 13, 1907

To the Board of Managers of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium

Dear Brethren:

The movement that resulted in one who was acting an important part in the sanitarium to leave was a great mistake; and the withdrawal of this worker from the institution was an influence in the wrong direction, which brought a very dark chapter into her experience. This step need never have been taken, and all the trouble could have been avoided if the responsible persons had acted with wisdom and discretion. All such wrong moves leave a reproach on the manager, or the physician, or the responsible men of the institution, and leave a blot on the institution itself.

The worker who took the wrong step in removing from the sanitarium has not the approval of God; and the ones who might have prevented it, but who rather encouraged it, are accountable to God for the results. Those who bore responsibilities as directors and helpers did not manifest true wisdom in permitting such a thing to take place. And the one who made the move has brought injury to the sanitarium that will not easily be recovered from.

Lt 60, 1907

Southern Union Conference Committee

St. Helena, California

February 24, 1907

To the Southern Union Conference Committee

Dear Brethren:

I have a message to bear to our people in the southern field. There is an important work to be carried on in Nashville and vicinity, and a decided interest should be manifested in that field. An unselfish work is to be carried forward there.

It is in harmony with the leadings of God's Spirit that Brethren Sutherland and Magan and their associates have begun a work at Madison. The Lord guided them in the selection of a location for the school. Had a small sanitarium been established in connection with the school, this would have been in the order of God, and these two institutions would have been a mutual help. This has not yet been done, but our brethren in Madison need not be discouraged.

I would say to our brethren in the southern field, Let there be no restriction laid on the Madison school to limit the work in the field of its operation. If Brethren Sutherland and Magan have promised not to draw students to their school from the southern states, they should be freed from any such restriction. Such a promise should never have been asked or granted. I am instructed to say that there should be no restrictions limiting their freedom to draw students from the southern field. There is need of such an institution as has been established near Nashville, and let no one endeavor to hinder the attendance of those who can at that school best receive the training that will fit them to labor in the southern states and in other mission fields.

At Berrien Springs Brethren Sutherland and Magan carried on a work of self-sacrifice. They did not leave the North because they had lost their influence; they went to the South because they saw the needs of that field. In their work in Madison they should have encouragement from the ones they have come to help. Those who have in charge the disbursement of funds coming to the southern field should not fail to render proportionate help to the Madison school.

In the Madison school the students are taught how to till the soil, how to build houses and perform other lines of useful labor. These are some of the lines of work that the Lord instructed us to introduce in our school in Australia. With a practical training, students will be taught to fill useful positions in many places.

Skill in the common arts is a gift from God. He provides both the gift and the wisdom to use the gift aright. When He desired a work done on the tabernacle, He said, "See, I have called by name Bezaleel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship." [Exodus 31:2, 3.]

Through the prophet Isaiah the Lord says, "Give ear, and hear My voice; hearken, and hear My speech. Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground? When he hath made broad the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principle wheat, and the appointed barley, and the rye, in their place? For this God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.

“For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. Bread corn is bruised, because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen. This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel and excellent in working.” [Isaiah 28:23-29.]

Today the Lord has called some to the work of teaching others, to fit them for service in His cause. Let those who are so called go cheerfully to their field of labor, following ever the leading of God.

God dispenses His gifts as it pleases Him. He bestows one gift upon one, and another gift upon another, but all for the good of the whole body. It is in God’s order that some shall be of service in one line of work and others in other lines of work—all working under the self-same spirit. The recognition of this plan will be a safeguard against carnal emulation, pride, envy, or contempt of one another. It will strengthen unity and mutual love.

If in the opening providence of God it becomes necessary to erect a meetinghouse in some locality, the Lord is pleased if there are among His own people those to whom He has given wisdom and skill to perform the necessary work. He sends men to carry His truth to people of a strange tongue, and He has sometimes opened the minds of His missionaries, enabling them quickly to learn the language. By this relation, the natives are prepared to receive the gospel message when it is given in their own tongue.

Lt 62, 1907

Brethren in Graysville, Tennessee

St. Helena, California

February 11, 1907

To our brethren in Graysville, Tennessee:

I have a message for our people in Graysville. Christ sent forth His disciples to go to all countries and peoples and tongues. He is not pleased when many who are well instructed in the truth remain together in one place; for they are in danger of imbibing a spirit of criticizing and faultfinding. He desires them to engage in His work in new fields. He desires them to educate people who know not the truth. As they open the Word of life to others, the Lord will move upon hearts to receive the truth, and new churches will be raised up.

Those who manifest pride by belittling the capabilities of others, and speaking contemptuously of them, need a personal experience in the service of God. Let them move out in humility and labor in new fields, under the supervision of God. To many of our people who are located in Graysville I am instructed to say, Go forth and labor in fields where the truth has never been proclaimed. The Holy Spirit will be your helper and teacher, and you will obtain a new and living experience.

I am bidden to say to our brethren in Graysville and in other centers, If the Lord has not called you definitely to a work where you are located, go forth as missionaries sent by God. Labor as Christ did, preaching wherever you can obtain a hearing. Labor and pray. Christ will be with all who will do honest missionary work. New churches are to be built up, and in many places the Word of life is to

be proclaimed. Multitudes are to hear from inspired tongues the last message of mercy to a fallen world.

God will give to His messengers a knowledge of the truth of His Word, and He will give them clear utterance. Others will be converted, and they in turn will labor for others.

Let the members of the church in Graysville seek earnestly for the converting power of God upon their hearts. Let them seek to be brought under the softening, subduing influence of His Holy Spirit, to free them from the spirit of faultfinding, and to make them of one mind. When men are submissive to God, He can use them effectively in His great work.

“Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.” [Hebrews 9:11-14.]

Lt 64, 1907

Wessels, J. J.

St. Helena, California

February 21, 1907

Mr. J. J. Wessels

Sanitarium

Paradise Valley, California

Dear Brother and Sister Wessels:

I expected to come to San Diego this month; but J. E. White has sent a message that he is coming to St. Helena next week. This may delay us till the latter part of March.

We have had rainy weather through all the month of January, and thus far into February. How has it been with you in San Diego? We would like to have more of the sunshine, but I suppose the land needs the rains we are having. It appears today as if the weather would clear; the sun is trying to shine. I pray that nothing may be permitted to come in to make of none effect the precious work that should be done at the sanitarium at Paradise Valley. Now is our time and opportunity to become better acquainted with God. We will be tested and proved, and we need to know the source of our strength. The Lord is our Helper and Strength, our frontguard and our rearward.

I would have you look to the source of your efficiency. Put not your trust in man, nor make flesh your arm. Look to Jesus. Pray much: believe; and you will see the saving grace of the One who promises to help all who trust in His power to save. Be of good courage, and draw, draw with earnest faith upon the blessed help promised. Do not become discouraged in any way.

I have just returned from making an effort in Oakland for the members of the Berkeley church. I think we have reason to be encouraged with the results of the meetings we held there, and to believe that more prosperous days are before the church at Berkeley. This experience was a hard trial for me; but I felt that I must speak. Things had not been right for some time among the church members. There was need of great changes in the characters of some.

The meetings we held were of great interest, the last meeting lasting from 2:30 p.m. till 7 on Sunday. We labored and prayed with the brethren and sisters till those of us who carried the burden felt that we could do no more. Before the meeting closed, nearly all had made clean work, emptying their hearts of dissensions and coming into unity with one another. I pray that the Spirit of the Lord will work on the minds and hearts of those who did not take a right position at that meeting until every soul is brought to realize the saving grace of Christ.

There were two men present who had embraced the truth in the past, but had given up, and for months had been disregarding the Sabbath. In the meeting these men expressed their determination to come into line. There was rejoicing that these lost sheep were brought back to the fold. How pleased the wives of these men were, and we all rejoiced with them. We all have a work to do. Watch unto prayer. Believe, believe. The Lord will save souls if we will be earnest for their salvation.

Lt 66, 1907

Palmer, E. R.

St. Helena, California

February 21, 1907

Brother E. R. Palmer:

We have a great work to do in the year that is before us. Those who advance, and prepare themselves for the work of God, will have precious light to guide them; and the perplexities they meet in the experiences connected with the closing of this earth's history need not cause them to lose their bearings.

All who engage in a work of reform will be assailed by the enemies of truth. In the past, in connection with the work of the third angel's message, those who have engaged in the work of establishing sanitariums, schools, or other institutions of reform have had to meet obstacles and adversities. Just now the enemy will work with great power to pervert the understanding of men. Men who refuse to be converted and come into line, and use their capabilities to advance the work on Bible principles, will set up their own ideas, follow their own devisings, retain their own erroneous suppositions, and work to create disunion and lead souls from the true path. This we have seen illustrated in the experience of some at Battle Creek.

In times past I have encouraged the work of selling Dr. Kellogg's medical books. But the time has now come when I must encourage our canvassers to give their time and energies to the circulation of publications that are giving the trumpet a certain sound. Shall not all who believe in the soon coming of Christ rather give their influence in behalf of the circulation of books containing Bible

truth for this time? We must come on a high platform of labor. A world is to be warned, and we need for this great work all the capabilities and talents of our canvassers. They should help to bear their testimony in behalf of present truth.

We need many more canvassers, not to sell books containing fables, but books that are filled with the truth of God. We cannot as a people afford to increase the circulation of publications that work counter to the truth we should be teaching. We cannot afford to spend our time and talents in the employ of men who are working to make of none effect the truths that have made us a peculiar people, truths to which we have held for over fifty years. I am often warned of the importance of faithfulness on the part of our people in proclaiming to the world the messages that God has entrusted to them, that a people may be prepared for the great closing up of this earth's history. We have an extensive line of literature that should come before the people of the world.

The time has come when our people should understand that it is not profitable for them to spend their time and talents in selling the medical works into which the author is weaving dangerous spiritual sophistries. It has been presented to me that in selling Dr. Kellogg's books, we are helping to advance his work and to give him greater publicity. Can we afford to have a part in building up for him a notoriety that will help him to scatter broadcast the seductive heresies found in the book Living Temple?

Health books have their place in the work, and books will be prepared by men who are not at war with the foundation principles of our message.

The ability of our people to circulate literature is a precious talent for which we shall be held accountable. We are not to do a work that will bring in a revenue for persons who have departed from the faith and who are working counter to God's appointed ministry. Various ones will offer flattering inducements for agents to circulate their books. Let our people be on guard. A portion of the revenue derived from the circulation of the books handled by our canvassers should be used in strengthening the work of our publishing houses.

Instead of engaging in a work that will place money in the hands of those engaged in a work of opposition, let our book agents give their attention to the books that are filled with the gospel message for this time, the gospel that will prepare a people to meet their God.

Lt 68, 1907

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

February 24, 1907

Elder S. N. Haskell

575 25th Street

Oakland

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We received letters from you last night. We had hoped soon to be in Southern California; but Edson has sent word that he is coming to St. Helena this week. Now I think we will be ready to join you in your visit to Loma Linda.

In regard to what you wrote about Brother Steel, I would say that we need not be surprised at anything when such men are placed in office. He has received his stamp of character from Battle Creek. In the attitude he is now taking, we see the fruits of placing in official position men who like to rule their fellow men.

The very experience we are now passing through I was shown would come if the camp-meeting were allowed to pass without some steps being taken to prevent this evil work. I saw that a few were doing their best to make trouble at the camp-meeting. Light was given me to the effect that we must give attention to this matter. I bore a plain, decided testimony, and yet nothing was done to set things in order. I am so sorry that the evil was not corrected then. We must now seek counsel of God, knowing that all power [is] in His hands, and believing that He will work out this experience to His name's glory.

At our last visit to Oakland, we did the best that we could. The effort that was begun for the members of the Berkeley church at the meeting on Sunday must be followed up, and those who have listened to the evil reports concerning Brother and Sister Rice should be labored for. Now, Brother Haskell, take hold of the work intelligently, and make this matter plain to the members of the Berkeley church; for they need to be strengthened. God has wrought to deliver some from the snare of the fowler. Let everything possible now be done to create a new order of things. Do your work intelligently and in the name of the Lord. Trust in Him. Draw nigh to God, and let Him work out this matter to His name's glory. Have faith in God, and He will work out precious victories for you. As for me, I will stand by the light God has given me and will make diligent efforts to place truth on vantage ground.

Lt 70, 1907

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

February 26, 1907

Elder S. N. Haskell

575 25th Street

Oakland

Dear Brother:

Brother Walter Harper has been conversing with me about the need of greater effort for the sale of my books, and especially Great Controversy and Patriarchs and Prophets. I encouraged him to [do] all he could to push the sale of these books, and I told him that if the publishing houses would not keep him supplied with my books, that I would supply them. But as I consider the matter, I see that at this time, when so much is being said against organization, we must be careful not to work for

disorganization. We must not get out of line. I am fearful regarding any plan that would take the work out of the hands of our publishing houses; for this might lessen the confidence of our brethren in these important agencies for the dissemination of present truth.

I believe that in the selling of your books you want to do just what is right. I believe the Lord will guide you with His counsel. Regarding my books, I feel that I cannot take them into my own hands, and thus weaken the work of the office of publication. It would not be wise for me to make a move that would look as if I did not have confidence in our leading publishing houses. We must do all things in a righteous way. We must not weaken the hearts and hands of those of whom we expect so much.

Years ago, when I was in Battle Creek, I was much distressed that Great Controversy should lie idle on the shelf. For two years it was held back, that Bible Readings might have more attention. All that I could say did not change the course of those who had control of the canvassing work. They treated me as if I were a child. If at that time I had appealed to the people, asking for agents to handle my books, and promising to supply them, it would have been in the order of the Lord; but now things have changed. There is not now a studied, determined effort to hold back the books that are of the most importance. We are planning to bring out many books, and for the pioneer in our work to make any move now that would create confusion would not be wise. We must not bring any discouragement on our publishing houses at this critical period in their experience.

We have advised Pacific Press to give up commercial work. This has been done. The Review and Herald also is giving its principal energies to our own work. The Nashville house is doing less outside work and is making great exertions to secure good agents and to sell our denominational books. To take my books into my own hands now would bring a great trial upon that work, and I cannot do it. I shall let the work go on as it has been going. We must press together and take no step that will bring confusion to our publishing work.

You can do as you think best; but I have concluded to have my books handled just as they have been in the past. I shall encourage our brethren to scatter them like the leaves of autumn, but I shall leave my books to be handled by the publishing houses and shall prepare for larger sales in the future.

Lt 72, 1907

Palmer, E. R.

St. Helena, California

February 25, 1907

E. R. Palmer

Pacific Press

Mountain View, California

Dear Brother:

I thank the Lord for His care and keeping power; God is good. Although in my eightieth year, my strength is wonderfully preserved. I have every reason to be grateful to God; for He gives me health, and His rich grace is constantly bestowed. I feel His peace in my heart.

My brethren call on me to go to different places to bear my testimony; and when I can, I go. But I have a work to do at home that must not be neglected. I must do all I can to get my writings prepared for publication.

Yesterday I had presented to me the advisability of supplying my books direct to agents in fields where few are sold. Thus I would receive a larger income. I laid the matter before my son W. C. White, as it had been presented to me. Then he told me how he regarded the proposition, and in conclusion, said, "Mother, unless you have special direction from the Lord, I advise you to make no new moves. It will bring perplexity to others and additional care and burden to you; and you have cares and burdens enough. In every new move, we must consider the interests of the whole work."

During the night I had instruction as to the best course to follow at this crisis. Our work now is large; many new books must be brought out; and we must handle all parts of the work wisely. We must do our best to encourage our publishing houses in America and in foreign countries. Should I as author take up the work of handling my books myself, discouragement would be brought on our offices of publication. We have urged our publishing houses to give up commercial work, and they have done this. Should we bring confusion into the subscription book work, it would give them occasion to return to commercial work; and this would bring in delays and hindrances to the work of filling the world with our literature.

At this period of our work, we must guard every step we take in reference to the publication of our books. I have been plainly shown that we must secure as canvassers men and women of ability. Much of the effort that has been devoted to the sale of medical books should now be given to the handling of books that contain the present truth for this time, that the evidences of our faith and the issues that are before us may be known by the people.

The revelations that have recently been made regarding the characters of the leading officials of San Francisco are a warning regarding the principles that rule the lives of those who make void the law of God. They do not respect a plain "Thus saith the Lord." They do not preserve justice, mercy, and the love of God. And the calamity that has befallen San Francisco is an example of the fate that will befall other cities where God's law is trampled under foot.

The testing truth that must come to the people in these last days is to be set forth in clear, straight lines. The men who are urging a Sunday law do not respect the Word of Jehovah. He says, "Verily My sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations." [Exodus 31:13.]

I was instructed by One of authority that our work is to be carried on conscientiously by our own believing people. We are to unite our forces solidly, and work for the glory of God, multiplying the evidences of truth in every possible way. The Lord God is our counsellor. Christ is our mediator and Saviour. We are to bring into the work every living agency who feels that he is chosen of God to do, not a common, commercial work, but a work that will give light and truth, Bible truth, to the world.

Lt 97, 1907

Those Bearing Responsibilities in Washington, D. C.

St. Helena, California

December 27, 1906

To those bearing large responsibilities in Washington, D.C.:

It has been shown to me that it is very essential that wise judgment should be manifested by those in charge of our college at Takoma Park. The teachers in the school in Washington need more of the Holy Spirit and less of self-importance. "Walk before Me, and be thou perfect," were the words I was instructed to speak. [Genesis 17:1.]

In our schools, teachers and managers should bestow special labor upon men of low degree, that they may be brought to a full understanding of the truth. Our teachers are to seek out the men who have less self-esteem than others; for these are the ones who will not exalt themselves when given a work to do. They will look after the poor and friendless, the ignorant and erring, and will go aside with the discouraged to pray with them. Teach them that their conscientious convictions are to be preserved, and not sacrificed; for under God each has a special work to do.

The leading men in the school and sanitarium in Washington should realize that their greatest need is to be daily taught of God how to lift up the erring and open the understanding of the ignorant. Principals and teachers, remember that in all your ministrations, you are liable to make mistakes. Let God correct your errors of judgment. Minister in Christ's lines. Give an example of humility and dependence upon a higher authority than your own. Your greatest work is to seek and to save that which is lost. Walk humbly with God. Learn of the great Teacher. Study the Word with diligence and earnest prayer. And fear lest by your example you turn the lame and the weak out of the way. Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. Pastors and teachers should strive very much more than they do to be faithful to their charge.

Unless our teachers seek the things that are above, students will go from the school unprepared to stand the tests and trials of these last days. Christ is our pattern; study His ways and His methods. Do not think that your ways are perfect, and you have no need for reform; for unless the grace of Christ's meekness is upon you, you will not know the way of the Lord. There is a lack of spirituality. Some have not been learning of Christ; they have not accepted 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.]

There must be faithful instructors in our schools in Washington—faithful, humble, teachable men. The man who is seeking his own will and way is not a safe teacher and guardian of the flock. If those placed in the responsible position of teachers fail to keep their own souls in the love of God, they will leave the impression on the minds of students and church members that they are unfaithful shepherds. Teachers cannot neglect their responsibilities for their own pleasure or profit. They must not count their honor of the first importance.

“Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy way to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed My voice, saith the Lord. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you; and I will take you one of a city and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: and I will give you pastors according to My heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding, and it shall come to pass, when ye shall be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. And at that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. In those days the house of Jacob shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north, to the land that I have given for an inheritance for their fathers. But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call Me, My Father; and shalt not turn away from Me.” [Jeremiah 3:12-19.]

These words were repeated very solemnly to me, “Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal thy backslidings. Behold we come unto Thee; for Thou art the Lord our God. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of the mountains; truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. For shame hath devoured the labors of our fathers from their youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. We lie down in shame, and our confusion covereth us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.” [Verses 22-25.]

When men refuse to take warning, when counsel is turned from, the judgments of the Lord will come. God is waiting to be acknowledged in the calamities that He sends upon His people. All who return to Him with all the heart, and humble themselves before the Lord by confession and repentance, He will graciously accept and restore to their former prosperity. God would have the glory of the gospel dispensation appear. In the establishment of His church, the Lord began with one nation, but it was His plan that the transforming power of His grace should spread from nation to nation until all the world, Jew and Gentile alike, should receive the message of His grace.

Lt 76, 1907

Cobb, S. M.

St. Helena, California

December 25, 1906

Elder S. M. Cobb

New Zealand

My Brother in the Lord:

The Lord desires that you shall inquire of Him with a humble mind, that you may know and understand the mind and will of the Lord concerning you. He wants you to come to Him with the same simplicity that the little child manifests toward its earthly parents.

You are in danger of planning for a variety of things that call for large capability and the outlay of much means. If you seek to carry out your plans in your own wisdom, you will be brought into trial and perplexity. The Lord would have His workers seek diligently for wisdom from God, and not move from impulse. You have tact and skill in some lines, and through much earnest prayer you can understand how to do more thoroughly the work you desire to accomplish. Do not fail through self-confidence, and by seeking to embrace too much in your work. Your finite judgment will lead you astray. At every new step you take, ask, Is this the way of the Lord?

There is a dearth of laborers in your field. You are required to link up with others who have not the same traits of character as yourself, and who do not always look at matters in the same light as you view them. You must bear in mind that no one man's mind is perfect or capable of guiding or controlling the whole work. Do not act so fully on your own ideas and judgments, but learn to weigh matters from all sides. The Lord is a safe counsellor. Come to the dear Lord, as a humble little child, and place your case before Him. Then continue to watch unto prayer. Carefully weigh every new move, and lay your plans before your brethren.

It is on this point that great mistakes have been made in the work in America. The workers needed the sanctified wisdom that comes from God alone. But they were not bound about by difficulties, as you are in New Zealand, by a lack of means and workers.

You cannot afford to make mistakes in the grand closing up of the work of God. You must walk humbly with God. The Prince of Life, the Son of God, in His earthly life prayed much in His human necessities with strong crying and tears. He says to you, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:29.] Our rest comes in wearing the yoke of Christ.

We would each do well to have seasons of self-examination, to see what our peculiar traits of character are, and then compare them with the life and teachings of Christ. This would prove a most precious season of communion with God. God's word of truth would be revealed to us, and we would be truly learning of Christ.

"He that will come after me," Christ says, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me; so shall he be My disciple." [See Mark 8:34; John 15:8.] Christ wants you to consider every step you take. Lay your plans before your brethren; counsel with them, and counsel with God, and you will make no mistakes. Then it will never be said of you that you followed your own way and will to the injury of the work.

I write these things not only for you, Brother Cobb, but also for your associates in labor. In the night season I seemed to be trying to impress upon you the need of linking up with your brethren of experience, and they with you. I was very desirous that you should feel free to communicate with one another, to counsel together, that you might draw in even cords.

The Lord would have Elder Cobb a reliable man. He wants you to prove a strength and blessing to the workers. Never let distrust of your brethren grow in your heart; for this will produce more

mischief than you can possibly counteract. You need to follow closely in the footsteps of Christ and study the great and holy work He has appointed each soul to do. If you will look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith, you will learn most precious lessons of faith and patience and true forbearance; and you will understand what it means to have true confidence in and love for your brethren.

Teachers must be constant learners. Those who are in office to give counsel and instruction to others must not themselves be strangers to the practices of the great Teacher. They are to love as brethren, to be kind and courteous. When men are placed in office who have not on the gospel shoes, they will surely mislead; for they follow their own ways and plans instead of walking in the ways of the Lord.

My brother, link up with Elder Olsen. Give him your confidence. Love as brethren, and be laborers together with God. Be not of that number who are ever learning, but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. It is your privilege to know what is truth, because for more than half a century, we have been guided step by step by the counsels of the Spirit of God. At this time many efforts will be made to unsettle our faith in the Sanctuary question; but we must not waver. Not a pin is to be moved from the foundations of our faith. Truth is still truth. Those who become uncertain will drift into erroneous theories and will finally find themselves infidel in regard to the past evidence we have had of what is truth. The old waymarks must be preserved, that we lose not our bearings.

Lt 78, 1907

Members of the Berkeley Churches

St. Helena, California

March 5, 1907

To the Members of the Berkeley Churches:

I am charged with a message to our churches in Berkeley: Without thorough purification of the life, without meekness and humbleness of mind, the professing followers of Christ cannot honor Him before the world. If the graces of Christ are not revealed in their lives, they can never be admitted to the heavenly mansions He has gone to prepare for those that love Him and keep His commandments.

There are among our church members many who, while professing to walk in the ways of the Lord, are bringing into their profession the ways and habits of unconverted self, and these are spoiling their characters. So much that is frivolous is brought into the home and church life, that the Spirit of Christ is grieved. There are entire families among us who, unless they arouse from their sleepy indifference, will be lost; for they are not converted daily; they do not understand the divine science of true godliness; and therefore they are not vessels that the Master can use. They have allowed Satan to have the guidance and control of their words and actions, and they do not realize how much harm they have done to souls by their self-exaltation. They have hurt the heart of Christ by hurting those who are the purchase of His blood. I am bidden to say to these unconverted professors: Dig deep, and lay your foundations solidly upon the Rock Christ Jesus. It is not enough for

us to talk of the higher life. Our daily course of action is to be an interpretation to others of what the higher life means.

Unless painstaking efforts are made, every new revival will bring into the church converts whose conversation is a spurious one, who have a form of godliness without the power. Earnest educational work needs to be done for these souls, that they may know what it means to be a Christian; for unless the foundation is laid in faith and practice of the truth, storm and tempest, beating upon their house, will cause it to fall. The character of such is like a bowing wall and a tottering fence.

I am impressed to urge upon our church members the need of building on Christ Jesus. A form of godliness without a true reformation is like a house built on a sandy foundation. Build upon Jesus Christ; He is the one sure foundation. "Other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Christ Jesus." [1 Corinthians 3:11.] His strength of character is sufficient for you. In Christ, the Word of God gives you the right of way to every spiritual blessing; but it is a way of self-denial and self-sacrifice; it is a way of self-control and self-discipline. The character of Christ must become your character, His Spirit, your spirit.

Our ministering brethren need to arouse to their duty of impressing this truth on the minds of the people, and to urge them to make sure work for eternity. The future, eternal life of each individual depends, not on words, not on profession, but on earnest works. We need to make decided efforts in order to keep the heart with all diligence, while looking to Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith. We need to watch over an unruly tongue; we need to watch for opportunities to do good as Jesus did. Ministers of the gospel, preach Christ. Bring His heavenly grace into your lives and thoughts. Be truthful, and ever keep under the discipline of the Word of God. We must be saved in God's appointed way. We must lean upon His counsel and unite in His works. A penitent heart is always sensitive. Teach every individual who claims to be a child of God, that a well-built character will always be after the divine pattern.

"I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy truth above all Thy name. In the day that I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord, when they hear the words of Thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord; for great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly: but the proud He knoweth afar off. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me; Thou shalt stretch forth Thine hands against the wrath of Thine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me. The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: forsake not the work of Thine own hands." [Psalm 138:2-8.]

I am bidden to say that all who wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb will have severe trials to meet. In trial we are to stand firm, seeking to honor the One who gave His precious life to redeem us. In our work we shall have to encounter a strong undercurrent of resistance. Genuine conversion, a renewed heart, will keep us sweet under trial and will teach us to reveal divine grace in our lives. Those who in the day of final reckoning receive from the lips of Christ the words of welcome to the city of God will be those who have stayed converted under trying circumstances. With prayer and watchfulness we are individually to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

I have been referred by the Spirit of God to the many encouragements given to us in the Psalms. If more of our ministers were filled with soul-longings for God, His people would take hold of these encouragements, and thanksgiving and praise would flow from human lips. Encouragement and hope would come to many souls who are now weary and discouraged. If our people would realize the possibilities that lie in increased faith and prayer, there would be a decided change in our churches. Those who are now downcast and worried would be lifted up from their discouragement and would rejoice in the Lord. Brethren and sisters, let us show that we have a living hope, that our service is a living service.

Lt 80, 1907

Members of the Australasian Churches

St. Helena, California

March 5, 1907

To the members of the Australasian churches:

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Lt 82, 1907

Olsen, O. A.

St. Helena, California

March 5, 1907

Elder O. A. Olsen

“Elsnath”

Strathfield, N.S.W.

Dear Brother Olsen:

The Lord is good, and greatly to be praised.

Two nights ago, I had a remarkable experience. A company of our workers was assembled in meeting, and all that passed was of the deepest interest. A Messenger from heaven stood in our midst, and the words He spoke were words of instruction and warning. Light was being shed upon us; instruction was given regarding the small effort that is being made to circulate our literature.

I have been repeatedly shown that our presses should now be employed in publishing light and truth. This is a time of spiritual darkness in the churches of the world. Ignorance of divine things has hidden God and the truth from view. The forces of Satan are gathering strength. Satan flatters his co-workers that he will do a work to captivate the world. While partial inactivity has come upon the church, Satan is not inactive. The professed Christian churches are not converting the world; for they are themselves corrupted with selfishness and pride and need to feel the converting power of God in their own hearts before they can lead others to a purer or higher standard.

Elder Olsen, be of good courage; the Lord Jehovah is our strength and our sufficiency. The Lord is our God, and we can be strong in His strength. We need to be fully awake at this time.

My brother, it is not wise for you to continue to carry your many heavy burdens without periods of rest. In your work of public speaking, be careful not to protract the meetings, speaking so long that you become overwheeled.

The Word of God possesses healing virtue. It is more powerful than the mandates of princes, more enduring than the laws of dynasties, and will move silently, but surely and powerfully, from victory to victory, turning obstacles into impulses and obstructions into facilities. The glory of kingdoms is to be given to the saints of the Most High. “To those who look for Him will He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.” [Hebrews 9:28.]

Our citizenship is in heaven. We are not to conform to the world in our speech or in its spirit of repining. We look for a city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. We are looking for our Lord to come, and we must be preparing for the glorious jubilee that will begin when we enter the gates of the city of God.

Our work must go in the demonstration and power of the Spirit. The Lord has much of the Holy Spirit awaiting our demand. “The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.” [Romans 14:17.] As a people who are doing a special work for this time, we are now to manifest a faith that will have a convincing power.

The twenty-first chapter of Matthew, telling of the journey of Christ to Jerusalem at the time of His triumphal entry, is a powerful chapter and one that we need to study and understand. We need to take warning from the lesson of the pretentious fig tree that bore no fruit; it represents those who profess to serve God, whose names are on the church books, but who bear no fruit in their lives to the glory of God. O my heart is longing to see the Man who was despised and rejected, crowned and seated upon His throne.

Last Sabbath night, March 2, I heard the voice of One giving instruction. He said, "Whoso eateth My flesh and drinketh My blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." [John 6:54.] "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life." [John 4:14.]

Through the agency of the Holy Spirit, God works a moral change in the lives of His people, changing them into the likeness of Christ. Then, when the last trumpet call shall reach the ears of the dead who sleep in Christ, they will come forth to a new life, clothed with the garments of salvation. They enter in through the gates into the city of God, welcomed to the happiness and joy of their Lord. Would that we all could understand and ever keep in mind the joys that await those who keep their eyes on the pattern Christ Jesus and in this life seek to form a character like His.

The Word of God contains our life insurance policy. To eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God means to study the Word and to carry that Word into the life in obedience to all its precepts. Those who thus partake of the Son of God become partakers of the divine nature—one with Christ. They breathe a holy atmosphere, in which only the soul can truly live. They carry in their lives an assurance of the holy principles received from the Word: their lives are worked by the power of the Holy Spirit, and they have an earnest of the immortality that will be theirs through the death and resurrection of Christ. Should the earthly body decay, the principles of their faith sustain them; for they are partakers of the divine nature. Because Christ was raised from the dead, they grasp the pledge of their resurrection, and eternal life is their reward.

This truth is an eternal truth, because Christ Himself taught it. He has engaged to raise the righteous dead; for He gave His life for the life of the world. "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." "I am the bread of life; he that cometh unto Me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. ... All that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me; and he that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." [John 6:57, 35, 37.]

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread which I give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.

“These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this, said, This is an hard saying, Who can hear it? When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who believed not, and who should betray Him. And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given him of My Father.

“From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom should we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus said unto him, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray Him, being one of the twelve.” [Verses 51-71.]

We see in this experience among the disciples of Christ the explanation of His words. The words of Christ, received into the life, will form a character like the character of Christ. The words of Christ are to be carefully studied and obeyed. A test is surely coming to every soul. Those who are willing to be partakers of Christ’s trials, who will obey the Word and refuse to yield the truth under any temptation—let the consequences be what they may—will have to daily partake of the truth of the Word. The life of Christ is to be our example. We are to walk as He walked, and work as He worked, believing that whatever of suffering we may be called to pass through, as His followers, He is able to deliver us from it. We are to be made perfect by holding our faith and confidence firm unto the end. Thus we shall magnify the truth and through our faith gain eternal life in the kingdom of God.

Lt 84, 1907

Kress, D. H.

St. Helena, California

March 5, 1907

Dr. D. H. Kress

Wahroonga, N.S.W.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I received your letters, and would say that I am somewhat disappointed that your coming to America is delayed. We did hope that the way would be open for you to come at once. But the Lord understands the situation; and we know that you will be instructed by the One who has been your Counsellor for so many years. Do not feel confused or perplexed. We will expect you to come when the way opens. There is one thing of which I am convinced, and that is that we need to trust far more in the counsel of the Lord than we do.

We have been receiving precious light from the Lord. The fourteenth to the seventeenth chapters of John contain precious instruction for our churches at this time. Christ was about to close His work on

earth and return to His Father. He had told His disciples that He was about to leave them, and He understood their feelings at the thought that they were to lose their beloved Master. The bitterest cup His humanity must drink is about to be held to His lips; and He knows the result to them as well as to Himself. His three years of labor for His disciples had been to prepare them for the trials that were soon to open before them. Forgetting Himself and His suffering, He seeks to comfort His sorrowing disciples.

“Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. I am the brightness of the Father’s glory, the manifestation of His love, the channel by which His mercy comes to you, and by which your prayers rise to Him. In My Father’s house are many mansions.” [John 14:1, 2.]

The word here translated mansion means permanent abodes, habitations that are not removed like tents, but which permanently endure for the family of the redeemed. The Father is there, to gather His children in His paternal arms, and bestow upon them His everlasting love.

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

“Thomas saith unto Him, We know not whither Thou goest, and how can we know the way?” [Verses 2-5.] We have reason to be thankful that this question was asked and answered. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also; and from henceforth ye have known Him, and have seen Him.

“Philip saith unto Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of Myself; but the Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the very works’ sake. Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto the Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it. If ye love Me, keep My commandments.” [Verses 6-15.]

These last words of the Saviour are to be treasured by us: “During these years I have been with you, I have taught you the will of the Father. For your sake I go to heaven—to do a special work for the accomplishment of your salvation. If ye love Me, keep My commandments.” Who will give this proof of his love? These chapters present the great blessings that will come to those who believe in Christ. I urge upon all who profess to believe the truth to strive to understand the fulness of these promises, and to surrender to the claims of Jesus Christ, giving the heart fully and unreservedly to Him.

“If I go away,” Christ says, “I will come again.” [Verse 3.] “I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in the Father, and ye in Me and I in you. He that hath My

commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me; and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself unto him.

“Judas saith unto Him, [not Iscariot,] Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest Thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man will love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My sayings: and the word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father’s which sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. ... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” [Verses 18-27.]

That Christ should express Himself so fully and decidedly just before His great humiliation impresses me strongly. He was about to be rejected and crucified by His own people, yet He turns from the thought of His own humiliation and suffering to pour into the hearts of His disciples words of sweetest comfort. There is comfort for us also in His words—comfort and stimulation. Shall we not, as we read these chapters, shake off our sleepy indifference and rouse ourselves to work in behalf of our own souls and the souls of those who do not understand what these words imply? Shall we not take hold of this instruction by living faith and use it to enlighten the minds and hearts of those who know not the value of the words of truth?

The new heart, the new heart is what is needed in Australia as in America. It is our duty to seek out those who have it not and explain to them the Word of God. In our sanitariums and schools, let the binding claims of the law of God be taught. Place reading matter on the subjects of present truth in the hands of as many as you can reach, that the truth may go forth as a lamp that burneth. Souls are perishing without a knowledge of the requirements of God. The Lord is waiting to give them light on His Word.

Those who profess to believe the truth for these last days must work to build strong characters. If we will renounce the world, and make diligent work for eternity, it is our privilege to have a beautiful life that will be effective in winning souls to the truth.

The different workers in the cause of God have not the same work to do, but it is their privilege to blend in their work. Together they are to form God’s building, each one filling his place in the structure that God designs him to occupy. When the workers seek to fulfil the prayer of Christ for unity, there will be seen a growth in grace that will fit them for a place in the eternal world.

Lt 86, 1907

Churches in the Large Cities

St. Helena, California

March 4, 1907

Our Duties and Perils

To our churches in the large cities:

We have a large work to do for the year 1907. God's Word teaches that those who will follow the footsteps of the Man of Calvary in these last days will have to press forward under the greatest difficulties; for Satan has come down with great power, knowing that he has but a short time to work.

In the past, the servants of God who held the truth in its purity suffered to maintain that purity. Prophets who were sent to bear a decided testimony against the cruel workings of satanic agencies, ministers sent to do a special work and give a special message, were assailed and imprisoned. Under the deceptive influence of satanic agencies, men invented all manner of cruelties to make them yield their faith; and many died under the persecution they suffered. In every age God's people have had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings.

He whom the Father gave to the world to be its Light—He who led the armies of Israel to their possession in the land of Canaan—was rejected and persecuted by the people who professed to know God's will. The light shone amid the darkness, but the darkness comprehended it not.

Christ had been the leader of ancient Israel, guiding them by a cloud in the day, that light and heat should not oppress them, and at night by a cloud lighted by the brightness of His presence. But when "He came unto His own, His own received Him not." [John 1:11.] They were absorbed in their study of forms and symbols and were walking in the ways of their own choosing. They would not be reformed by the messages from heaven, nor heed the counsel and admonitions of God. They crucified the Lord of glory, taunting Him as He hung dying upon the cross, "Let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe Him." "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." [Matthew 27:42.]

Enmity between truth and falsehood has existed ever since the fall of Satan. The being who now works so constantly to sow the seeds of error once occupied one of the most exalted positions in the heavenly courts. But he was not satisfied with his position. He determined to be more highly exalted, and he worked to further his ambitious projects until there was war in heaven.

Satan, and those whom he had deceived, and who fought with him, were cast out of heaven; but the warfare has been continued on the earth. In every age Satan has worked through men who have departed from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and teaching deceptive doctrines and principles of satanic origin. Christ taught His disciples how to meet the deceptive work of Satan and his followers. Under a variety of symbols, the Saviour presented the work of extending His kingdom of truth and righteousness throughout the world. It is by teaching the truth that we are to defeat the purposes of Satan.

Christ illustrated this work in the parable of the sower. "Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower," He said; "when anyone heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he that received seed by the wayside. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth, because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received the seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground, is he that heareth the word and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundred fold, some sixty, some thirty." [Matthew 13:18-23.]

The teacher of sacred truth can impart that only which he knows by experience. "The sower sowed his seed." [Luke 8:5.] Christ taught the truth because He was the truth. His own thought, His character, His life experience were embodied in His teaching. So with His servants: those who would teach the Word are to make it their own by a personal experience. They must know what it means to have Christ made unto them wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. In presenting the Word of God to others, they are not to make it a suppose-so or a may-be. They should declare with the apostle Peter, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of His majesty." [2 Peter 1:16.] Every minister of Christ should be able to say with the beloved John, "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." [1 John 1:2.]

"Another parable put He forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while he slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? And he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest, I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn." [Matthew 13:24-30.]

The teaching of this parable is illustrated in God's own dealing with men and angels. Satan is a deceiver. When he sinned in heaven, even the loyal angels did not fully discern his character. This was why God did not at once destroy Satan. Had He done so, the holy angels would not have perceived the justice and love of God. A doubt of God's goodness would have been as evil seed, that would yield the bitter fruit of sin and woe. Therefore the author of evil was spared, fully to develop his character.

Through long ages God has borne the anguish of beholding the work of evil. He has given the infinite Gift of Calvary, rather than let any be deceived by the misrepresentations of the wicked one; for the tares could not be plucked up without danger of uprooting the precious grain. And shall we not be as forbearing toward our fellow men as the Lord of heaven is toward Satan?

Not condemnation and judgment of others, but humility and distrust of self is the teaching of Christ's parable. Not all that is sown in the field is good grain. The fact that men are in the church does not prove them Christians. The tares closely resembled the wheat while the blades were green; but when the field was white to the harvest, the worthless weeds bore no likeness to the wheat that bowed under the weight of its full, ripe heads. Sinners who make a pretension of piety mingle for a time with the true followers of Christ, and the semblance of Christianity is calculated to deceive many; but in the harvest of the world, there will be no likeness between good and evil. Then those who have joined the church, but have not joined Christ, will be manifest.

"Another parable spake He unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in thee measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. All these things spake Jesus unto them in parables; and without a parable spake He not unto them. That it might be fulfilled which

was spoken by the prophet saying, I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." [Verses 33-35.]

The parables of Christ are educating in their nature, and we need to study them until we know their meaning. The leaven hidden in the meal represents the work of God's messengers in carrying the gospel to places where it is not known. Leaven is all-pervading and powerful in its influence. Though silent and hidden, it works until it affects the whole mass. It is a symbol of the truth, and the parable was spoken that we might understand what a power divine truth may be in its influence on individuals and communities.

The Lord has presented before me the work that is to be done in our cities. The believers in these cities can work for God in the neighborhood of their homes. They are to labor quietly and in humility, carrying with them wherever they go the atmosphere of heaven. If they keep self out of sight, pointing always to Christ, the power of their influence will be felt.

It is not the Lord's purpose that ministers should be left to do the greatest part of the work of sowing the seeds of truth. Men who are not called to the ministry are to labor for their Master according to their several ability. As a worker gives himself unreservedly to the service of the Lord, he gains an experience that enables him to work more and more successfully for the Master. The influence that drew him to Christ helps him to draw others to Christ. The work of a public speaker may never be laid upon him, but he is nonetheless a minister for God; and his work testifies that he is born of God.

Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their places in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their work is needed. Discreet and humble women can do a good work in explaining the truth to the people in their homes. The Word of God thus explained will begin its leavening work, and through its influence whole families will be converted to the truth.

In Christ's day, the truths and the evidences of truth that He presented did not convert the many. His wonderful miracles were made of none effect to the majority by the work of the priests and rulers—those who professed to believe in a coming Messiah. When He raised Lazarus from the dead, they sought to put Lazarus also to death, lest his testimony to the power of Christ should convince the people that this was the Messiah. An increasing hardness of heart overcame all their convictions; unbelief became stronger and stronger; and when such light and evidence was given that they could not fail to discern His divinity, they determined to kill Him and be rid of Him.

In our day we meet those who, while claiming to believe the truth, do not conform their lives to its teachings. They are not converted. There are among us ministers and physicians who connive at wrongdoing and by their influence lead others to join them in their course of unbelief. All the evidence that God has given loses force with them. They do not choose to give up their way for God's way. They link together to do their own will, to follow their own devisings, and to lift up their

soul unto vanity. God asks these souls, "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" [Mark 8:36, 37.]

A supreme desire to follow one's own way will destroy all the saving efficacy of the truth for the conversion of the soul. Our only safe plan is to give up our devotion to self and self-interests and accept the way and will of Christ.

Means are provided by which temptation may be resisted and overcome. The Word of God is an educating power. My brethren and sisters, Gain a knowledge of the Word, and learn why God would have you resist temptation. The promises of God are Yea and Amen in Christ Jesus. He is faithful that hath promised. He will not suffer any obedient soul to seek His help in vain. He knows how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and He will effectually restrain the power of the enemy that may come upon us through human agencies.

Lt 88, 1907

Our People in Washington, D. C.

St. Helena, California

March 4, 1907

To our people in Washington, D.C.:

A thorough work is to be done in Washington, D.C. The time is long past that should have seen this field faithfully worked. This last message of warning must be carried to those who need the truth. Men of God who have this message in their hearts should be chosen to carry it to people of Washington and neighboring towns. One of authority was represented to me as standing before our people and pleading that workers be sent to Washington, and I was instructed to urge this subject upon the minds of our laborers.

Brethren and Sisters, God has given to every man his work. He calls upon church members in every place to dedicate themselves to the Lord and to His service. Let us go forth and present the truth to souls who are starving for the bread of life. We must come into line. Then, "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." [Matthew 9:38.] These words teach us how the field is to be supplied with workers who will labor for the salvation of souls. When the precepts and example of Christ are brought into the life practice, when church members, instead of gossiping and accusing one another, confess their sins to one another and offer up prayer to God, God will graciously manifest His power through them.

It is no time now to establish large restaurants at great expense; but in every possible way humble efforts should be made to win souls to the truth. The third angel's message is to be proclaimed all through the suburbs of Washington. The people living in these suburbs are precious to God. A special work should also be done in this city in the establishing of schools, that the people may be educated along Christian lines.

Lt 90, 1907

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

March 10, 1907

Edson and Emma White

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Children:

I was hoping to see you both soon, but this does not seem possible now. I do not feel that it would be best to urge you to come, because the Lord is to be consulted in all our affairs. He knows what is best for us. We are His property, bought with the price of the blood of His precious Son. "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.]

I have a work to do in the South as soon as I can get off certain writings. Often I am up at four o'clock in the morning, sometimes at three, and sometimes at two. My left eye is troubling me, and I know that I will have to give it more rest.

The goodness of the Lord to me is very great. I praise His name that my mind is clear on Bible subjects. The Spirit of God works upon my mind and gives me appropriate words with which to express the truth. I am also greatly strengthened when I stand before large congregations. I will not distrust the Lord, but will hang my helpless soul on Christ.

I see a great work to be done by our people. I am studying how we can make a success of the sale of the books Christ's Object Lessons, and Ministry of Healing. In order to fill the mission to which these books were dedicated, they should be in constant circulation. Also the book Education should be widely read. It should be regarded as a treasure given by God to help His people in this crisis in their history. These books have already been a great blessing; but with judicious, persevering effort, they can be made to do a still greater work. I am troubled on every side, but I know the Lord will sustain me and make me trustful in Him who can fulfil all our desires. In the night I have many wakeful hours, which I spend in review and prayer.

Some time ago I received a message from Elder Haskell, saying that a room was prepared for me in the house that stands on the lot of ground which the Oakland brethren have bought for their church building. This piece of land is high and dry and is not surrounded by any very large and expensive buildings. I trust that our brethren will build a humble house of worship in Oakland, for we have every reason to believe from the present record of San Francisco's crimes, and of the murders and robberies that are being committed in Oakland, that another visitation will come to San Francisco, and that calamity will fall on Oakland also.

In San Francisco, plans are being laid to build larger and more costly buildings than have ever stood in that city. Though several earthquake shocks have been felt, these warnings are being disregarded by many. "We will have," say they, "such buildings as we have never had before, larger and more magnificent." Christ says, "When they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, ... and they shall not escape." [1 Thessalonians 5:3.] Every kind of wickedness continues to be practiced in San Francisco, and Oakland is fast becoming a undesirable to place in which to live.

The record of dishonesty and conniving and vileness that has resulted from the investigation into the cases of men holding official positions, and which has been opened before all through the courts, should certainly open blind eyes and lead us to inquire, Whom can we trust? Where can we find men of honor? As these evils are being revealed, even the worldling can see that corruption is filling the earth as it did in the time of Noah, and for which God had then to destroy the world by a flood. But instead of calling these men to repentance, the revelations are turning the office holders one against another, and they are exposing to the world every species of crime in the lives of judges and jurors and senators alike. Satan is at work to corrupt with his deceiving policies the rulers and the people. This work will be carried on from city to city until the guilt of the whole world will be manifest, and it will be plainly seen why God permits His judgments to fall on the earth. They will come because of the pride of heart, the falsehood, the dishonesty, the profanity that is manifest. The Lord will come out of His place to punish the earth for her iniquity; the earth shall disclose her blood and shall no more cover her slain.

God has designed that these revelations should be made, that those who read the accounts of them may understand that men's sins have reached unto heaven, and that the time is surely near when God will blot out iniquity from the earth. May the Lord help me at this time of awful judgments to make my calling and election sure, to put on the wedding garment, that when He comes I may be found without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing.

While this work of investigation has been going forward, I have been able to bear my testimony in San Francisco and Oakland. I spoke in the Oakland church four times. Each time I had an attentive audience, and at one of our meetings we had a baptismal service. At the back of the pulpit in this church is a baptistry, separated from the church by sliding panels. When these panels were thrown back, the whole congregation could witness the baptismal service without moving from their seats.

The meetinghouse in San Francisco which your father and I, with Brother Chittenden and a few others, were instrumental in building was only slightly damaged by the earthquake. The chimneys fell and some of the plaster was broken from the walls. I had an opportunity to speak in that house, and I was very thankful for this. We think now that this building will be sold, for Van Ness Avenue is being crowded with saloons. The house, as you know, is a very commodious one, and comfortably seated, but it is poorly ventilated. The blessing of the Lord rested upon me as I spoke to the people here. My advice to those in San Francisco who are planning to dispose of this church would be to build two meetinghouses, simple and plain, for those who are obliged to live in San Francisco. As little money as possible should be invested in these buildings, for the judgments of God will surely fall again on this wicked and corrupt city.

Every moment of time is precious now—too precious to be trifled away. I pray that I may make no mistakes. I desire that my life shall be in harmony with the One who laid aside His glory and clothed His divinity with humanity, that He might bring righteousness and judgment and peace to the human family by teaching men how to live a life of obedience to God and to lay hold of the merits of a crucified and risen Saviour. I pray that my life may be hid with Christ in God, that when Christ who is my life may appear, I shall appear with Him in glory.

O what a work is before us in warning the world of Christ's soon return. I cannot sleep for thinking of the men who suppose they are ready for Christ's return, but who are unprepared to meet Him.

I have been instructed not to perplex my mind over a multiplicity of wrongs that I cannot make right, but to keep my testimony clear and decided along lines that will lead men to live clean, true lives, and to be in earnest in following every precept of the great Teacher. This instruction is of value to you also. It is not your duty to try to lift every burden that may be crowded upon you. Those who come to you to know their duty, bid them go to the Lord Jesus, and ask of Him wisdom, and receive His grace. If you undertake to counsel and guide others, and your judgment does not meet the mind and judgment of those who seek your help, they will be tempted to think you have made a mistake. Bid all carry their burdens and questions to the Lord. He is the only One who can unerringly guide human souls. "Let them come to Me in faith," He says, "and I will instruct them."

The infinite Son of God has paid with His own life the ransom price for human souls. O how earnestly should we work that He shall not have died in vain. I will do the work He has given me to do, for am I not His purchased possession? I will labor with heart and soul, with pen and voice, to point souls to the narrow path. Truth will bear away the victory. I dare not miss my chance. I will labor on the right hand and on the left. I will sow beside all waters, not knowing which shall prosper, this or that. We each need a living union with Christ; we are not safe unless our souls are knit to His.

Lt 92, 1907

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

January 15, 1906

J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

My dear Son Edson:

In the night season I was given warnings regarding you. "Warn your son Edson," my Instructor said, "not to go to any man in Battle Creek for wisdom; for the soil of his heart is prepared to receive the seed which if sown there will endanger his soul. Long has his mind been in that condition where he will be easily turned away from right and truth. The enemy desires him, that he may sift him as wheat."

I cannot sleep, Edson. I plead with you, if you have any love for your soul, Keep away from Battle Creek. Seek your counsel from God, and make thorough work to set your own house in order. I have arisen at eleven o'clock to write these things to you. Professor J. E. Tenney, brother to G. C. Tenney, wrote to me for counsel about going to Battle Creek to see if he could not persuade his brother to leave that place. I advised him as I advise you: Keep away from Battle Creek. There are seductive influences at work there, which your mind in its present state is not fitted to discern. You need to place your feet on the right platform.

Frank Belden is lost in the fog through this influence. He knows not what is truth and righteousness. How to gain a fitness for eternal life is a matter that is very indistinct in his mind. If there is not a very decided change in his character, he will be lost. You yourself have been in a very uncertain

position. I plead with you to keep away from Battle Creek. I beseech you, for Christ's sake, to heed these words.

I have written you several letters, but have been reluctant to send them; for I have not had courage to believe that what I would write would be a help or blessing to you. I think of your course of action at Berrien Springs, and since that time, and a hopelessness comes over my soul. I lay aside what I have written and ask myself, What is the use? He will not understand. So letters have been written, but never mailed.

I no longer write letters explaining my position and work. If my works and books do not place me in the right position in the minds of my brethren, all that I might write in letters would not affect anything at all. I am putting my trust in God alone. I cannot take a very cheerful view of matters as they now appear, but I have placed my case in the hand of One who knows, who understands. I will be faithful in giving warnings to those whom I can help.

No renewed heart will keep renewed without a constant supply of divine grace. No person, whatever his experience, will stay converted unless he pursues a course of constant watchfulness, humbling his soul before God. The simple heart puts its trust in God and walks in all humility of mind before Him. Unless we hold fast to God, and God holds fast to us, we shall fall into the snare of self-confidence.

How long would Paul have remained a faithful apostle had not his whole faith been placed in the power of God through faith? "I live; yet not I," explained the modest old hero, "but Christ liveth in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God; who loved me, and gave His life for me." [Galatians 2:20.] "So fight I," he said again, "not as one that beateth the air; but I keep my body under; lest having preached to others, I myself should become a castaway." [1 Corinthians 9:26, 27.]

Paul was ever on the watch lest evil propensities should get the better of him. He guarded well his appetites and passions and evil propensities.

We are living in a time when, if we do not understand ourselves, we shall lose our bearings. It means much to keep the heart with all diligence, to keep the arm of resolution ever braced against temptation. Keep a watch on your old habits; guard the unruly tongue. Dig deep, and lay your foundation sure. God is rich in resources, but He has provided only one plan of salvation. Other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Christ Jesus.

Lt 94, 1907

Workers in the Boulder Sanitarium

St. Helena, California

March 14, 1907

To the workers in the Boulder Sanitarium:

In the night season the Lord has given me counsel concerning the work in the Boulder Sanitarium. I am instructed to say to the workers in that institution: Come into close and sacred communion with

God. There are some in connection with the work of the sanitarium who greatly need the refining, sanctifying grace of God to work on mind and character. Every worker should now consecrate himself to the work of God and carry out in his daily life the principles of the Word of God. My brethren and sisters, put away from you those peculiar traits of character that cause you to be easily disturbed, and be cleansed and purified. Die to self, and let Christ live in you. Walk humbly with God, and let correct principles mark your lives.

The lessons of God's Word are comprehensive and are adapted to instruct in every perplexity that could possibly arise in any institution where the workers are seeking to carry out the principles of Christian living. Let the Word be your guide, your rule of conduct. It will teach you refined manners, godly conduct, and unerring judgment. Study the Word. When you are in perplexity, search the Word for instruction that is suited to your case. Seek the Lord for guidance. Never entertain that which the Lord forbids in His Word; and that which His Word requires, ever seek to do. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me." [John 5:39.]

Christ came to establish reforms and to draw all men unto Him. His will is to be done in earth as it is in heaven. When you have determined what reforms need to be carried out, labor with persevering, fearless courage to that end. Do not expect to carry out the pure, uplifting principles of true reform without meeting opposition. God's Word plainly teaches that all who will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution from those who seek to tear down what God declares to be truth and righteousness. The Lord will greatly bless those workers who will fully carry out the principles of Christian living, for the promulgation of which the Boulder Sanitarium was established.

There is no action of our lives in which God is not concerned, no interest which is not precious in His sight. "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," He declares. [Matthew 28:20.] God is the shield and buckler of His people. He spreads His hands above His trusting children, and no one can wound a child of His without smiting the hand of God.

God is also the Guardian of justice and mercy. He regards the way in which we treat our fellow workers. We cannot hide from Him the smallest act that affects the rights of one of His heritage. He will vindicate His righteousness before all who would take advantage of or wrong a fellow being; He discerns the motive that prompts to every action. In the workings of His institutions, He sees through every devising, and He will send light and knowledge to those who now feel free to follow the devisings of their own minds. As the professed followers of One who is the guardian of truth and righteousness, you are to hold the truth in its purity. In every act of the daily life, you are to reveal a strict sense of right and justice.

God will call to account those who have tried to supplant the work of the Boulder Sanitarium. The Lord signified that this institution should be conducted upon principles of strictest integrity and should be made a success. He has plainly distinguished between the right and the wrong in the step that has been taken, between those who have discarded the instruction of the Lord, and those who have faithfully striven to follow the light. He now calls upon you who are carrying on the work of the first established institution to stand in your lot and place, with "God and the right" for your watchword. No conniving, no dishonesty is to mark the work. You are to stand upon the high platform of justice and truth.

Let your lives be controlled by the principles of righteousness and truth. Say not a word against those who refuse the counsel of God, unless it be in vindication of the truth. If you work faithfully and intelligently, trusting in the Lord, you will have trials to bear; but do not create trails for yourselves. Your safety lies in maintaining godliness in the daily life, in living with a pure purpose, in making your business a subject of constant prayer, and in seeking the Lord with sanctified purpose for guidance, restraint, and support.

Physicians, nurses, helpers, the Lord calls upon you each to make a covenant with Him at every step. Consecrate yourselves to the work, and bring the principles of the truth into faithful service. Then in the day of final reckoning you will hear the words from the lips of the Master, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful in a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of the Lord." [Matthew 25:21.]

Lt 96, 1907

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

March 6, 1907

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 534

Oakland, California

Dear Brother:

I have a deep interest in the work now going forward in Oakland. I rejoice in every move which will strengthen the work in Oakland and Berkeley. I have thought some of coming to Oakland next Sabbath; but the weather is unfavorable, and I have been overtaxed, and I do not think it would be wisdom for me to come down, though I would like to meet you again before you go South.

Regarding the selection of officers for the Berkeley church. There is need of a decided change and that a different element be brought in to take the leadership of that important church.

You ought not to leave Oakland until the Berkeley church has chosen its officers. I am satisfied that the time has now come for the church to take action in this matter. I feel confident that the Lord will guide you in giving wise counsel to this church; and I pray that He will give wisdom to the church in the selection of elders and deacons for the coming year, and in the choice of competent persons to fill all the positions of responsibility.

Considering the importance of the work in Berkeley, and the experience which the church has passed through, I suggest to you and through you to the church that they choose some man of experience in the work to be associated with the best man of their own number, to act as elders together. If some person in the conference employ, a man of sound judgment, like Elder Brorsen, could be secured to act as one of the elders, I think it would be well.

Please talk this matter over with the leading members of the Berkeley church, and with Elder Brorsen, and make some such arrangement as this if possible.

Lt 98, 1907

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

March 15, 1907

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I had hoped to see you again before you leave California, but this week I have been sick and have not dared to leave my home.

I have been writing on the subjects of Old Testament history. I have now nearly completed the book of Ezra. It has been a very interesting task to sketch the history of this remarkable man. The Lord raised up Ezra to be His servant. He moved upon the heart of the king, so that Ezra found favor with him. The king placed in his hands abundant means for the rebuilding of the temple and made it possible for the Jews to return, who for seventy years had been in captivity in Babylon. In thus giving to His people another opportunity to serve God in their own country, the Lord shows His forbearance with His wayward children.

Elder Cottrell was here yesterday, and we had a quiet talk together.

All parts of the Southern California need especial help, and we think that Riverside and Redlands should have a share in the help of our laborers. I am sorry that you are to leave when it seems that the work could be most favorably carried on in this part of the state. I trust that the work will be carried forward in right lines, and according to the Lord's appointment. I am not discouraged, and I pray that the Lord will direct us in the right way.

We have had much rainy weather, but it has not been cold until the past few days.

Write to me again as to how you find matters in Southern California. I wish there were no need for you to go to the eastern states; but let the Lord direct your ways.

I have written in much haste. With love to you, my fellow laborers.

Lt 100, 1907

Campbell, M. N.

St. Helena, California

March 13, 1907

M. N. Campbell

12 Graves Avenue

Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Brother:

I have had the privilege of reading your letter to W. C. White, and I was much interested in its contents.

For some time I have been writing on the subjects of Old Testament history. I have now nearly completed the book of Ezra. I have been encouraged as I have studied the experiences of this remarkable man. I am now writing on the seventh chapter, which deals with the time when the king's decree went forth, that permitted Ezra to go up from Babylon and take with him the help he needed for the work to be accomplished in Jerusalem. Please read this chapter.

"This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him. And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the singers, and of the priests and of the Levites, and the porters, ... And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments." [Verses 6-10.]

Ezra was of the sons of Aaron, a priest, whom God chose to be an instrument of good unto Israel, that he might put honor upon the priesthood, the glory of which had been greatly eclipsed during the captivity. Ezra was a man of great piety and holy zeal. He was also a man of learning and a ready scribe in the law of Moses. These qualifications made him an eminent man.

Ezra was impressed by the Spirit of God to search the historical and poetical books of the Bible, and by this means he became familiar with the sense and understanding of the law. During the captivity the knowledge of God's will had to some extent been lost. Ezra gathered all the copies of the law that he could find. He published copies of these among God's people and became a teacher of the law and the prophecies in the schools of the prophets. The pure Word, thus diligently taught by Ezra, gave knowledge that was invaluable at that time.

Ezra was a man of piety and holy zeal, because the truth was a sanctifying power in his soul. With earnestness he prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord. Some of the prophecies were about to be fulfilled; he would search diligently for the light that had been obscured. He sought this knowledge that he might educate the people how to bring into their practical life the principles of the Word of God. He made it his business to inquire into the matter diligently, that he might exert an influence in accordance with the expressed will of God, binding heart and mind and will in obedience to that Word. He felt that for himself he must do the will of the Lord; for only as he brought his own mind into harmony with truth could he be taught how to labor, how to come into harmony with the Word of God. He made it a rule to yield his mind and will and sentiments to the mind and will of God, thus bringing into his life sanctifying principles that molded the minds of the youth who learned of him, and of all who associated with him, desirous of being taught the laws of heaven.

That which Ezra knew he desired to teach others, and thus he became a mouthpiece for God, educating those about him in the holy principles that govern in heaven. To live according to the commandments of God—that was the rule of his life, his purpose. He first learned, and then he

taught. He learned to conduct his own life according to truth and righteousness; then he set himself to teach Israel the statutes and judgments of God. That which he had learned of truth he communicated to others, that the same saving influence might work in their lives. Teaching thus he educated his fellow men in the knowledge of truth that would live through eternal ages.

Ezra's life, like the life of Christ, sowed the seeds of truth in a revelation of the pure principles that can save the soul. Far happier would professing Christians be today if they would in the same way reflect the light of heaven upon the pathway of others, teaching in the life the statutes and judgments that rule in the heavenly courts. As Ezra labored to communicate what he had learned, his capabilities for labor increased and developed. He became the Lord's witness to the world of what Bible truth is, revealed in the daily life of the receiver.

Ezra's example, in words and deeds, carried with it a weight of influence; for the Spirit of God was with him. He took pains with his studies. He diligently prepared his heart to do the work that he believed was appointed him. He searched out the words that had been written concerning the duties of God's denominated people, and he found a solemn pledge that man had given that he would obey the words of God and the pledge of God's blessing to the obedient. He searched for all those statements in history which relate to the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai, and for those that referred to the law written in books, and which were to be carefully preserved as the commands of God.

The laws contained in books were not a new revelation, but the former laws repeated and commented upon. Before Moses was separated from the children of Israel, and went at the command of God to die in the land of Moab, the laws that were formerly given were repeated and enlarged upon. Some methods of enforcing them were given; some precepts were explained, and the reason given for them. Upon several occasions the judgments of God had fallen on transgressors, and commands that had been transgressed were repeated to give force to the requirements of God. Transgressors were to know assuredly that disobedience would surely bring the punishment of God. In this his last work for the people of God, Moses was as truly recording the mandates of heaven as when he received the ten commandments written on tables of stone, when God's presence was visibly manifested, and Mt. Horeb trembled and cast forth fire and smoke. The commandments written in books were the words of God to the people as truly as were the words He spoke with an audible voice from Mt. Sinai.

I ask you to study the life of Ezra, and learn to serve the Lord with heart and mind and strength. We each have an appointed work to do, and this can only be accomplished by consecrated effort. Shall we let the example of Ezra address itself to us individually, and teach us the use we should make of our knowledge of the Scriptures? We need to set ourselves first to know the requirements of God, and then to practice them. Then we can sow the seeds of truth that will bear fruit unto eternal life.

Lt 102, 1907

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

March 17, 1907

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have reason to be very thankful to God that He graciously spared my life to act a part in the important meetings in Oakland and San Francisco. I thank Him that He gave me strength and freedom. Although infirmities have been upon me, I have been sustained and greatly blessed. The great Physician has been my Helper, and to His name be the glory.

In my eightieth year, I can go up and down stairs as easily as any of my workers. I build my own fires in the morning, lifting the heavy pieces of wood myself. Then I begin my work of writing. I have sometimes feared that I would have to give up my habit of early rising; but this is my most precious time for seeking the Lord's help and counsel. In these early hours I have a most sacred sense of the presence of my Saviour. My mind is clear, and faith and hope are suggested by One who is a present help in every time of need. O how I should miss these precious hours spent alone with God.

Every winter for years I have suffered from rheumatic pains, but only once or twice this winter have I felt any approach of them. I have never enjoyed a winter so free from pain. I praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice for His wonderful keeping power. Verily, the good hand of my God has been upon me.

That which I appreciate above every other thing is the freedom which is given me in writing and speaking. Sometimes, when necessity required haste, I have written between three o'clock and breakfast time as many as fifteen pages of manuscript. Recently I have written considerable on subjects of Old Testament history, and also important matter that has been given me in regard to the special work that must be done at this time.

I have not responded to every call that has come for me to visit different places, because such constant journeying as this would require breaks upon my work of writing. And yet I have responded to the calls to come to Oakland, and the Lord has given me strength for the work.

Later. March 18, '07. I have just read your letter telling of the meeting in Berkeley. I feel thankful that you were present. May the Lord give His grace, that the work He desires to have done in Oakland and Berkeley may be accomplished.

I shall send a letter to Dr. Sanderson and Brother Brorsen, asking them to stand together. Had Brother Steel been put in again as elder, he would have become a ruling element, and there would be a repetition of what we have had to meet in the past.

How is the work advancing at Loma Linda? The work in Southern California should be guarded, that we do not allow too much responsibility to rest on any one man. This important part of the great field must be worked judiciously. Men of responsibility need to be counselled. Elder Cottrell is a man of broad experience and by virtue of his position is a chief counsellor in regard to the work. Elder Burden is a man of experience, and his knowledge of the field and his judgment are to be consulted.

I would say to the church members at Loma Linda, Lean not on the counsel of any one man, but unite your prayers to the Lord for guidance. Let Him direct the work.

Redlands and Riverside are in need of help. The Lord has shown me that the message is to be preached in these places. In deciding which of these towns shall receive help first, consult the

judgment of those men who have been bearing responsibilities in this part of the field. Counsel together with much prayer and intelligent investigation of the situation. The Lord is calling for these places to be worked.

God calls for minute men, men who will be wide-awake to take in the situation. The work is not to be carried on according to one man's mind and judgment. Bible truth is to be presented to the people under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We cannot spend weeks and months in one place. In San Diego a work is to be accomplished. Laborers should be sent out through that place to proclaim the near return of Christ.

The Lord declares that the end of all things is at hand. Increasing wickedness is seen on every side, and this wickedness must be met in the wisdom of God. The law of God is to be exalted. It was because of transgression that God destroyed the earth with the waters of a flood. It is because of transgression at the present time that He declares, "I will punish the world for their iniquity. The earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." [See Isaiah 26:21.] At that day the slain of the Lord will be from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth. We are to give the warning message. In many places in Southern California the work is to be carried forward diligently.

In haste.

There is another matter about which I wish to speak. Will you see if a position can be found in the sanitarium for Sister E. R. Caro. She can give massage and could be useful in several lines of work. If a place could be found for her in the sanitarium, Sister Margaret Caro could go with her to Loma Linda and take care of the children while the daughter works. It might be possible that both could take part in the work. You know the mother, and could speak for her. Perhaps you, Sister Haskell, could make inquiries and see if such workers are needed, and what the probability is of both or one finding work there. Both these sisters are fully decided not to go back to Australia.

Lt 104, 1907

Those Making Large Gifts to the Cause

St. Helena, California

March 19, 1907

To those making large gifts to the cause of present truth:

I am instructed to say to our brethren in South Dakota and elsewhere, The work of God is advancing and will soon be finished. Let not the cause of Present Truth be hindered by unbelief. The Lord desires the people in the now prosperous states to do a work that will glorify His name.

All our blessings, temporal as well as spiritual, come from God. The money you possess is the Lord's, lent to you to further His cause in the earth. There should be no withholding from the Lord of His goods.

Let not those who have made pledges to carry on the work of God repent of their vows and withhold that which they have given. Those who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of annulling a pledge that has been made to God are assuming to do that for which they will not care to account in

the day of final reckoning. The counsel of men who would at this time advise that means be withheld from the cause of God and invested in other enterprises should be rejected; for the Lord says to you, "Lay up your treasure in heaven." [Matthew 6:20.] "Invest your means to advance My work, to open new fields, that the light of present truth may shine to all parts of the world."

How munificent was the Gift that God gave to the human race. He "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that, whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." [John 3:16.] The Lord Jesus gave His life for the world, that man might have a perfect example. Laying off His royal robe and kingly crown, He came to earth as a man. He was tempted in all points as man is tempted, but not once did He fail to follow the path He had chosen. He was kept by the power of God, upheld by the One who will be the helper of all who love Him and keep His commandments.

Christ lived the simple life of a poor man's son, and thus became acquainted with the childhood life of the poor. And when during His ministry children were brought to Him, that He might bless them, He thought of the mother who gave Him birth and honored the mothers of these children, blessing them and their children also. Christ gave Himself to a life of humiliation and poverty, that He might be able, from childhood to manhood, to leave to all an example of what life should mean to every member of the human family.

All who have become children of God are to do all in their power to seek and to save the lost sheep. They are to make use of every possible means to give sinners the word of life and the saving grace of Christ. Believers in the truth are ever to remember the sacrifice that Christ made in order that He might, in taking humanity, be an example to all human beings. Our church members are to follow His example of self-denial and sacrifice, seeking and saving the souls perishing in unbelief and sin. Everywhere they are to give the truth to those ready to perish, explaining the Word of God.

Why is it that so very few in our churches have a genuine desire to practice the self-denial that Christ practiced? Study the sixth chapter of Matthew. I am bidden to give this warning, "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." [Matthew 24:44.] "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." [Matthew 6:19-21.]

Will not our churches become converted to this way of caring for their treasure? Is the Lord's Word to be disregarded by His professing people? Shall the people who call themselves by His name give a message and exert an influence directly contrary to a "Thus saith the Lord"? The Lord entrusts us with means that we may be His helping hand as the work advances, and help is needed for new fields.

Each soul in every family is on probation. We are to regard our probationary time as belonging to Christ. Our time, our opportunities are to be regarded as exceedingly valuable. Our thoughts are to dwell on the things written in the Scriptures. Unless we, as Christ's blood-bought subjects, show in our characters the virtues of His life, we cannot be saved. The only way in which we can gain salvation is through accepting Christ as the Redeemer of the world and the only hope of the sinner.

Imagined self-excellence is nothing. Christ is our life. It is His virtue that must be brought into the life of His followers. Self, and every vestige of selfishness, must die. The life that Christ lived in our world is the example of what every man and woman must become in order to be saved.

From the moment that Christ became a public teacher, He regarded the world as His field and sought to become its life and light. Today through His Word, He presents Himself to the human family as their highest good. All who claim to be Christians are to represent Him in a Christlike life.

Lt 106, 1907

Rasmussen, Sister

St. Helena, California

March 19, 1907

Dear Sister Rasmussen:

I have words of encouragement and counsel for you. Do not be overanxious, but trust in the Lord. Do not trust in the wisdom of those who would advise you to take back that which you have pledged to the cause of God. Be true to the convictions of your own conscience and to your vows. The Bible must be your counselor. Study it, and the testimonies God has given; for they never contradict His Word. When you are convinced that it is your privilege to lay up treasure in heaven by using a portion of your goods to advance the truth, let nothing hinder you from doing it. In pledging your money to the cause, you are only returning to the Lord that which He has lent you on trust. He has made you an almoner of means that you may help His cause to prosper in the world.

Writing to the Corinthian brethren, Paul says, "As touching the ministering to the saints, you have no need that I write unto you: for I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready; lest haply they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

"But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: as it is written, He hath dispersed abroad, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness remaineth forever.

"Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness; being enriched in all things to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings to God; whiles

by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men. And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." [2 Corinthians 9:1-15.]

I have recently written a letter to our brethren in South Dakota, and will send you a copy. Be of good cheer, and trust in the Lord.

Lt 107, 1907

Cottrell, H. W.

St. Helena, California

March 19, 1907

Elder H. W. Cottrell

Dear Brother:

I am of excellent courage in the Lord. I am sorry I cannot go with you this week to Southern California. I want you to be of good courage in the Lord.

This is a time when there should be wise planning for the work in Southern California. Meetings should be held at Redlands, Riverside, and at Loma Linda. These places must hear the message that the Lord has given us for the people.

I do not say that a prolonged effort be made in any one place; but these cities are important centers and should be faithfully worked. There are too many places to be labored for to allow us to hold meetings for any great length of time in one place. In all the towns and cities the last note of warning is to be sounded, and many, very many, have not yet heard it. May the Lord direct and teach us what is the right thing to do.

"When Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people that sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up." [Matthew 4:12-16.]

Lt 108, 1907

Brethren in Graysville

St. Helena, California

March 18, 1907

To our brethren in Graysville:

The southern field needs many more laborers. This field is an extensive one, which as yet has scarcely been touched. When I hear of perplexities and differences of opinion among our people, I am moved to say, Teachers and ministers, there are many cities to be worked. Take your Bibles and our papers and tracts, and make your way to homes where you can educate those who have not an understanding of the truth for this time. Tell what you know to those who are in darkness. Pray as you work, remembering that you are laborers together with God.

My heart longs to see the work advance. In Graysville you have light in regard to the law of the Lord. The angels of God are ready and waiting to go with humble men who with their Bibles in their hands will go to those who have not had this light, and read to them a "Thus saith the Lord."

Those who have the gift of song are needed. The melody of praise is the atmosphere of heaven. Often by the words of sacred songs, the springs of penitence and faith have been unsealed. Song is one of the most effective means of impressing spiritual truth upon the heart.

Let little companies of workers go out as the Lord's missionaries and do as Christ commissioned the first disciples to do. Let them go into the different parts of our cities, two and two, and give the Lord's message of warning. Tell the people the story of creation, and how at the close of His work the Lord rested upon and blessed the Sabbath day, setting it apart as a memorial of His work.

Church members young and old should be educated to go forth to proclaim this last message to the world. If they will go in humility, angels of God will go with them, teaching them to lift up the voice in prayer, how to raise the voice in song, and how to proclaim the gospel message for this time. We have not a moment to lose.

In visions of the night I was given a view of the present situation. One of authority stood in our midst; and as He looked upon teachers and students, He said, "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 always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

Ministers, canvassers, Bible workers, teachers, students, and workers as yet untrained, the cities in the South need laborers. Take up your responsibilities as teachers of Bible truth. There is an experience for you to gain in the work of winning souls to Christ. Will you work to obtain this experience?

Who will take up this work of teaching Bible truth to old and young? Who will carry the message, following Christ's plan of labor? O how my heart would rejoice to see the overplus of our teachers supplying the great lack of evangelists. Many there are in every city who feel the need of gospel shepherds. We need men who will read the truth, practice the truth, and explain the truth.

Brethren, Christ calls you; will you heed His voice? Will you become His messengers? Will you seek the sheep that are lost? Will you teach the Word in all humility and earnestness to those who will hear?

Young men and women, take up the work to which God calls you. Tell the wondrous story of the cross. Christ will lead you and teach you to use your abilities to good purpose. As you receive the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit, and you seek to teach others, your minds will be refreshed,

and you will be enabled to present words that are new and strangely beautiful to your hearers. Pray, and sing, and speak the Word.

The southern field is in great need of workers, and few are willing to offer themselves wholeheartedly to the work that needs most to be done there. Some precious souls have surrendered their will to God, and are working for those who are perishing out of Christ; but there is need of more help. Young men, will you not accept this work of teaching Bible truth? Spiritual freedom will come to those who consecrate themselves unreservedly, and the quickening grace of Christ will bring light and peace and joy. The saving influence of truth will sanctify the soul of the receiver.

There is a great work to be done. Who will do it? From the light that God has given me there are many men and women who should now be working as the mouthpieces of God, declaring the truth in its simplicity, giving this last message of warning to the world. The word of the Lord has come to those in Graysville: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [Isaiah 60:1.]

Lt 110, 1907

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 22, 1907

Dear Son Edson:

We are glad to hear that you will be with us soon. Willie may go to Mountain View Sunday morning to meet you. We shall expect to see you here Monday. I shall be very pleased to confer with you regarding many things. I am having quite good health now, and we can talk over many matters. I hope this may be to the advantage of us all.

Your letters have given the impression that your visit with us would be very short, but I entreat of you to make no appointments for the future that will interfere with your spending some time with us.

For some weeks we have been planning to visit Southern California, but various matters, important and urgent, have urged themselves upon us, and we could not go. And we did not want to go South until after your visit. I have wanted to be in a favorable position to spend considerable time with you when you come. I have abundance of room in my house and we can make you comfortable. I had hoped that Emma would come with you, and was sorry to hear that her health was not such as to make her coming advisable.

Your mother.

Lt 112, 1907

Nashville Sanitarium and the Southern Union Conference

St. Helena, California

March 10, 1907

To the directors of the Nashville Sanitarium and the Southern Union Conference

Dear Brethren:

During the night some matters were brought before me, which I was charged to present to you. We seemed to be in a council meeting, where certain questions were being considered. One of these questions was the necessary arrangements to be made for the prosecution of the work at Huntsville.

A mistake is being made in the use of means in some parts of the field. The workers need to sit down and count the cost of the tower they are building, to know if they are able to finish it.

In the past the work in the South has been carried on by earnest effort and with limited means. Now more money than is necessary is being invested in building the sanitarium at Nashville. This will not leave a correct influence on the workers in other parts of the field. At this time, when there is so great need of help in many lines of the work, any extravagance in fitting up the Nashville Sanitarium will leave an impression on the workers and on others that will not be healthful. There is great need of means to support the workers in the field, and the strictest economy should be practiced with every advance step that is taken. The tendency to invest large sums of money in the Nashville Sanitarium must be guarded against. There must not be a large showing in one place, while very little interest is manifested in other places of great importance.

There is a great work to be accomplished at Huntsville and a large demand for means in order to erect appropriate buildings and carry on a successful work there. Again at Madison help is needed to continue the educational work that has been established there. It would be a great advantage to the school in Madison if a food factory were put in operation in connection with the work of the school.

The school in Madison has been established in the order of the Lord, and it requires its share of help. Brethren Sutherland and Magan, in their work at Berrien Springs, overtaxed their physical powers, and both need to be guarded against laboring beyond their strength at Madison. Brother Sutherland needs to guard himself very carefully and keep near to the great Healer. Both these workers are to be appreciated by their fellow workers.

The needs of the different parts of the field should be considered fairly and proportionate help given to each. It is not right that those who have been laboring under burdens for years, and whose health has been broken by their arduous work, should be left to struggle along unaided under a great load of perplexity.

The use of means in the sanitarium at Nashville should be considered in a Bible light, not a selfish light. Christian Benevolence will lead to a study of the needs of every branch of the work, and a determination that each shall have its proper part. Time is passing, and the work of God in the earth will soon be accomplished. Upon the men who act a leading part in the various branches of the work, a large degree of the Holy Spirit must rest in order that the work may be carried to completion in the Lord's own way. The Lord lives and reigns, and He has promised to guide His people with judgment if they will walk humbly with Him.

The workers in the printing office, in the school, in the food factory, and in the sanitarium should blend their interests. Those connected with one branch of the work should feel an interest in every other branch. All should realize that every department of these various lines of work is to be conducted according to the principles of the Word of God, and that the workers are to labor under the guidance of His precious counsel. Not one thread of selfishness must be woven into the web; for the Lord will not regard with favor anything of this sort. "All ye are brethren; and the work is one. There is need of a daily conversion on the part of the workers if they would feel a true concern for the work as a whole.

When you come together for worship and to seek the Lord, it should be your one aim to honor Him whose requirements are all equal and just. His will, declared to you in His Word, is to be carried out to the letter. The rule of righteousness revealed in the lives of His professing people is to make them conspicuous. We are to live with an eye single to the glory of God, ever seeking to be Christians in every sense of the word.

These words were spoken by our Instructor: "You are to be under the control of God. Learn how to harmonize. Love as brethren; be pitiful; be courteous. God's commandments are just and equal. All His workers are to be honored as laborers together with God.

"The varied interests of the work are to be built up with care. From this time onward responsibilities will rapidly increase. God's will, the perfect rule of righteousness, is to be revealed in your work. Commune often every day with your God, and listen to the voice that says to you, 'Be still, and know that I am God.' [Psalm 46:10.] As your responsibilities increase with the advancement of the message, temptations will also increase. As the magnitude of the work presses itself upon the soul, humble your hearts before God. Act faithfully your part in the work, and stand faithfully in your individual accountability before God. God is no respecter of persons. He that doeth righteousness is righteous. A mere profession is of no value, and knowledge is of worth only as it is used righteously.

"Murmur not; repine not; covet not; quarrel not;" our Instructor continued. "When you are afflicted, look to the great Physician. You have need to rejoice and to humble yourselves before the Lord. By indulging a selfish spirit, men become narrow and short-sighted; and then they fail to read from cause to effect. The Word of the Lord is to be your guide in all things. 'The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.'" [Habakkuk 2:20.]

By the figure of the vine and the branches, Christ illustrated not only the relation that should exist between Him and His followers, but also the union between every believer and his fellow believer. The branches of the vine are related to each other; but they are not alike. Each has its own individuality, which cannot be merged into that of another, but all have a special connection with each other. The root that supplies nourishment to one branch supplies nourishment to every other branch. Each must depend alike on the vine for sustenance; all must be joined to the parent stalk. The life and growth and fruitfulness of each depend alike on the parent vine. In obedience to the laws of nature, their common hold of the true vine makes them one; in their diversity there is unity.

The lesson of the vine and its branches holds a deep meaning for the workers in the cause of God. Every worker is to draw his strength from the same source; and while the individuality of each is to be maintained, unity and harmony is to be preserved. When this spirit of oneness pervades the

work, our institutions throughout the world will be united in their interests, while the individuality of any one will not be merged into that of any other one.

In the past it was urged by some that the interests of the cause would be furthered by a consolidation of our publishing institutions, bringing them all virtually under one management. This the Lord positively instructed us should not be. It is not the purpose of God to centralize in this way, bringing all the interests of one branch of the work under the management of a comparatively few men. In His great purpose of advancing the cause of truth in the earth, He designs that every part of His work shall blend with every other part. The workers are to draw together in the spirit of Christ. In their diversity, they are to preserve unity. One institution is not to be brought under the control of another, but all are to exercise their powers harmoniously. The work of direction is to be left with the great Manager, while obedience to the Word of the Lord is to be the aim of all His workers. In the different places where the work is established, it will often be small in its beginning. Then it will grow. This is represented by the prophet Ezekiel under the figure of water issuing from under the threshold of the house.

“Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house, and, behold, water issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; for the forefront of the house stood toward the east; and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.” [Ezekiel 47:1, 2.]

These waters signify the gospel of Christ which went forth from Jerusalem and spread to all countries. The gifts and power of the Holy Spirit, which accompanied the Word, caused it to yield great results.

“Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea, which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass that everything that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live; and there shall be a great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither; for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh. ... And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed; it shall bring forth new fruit according to its months, because their waters they issue out of the sanctuary, and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.” [Verses 8, 9, 12.]

There is to be much more extensive work done in the future than has been done in the past. Had selfishness been entirely put away from the lives of the workers, we as a people would stand before God today in large numbers, every one as true as steel to the principles of the Word. The Lord now calls upon the men chosen for His work to stand as one man for the advancement of the cause of Christ. In their diversity of gifts and callings there is to be seen the unity represented by the figure of the vine and the branches.

Lt 114, 1907

Daniells, A. G.; Kress, D. H.; Irwin, G. A.

St. Helena, California

April 2, 1907

Dear Brethren Daniells, Kress, and Irwin:

I feel a heavy burden for the sanitarium being erected at Takoma Park. In the important centers of America our work must be carried as far as possible, and institutions must be completed and provided with suitable help.

I have received positive instruction that the sanitarium work in the city of Washington should not be abandoned. Our efforts are not all to be centered in Takoma Park. In the city itself there should be a sanitarium suitably located.

In the visions of the night I was in a council meeting where were being discussed some matters pertaining to the medical work in the District of Columbia. Some present expressed it as their best judgment that when the sanitarium buildings in Takoma Park were completed and equipped, the sanitarium in the city should be closed. Then One of divine wisdom and understanding spoke of the importance of maintaining in the city every possible agency for exalting the principles of Bible truth. The seeds of truth should be sown among men of influence in the nation's capital.

The sanitarium is an important agency in disseminating the light that should shine forth to the men upon whom rests the responsibility of making laws for the nation. With the sanitarium in Washington there should be connected physicians and helpers who can represent the truth as it should be represented. A sanitarium in Washington will lead to an acquaintance with our institutions at Takoma Park, for which earnest efforts should be put forth to secure the very best possible talent. God desires the light of truth to shine forth to counselors and senators, that much blind prejudice may be removed. A serious injury would be done the cause of God, were the sanitarium that has been operated in the city of Washington now to be closed.

I am hoping to see sufficient means given by our people to enable the various branches of our work to be perfected in the important city of Washington.

I have written this hurriedly, that it may go in the mail this afternoon, but I hope to write more later.

Lt 116, 1907

Campbell, M. N.

St. Helena, California

March 23, 1907

Elder M. N. Campbell

Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Brother:

We have received and read the interesting letters from you and Brother Amadon. We feel deeply grieved at the course that Frank Belden has pursued. That my nephew should urge his unsanctified opinions in such a persistent manner causes me much sorrow of heart. This is a repetition of the way in which he conducted himself when he had plans of his own to carry at the Review and Herald office. His actions reveal the spirit that controls him. I feel sorry for him beyond anything that I can express, and I ask you to pity him and to pray for him. His mother was my sister, and a sincere, devoted Christian.

There have been presented before me scenes that often occurred in the Review and Herald office when Frank Belden had some plan that he desired to carry out. He would determinedly stand up and with a loud voice continue to talk until he had fully presented his ambitious plans before his brethren; and I am sorry to say that very often these plans were adopted. He did more than any other one man in the office to bring in wrong sentiments and carry out his own plans. These plans, when afterward brought to bear upon himself, he did not find so agreeable. I feel sad when I think of the record he must meet of impetuous action and the surrender of those principles that his uncle James White and I have ever striven to maintain. Frank Belden has excellent talent, and had he walked humbly with his God, the Lord would have used him to His name's glory.

In the Saviour's life is given us a pattern of the character we are to attain. He met the severest temptations of an obstinate foe and in spite of powerful and sorcerous delusions made His path plain.

The simplicity of the work of the Messiah gave unmistakable evidence of His mission. He swept away the errors that existed in the religious world with a confidence and tact that could not be gainsaid. He would have truth stand out clear and free from every error with which Satan would try to enshroud it. He presented heaven-born principles so clearly before the minds of the people, that the way to heaven was made clear and plain, and he who missed the way had no excuse.

To the forerunner of Christ was given the message, "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [Matthew 3:2.] The work of the herald of Christ was the continuous effort to destroy the popular delusion concerning the coming Messiah, and to show that repentance and forsaking of sin are necessary preparations for the coming kingdom. This work constituted the preparation for the establishment of the true church.

On coming to the temple at the opening of His ministry, Christ repaired to the temple and found His Father's house desecrated by worldly traffic. He drove out from the temple courts the buyers and the sellers, and the priests and rulers. He "poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables, and said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not My Father's house a house of merchandise." [John 2:15, 16.] The money taken by the dealers for the sacrificial offerings was robbery of the people; and they had made the house of God a den of thieves, and with a stern rebuke Christ exposed their extortionate traffic.

By expelling the worldly traffickers who were profaning sacred things, Christ would impress upon those who were to compose His church on earth that name and position weigh as nothing in the scale with virtue and purity of character, with honesty and righteous dealing.

What excuse will be rendered to God by those who, having had every advantage of the knowledge of the precious truth for this time, disregard the Word of God and go contrary to His expressed will, violating the principles of the divine law so definitely stated?

I feel more sorry than I can express that my own nephew should so boldly place himself in opposition to all the light that has been given. He has steadily pursued his own way for so long, and has expressed his own opinions so often, that he now ridicules truth, and discards that which once he respected. I have had presented distinctly before me the past, present, and future of those who have thus departed from the faith.

I was instructed to write out the truth as it was revealed to me, and point by point give it to the people. I have done this, and still there is much to present that the truth may be made simple and plain. The work God has given me to do is to stand firmly and intelligently for that which I know to be truth. That which I have given to the people was given in the purpose of God, to strengthen the believers, that they might not be led away by seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

I have no appeals to make to those who have once stood firmly for the truth, but who have now departed from the faith and refuse a "Thus saith the Lord." My books contain the light that God has given me, and they are my argument. Those who, having believed their testimony in the past, now cast it aside will have no excuse to render for their course; for today as then the light shines clearly, declaring what is truth.

There is much more that I wish to write to our people, but what I shall write will only be a confirmation of the messages given in the past. I shall be called once more to give the light to those who are departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and moving in strange paths. But the Lord has shown me that all that can be given to these souls is but a repetition and confirmation of the truths that have already been placed impressively before them. Not one principle of the truths we have held in the past can be denied.

The men in Battle Creek who are taking their position against the warnings of the Spirit of God have received message after message, but with some there has been no change. O that they would make a covenant with God and humble their hearts before Him. O that they would repent of the time they have lost in taking up a work that God has not given them to do. O that Frank Belden would see his mistakes and repent.

Who will give evidence that they want to know the will of God concerning them? Who are willing to receive the message of the Lord which has been coming to them through His servant to point out their errors? O that these men would see themselves as the Lord sees them. They have an earnest work to do in repenting before God of the harm they have done to themselves and others.

The prophet Isaiah, in the fifty-eighth chapter of that book, delineates the case of these men. They need to repent and afflict their souls before God. Now is their time to contemplate the Saviour's life of humiliation and His death of suffering. The cross of Christ was needed to bring salvation within our reach and to make our redemption certain. "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.]

Daniells, A. G.

St. Helena, California

January 19, 1907

Elder A. G. Daniells

Takoma Park Sta., Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

Today I have been carrying a heavy burden on my heart. Last night some matters of special importance were opened before me. I seemed to be passing through a severe conflict.

I was addressing a company of men and women and presenting to them the dangers of our people. I spoke of our great need of being much with God in prayer. I had words of encouragement to give to different ones.

Words of instruction were given to me to speak to you and Elder Evans, Elder Butler, and Elder Washburn. I said: You have a work to do to encourage the school work at Madison, Tennessee. There are but few teachers among us who have had experience in carrying forward the work in hard places. The workers who have been striving to carry out the mind and will of God in Madison have not received the encouragement they should have. Unless Brother Sutherland is relieved of some of the pressure that is upon him, he will fall under the burden.

You may ask, What is needed? I answer. It is encouragement. Brethren Sutherland and Magan have had a severe lesson in the past. The Lord sent them correction and instruction, and they received the message from the Lord and made confession. Other men have made grave mistakes. It was a grievous mistake to plan to center so many interests in Battle Creek. Shall we be influenced by those who say that the men who made that mistake cannot be trusted?

When I was in Washington, I entreated Brethren Sutherland and Magan to believe that the Lord had forgiven their mistakes, and I have since tried by my help and encouragement to have them realize that the Lord had placed them on vantage ground.

It is your privilege, Brother Daniells, and the privilege of those who have wide influence in the work, to let these brethren understand that they have your confidence and encouragement in the work they are bravely doing. Brother Sutherland is in a precarious state of health. We cannot afford to lose him; we need his experience in the school work. The brethren who have influence should do all in their power to hold up the hands of these workers by encouraging and supporting the work of the Madison school. Means should be appropriated to the needs of the work in Madison, that the labors of the teachers may not be so hard in the future.

Our Individual Responsibility

Our churches are certainly in need of instruction. "Sanctify the Lord God of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread." [Isaiah 8:13.]

To every man is given his work. In the representation of the parable, the householder gave the talents to his servants, "according to their several ability." [Matthew 25:15.] All are not in possession of the same capabilities. Each has a special work to do, that there may be no schism in the body of Christ. Each is to take up his special work and run with patience the race that is set before him.

We have moral and social obligations to meet. There is an abundance of work for all to do. Many are groping in darkness and following in paths of selfish gratification, while professing the name of Christ. They have not felt the responsibility devolving upon them to grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. Such ones need the help of a kind heart, a helpful hand, to help them back into the paths of righteousness. As Christians we have a special work before us, which if we will do in humility of mind, God will honor with His blessing.

Lt 120, 1907

Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

April 3, 1907

Elder J. A. Burden

Loma Linda Sanitarium

Dear Brother:

There are some things that I desire to write to you. Do not be in haste about the health food business. There is a possibility of entering into a work that will bring gain of means, but which would result in spiritual loss to the sanitarium.

Commercial enterprises often work to a large degree counter to the purpose for which our institutions are established. They detract from the influence which God desires shall attend the work. The condition brought about is sometimes the condition in which Christ found the barren fig tree. Searching for fruit with which to satisfy His need, the Saviour found nothing but a show of leaves. In visions of the night I have seen Christ searching in our institutions for fruit, for that virtue revealed in the lives of His workers that tells in the saving of the soul unto eternal life.

You have a noble work to do in praying with the sick and in feeding their souls with the bread of life. You are to be God's medical missionary, teaching souls what it means to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. Christ explains the meaning of these words. "The flesh profiteth nothing," He said; "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." [John 6:63.] You have the ability to speak in a pleasant, intelligent, interesting way to the sick. It is your privilege to inspire them with hope and courage and lead them to a knowledge of the truth of the Word.

Many of the patients who come to the sanitarium are children in their understanding of the Word. If you will take hold of these cases, and seek to lead them to the truth, One who is your righteousness will go before you, and "the glory of the Lord will be your reward." [Isaiah 58:8.]

Your mind must be a treasure house, full of good things. Keep the patients cheerful. Pleasant words of instruction may be given to them that will be a blessing to them while they are at the sanitarium; and when they return to their homes, the message of truth they have heard will be constantly repeating itself to them. We do not appreciate how far greater are the results for good when we bring cheerfulness and the joy of the Lord into our work.

I am very desirous that you shall feel as free as possible to do this gospel work. Your strength for it, and your success in it, will depend largely on the time and strength you reserve for this work. You should not allow yourself to be overwhelmed with responsibilities, so that you cannot have the realization in your own soul that you are in the right place.

It is necessary that you share your responsibilities with others. Those who are spiritually minded, and whom you can trust with the work, should be employed to help carry out your plans. You will find that you accomplish much more in the end if you will allow others to bear burdens. Your perceptions are good, but they must be worked in order to be improved. This is also true of your fellow workers.

In no place in the world can our influence tell on the Lord's side with such power as in the position to which He calls us. The most useful thing we do in the service of God is to encourage the souls that are distressed and lead them to Christ. Keep the lives of the patients constantly refreshed by a Christlike example. You will have success if you will be a self-denying Christian. An earnest desire to be obedient to the will of your heavenly Father will bring you to the place where you will wear Christ's yoke. Those who are great in the sight of the Lord will, like John the Baptist, have humility of heart. Then good works will follow. Your example may be such that others will wish to emulate it. Your obedience and humbleness of mind will make obedience and humility desirable things to those who are associated with you.

The words of truth were so simple as Christ explained them that the disciples could comprehend them. The Word of God is our spirit and life. It is the weapon by which we are to resist the attacks of Satan. Those who are much with God in prayer, and consent to wear the yoke of Christ, will be meek and lowly in heart. They will be one with Christ.

You and your wife can be a source of help and strength to each other and a blessing to the sanitarium. Prayer is the key that will unlock the treasure of heaven to you. Let your faith increase. Increased faith and sanctification of the Spirit will qualify you to be a wise counselor. Words spoken in season and in the spirit of tenderness, accompanied by the silent working of the Holy Spirit, will make the right impression. Do not think that you are accomplishing nothing because you cannot see definite results for your work. You are to sow the seed, knowing not which shall prosper, this or that.

May the Lord help and strengthen and bless you in your work, is my prayer.

Lt 122, 1907

Crawford, Marion Stowell

St. Helena, California

April 1, 1907

Mrs. M. C. S. Crawford

Dear Sister:

I have received your letter containing the information regarding H. O. Nichols. I could read your letters very readily. I shall write to Brother Nichols very soon, perhaps today.

I have done considerable writing this winter during the early hours of the morning. I am having some difficulty with my eyes which I expect to recover from, but which makes it necessary for me to be guarded in the way I use them at present.

I am glad to learn that you are laying your treasure up in heaven. The counsel Christ gave in regard to the investment of our means is the best advice we can follow. The question you ask, in regard to using your means to purchase certain articles, I will answer by asking you, If Christ were here, and you could ask Him, what would He say?

In hearing and possessing the Word of the living God, great responsibilities rest upon us. A knowledge of the Word of truth makes us responsible for the means that God entrusts to us.

It is a great privilege to have means to invest in the cause of God, and the follower of Christ is blessed who desires to place his means where, instead of ministering to selfish desires, it can help to work out the purposes of God. This is your privilege. It is possible for you to so use your Lord's entrusted means that by it souls may be won to Christ. The souls thus won to Christ, accepting their privileges as children of God, will use their capabilities and influence to win still others to a knowledge of truth. These in their turn, being not only hearers but doers of the Word, also labor for the salvation of souls. Thus your gifts to the cause of God continue to produce good works, the results of which can only be known in eternity.

When we think of the great gift of heaven for the redemption of a sinful world, and then consider the offerings that we can make, we shrink from drawing a comparison. The demands that might be made on a whole universe could not compare with that one Gift. Immeasurable love was expressed when One equal with the Father came to pay the price for the souls of men and bring to them the gift of eternal life. The Prince of life would destroy the power of death.

Shall those who profess the name of Christ see no attraction in the world's Redeemer? Will they be indifferent to the possession of truth and righteousness and turn from the heavenly treasure to the earthly? Can you, my sister, use the Lord's money to purchase diamonds or any other jewels for any person? These cannot save one soul; they will not lead anyone to accept the saving truths for this time. Let us do nothing to encourage a vanity that is sinful. No, my sister, save the money you may be tempted to spend in this way, and place it where it will bring honor and glory to Christ. When your brother becomes anxious to secure the Pearl of great price, which is truth, pure, unadulterated truth, he will see that that which he now deems wisdom is vanity.

We are striving to come into possession of eternal riches. In the appropriation of your means, let it be used in such a way that it will be constantly yielding returns to God. In placing in another's hands that which would be spent merely to gratify human vanity, you are placing that portion of your means where it can bring no returns to God. The Lord has made you a steward of means, that you may do good works in many ways; be careful that you do all things with an eye single to the glory of

God. Our offerings made to carry out the great plan of salvation will bring glory to the One for whose sake the gifts were made.

As the Lord's stewards we are to work for time and for eternity. O how great is the work before us. I pray that you may so use your talent of means that it will bring blessing to many souls.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth in Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already; because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

"And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." [John 3:16-21.]

This gospel message is one of the most precious passages in the New Testament. When it is accepted it yields in the lives of the receivers good deeds, whose value is far above that of diamonds or gold. These words have a power to bring consolation and gladness into the earthly life, and they are eternal life to those who receive them. O that we might have our understanding so enlightened by grace that we could take in their full meaning. The Father is saying to us, I will bestow upon you a treasure more precious than any earthly possession, a treasure that will make its possessors rich and blessed forever.

In this life our riches are limited, but the great treasure that God offers in His Gift to the world is unlimited. It comprehends every human desire and goes far beyond our human calculations. In the great day of final decision, when every man shall be judged by his record in the books of heaven, every voice will be hushed. It will be seen that in His Gift to the human race, God gave all He had to give, and they are without excuse who have refused to accept the gracious offer of salvation.

My soul is weighed down when I think of the careless and impenitent who have had great and wonderful light, but who do not grasp the opportunity they have of coming into obedience to the law of God. The ten holy precepts, given amid demonstrations of power and grandeur from Mt. Sinai by God Himself, declare the principles that rule in heaven. They were made known to man that he might understand the terms of entrance into the holy city, New Jerusalem. Only those who turn by repentance and conversion to a life of obedience to God are assured of a life of happiness and peace in the Father's home. To such the gates of the city are opened; the eternal substance is given them, and they inherit all things.

Now, my sister, I think your question is answered. Obedience to the commandments of God will secure you an entrance into the city of God. Speak to your brothers, "Turn ye, turn ye; for why will ye die?" [Ezekiel 33:11.] O why should any choose to stand on the side of the great rebel, to the loss of the soul? Tell your brother to prepare to meet the Lord.

Be of good courage in the Lord. Press the battle to the gate. And when the gates of the city of God are thrown open, and the righteous nation which has kept the truth shall enter in, may you be numbered with that glad company, is my prayer.

Lt 124, 1907

Nicola, Sister [C. C.]

April 4, 1907 [typed]

Mrs. C. C. Nicola

Melrose, Massachusetts

My dear Sister:

I have heard something in regard to your husband's illness. I was so sorry to learn of it. Will you let me know more concerning his sickness. Is he improving?

I will not write you a long letter today, but I would be pleased to hear in regard to yourselves and the sanitarium. Who has charge of the sanitarium while your husband is ill? Are you thinking of leaving? I hope you will not do this if it is possible for you to remain. I know nothing of how you are situated. Please write and tell me, for my mind is anxious in regard to yourselves and the work in Melrose. Who besides yourself is acting as physician?

In your affliction, I am afflicted; but I will not write more until I hear from you.

Lt 126, 1907

Crawford, Marion Stowell

St. Helena, California

April 3, 1907

Dear Sister Marion Stowell-Crawford:

I wrote a letter to you yesterday, and in it are some things which I think you can use to help others.

I see that you make gifts to various objects of the work, and I am thankful that you are so liberal. You have reason to rejoice that you can give to the cause of God.

You may read my longer letter to whom you choose. Do not think that anything in my letter was written to censure you. I have meant to encourage you. I hope you will be able to use the instruction in my letter for the good of some who may be needlessly spending the Lord's money on themselves. This is a thing that none of us can afford to do.

Dr. Kress is expected to arrive on the next boat from Australia. The question whether the sanitarium we have in Iowa Circle in Washington shall be given up is now being considered. For a time this institution was an expense to the cause, but now it is paying its way.

We now have a sanitarium at Takoma Park, close to the school buildings, nearly ready for work. The buildings are not quite finished. It has been thought that when we have the institution at Takoma Park ready for occupancy, the sanitarium at Iowa Circle could be given up. My answer to this

proposition is, No, no; the institution at Washington must stand to represent the work and cause of God there, the closing work for this earth.

The truth concerning the Sabbath of the Lord is to be widely proclaimed in that city. God came down on Mt. Sinai with power and majesty to proclaim His law. Slowly and distinctly, amid awful grandeur, the Lord spoke the law of ten commandments. His form was enshrouded in the cloud that settled on the mount, but His voice was heard by all the camp of Israel. O wondrous communication to man!

Our sanitarium in Washington has been patronized by men in high office, and these are becoming acquainted with the tenets of our faith. They speak very favorably of the sanitarium. To give up this institution would be a mistake, for Washington is an important place. Our work and faith must be represented there in the best possible way. I pray that God will help us all to do our work intelligently.

Lt 128, 1907

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

April 4, 1907

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We have not heard from you for so long that I am afraid you are sick. Will you please write to us that we may know how you are. My eyes have been troubling me again, but I manage to get off my letters, though it causes me much pain to do so.

I have not heard from Berkeley since you left. It has rained almost continuously until a few days ago. I have ridden out several times since the weather cleared. I have just driven to the sanitarium to see the site of the new hospital building. It is to be erected a little beyond and above the house we built on the hillside. This is a situation for the new building. The lumber has been negotiated for, and the work has begun in earnest. The workmen are now excavating for the foundation.

The sanitarium is now so full that it is impossible to accommodate any more patients. This hospital will be a blessing to the institution; and I am very thankful that the Lord has made it possible for us to have it.

I wish you could go to Melrose and inquire into the state of affairs there. I heard that Doctor Nicola went to Battle Creek and then to Missouri, and that he is not in his right mind. I think if possible you should go to Melrose and see how things really are at the sanitarium; and a visit from you might do them much good.

We are all as busy as ever. I am trying to do the work in writing that needs to be done. There has been so much to do that we could not leave for Loma Linda and Paradise Valley as we had planned. And I have been feeling so weak that I could not leave home until I had gained a little strength.

What to do for physicians in Loma Linda and Paradise Valley, we cannot tell. We very much need physicians of firm principles. There are plenty who, when temptation comes, are switched off on to false tracks.

The workers at Paradise Valley feel disappointed that I have not visited Southern California as I promised, but several things have hindered me from doing so. Edson wrote that he was coming to St. Helena, and we waited for him. He came last week, but stayed only a day, as his book work called him to Mountain View. He finds that in Mountain View now he has a good opportunity to get out his books, and he thinks to move there. He has made a contract for the use of the tank house for the present, intending to purchase it later on. The tank house is near Elder Loughborough's home. As soon as he can make the necessary arrangements, he will move Emma to Mountain View.

I would much rather have Edson in Mountain View than in Nashville; for we can meet and counsel together oftener. Edson prefers Mountain View to any place he has seen thus far. He will have to return to Nashville shortly to settle up his business there. I pray the Lord to give us wisdom that we may move wisely in every way.

I understand that Dr. Kress is on his way to Washington. He is expected to arrive in Vancouver April 11. We are inviting him to visit us.

I wish you could read the excellent letter we had from Brother Sutherland. He writes very encouragingly of the work and expresses his appreciation of the efforts I have made to encourage the work there.

I am of good courage. Pray for me that my eyes may be healed. I am earnestly praying for this. Even as I write this letter, I am suffering considerable pain; but I believe that the Lord will restore me.

I have sent a word of caution to our brethren not to invest too largely in the new sanitarium at Nashville; for there are many other places that need our help, and should have it. The Madison work must have our support if success is to attend that enterprise. God designs that light shall come to the workers there, and that the work shall be carried on successfully.

One certain mold is not to be given to every line of the work. God has given various gifts to his different workers, and to every man his work. His faithful servants will prosper under the training that the Lord will give. Man is to keep his hands off his fellow man, and let the Lord teach His workers how to labor in right lines.

Write to me as soon as you can.

Lt 130, 1907

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

April 5, 1907

Dear Son Edson:

I have just finished writing several letters, and this to you must be a short one. We are having rainy weather today. Yesterday also was cloudy and wet.

When you get time, let me know what progress you are making; and as you have time to take in the situation more fully, write and let me know what is your opinion of the tank house as a dwelling place. Are you comfortable? Can we send you anything that would make you more comfortable?

I have just learned that Dr. Kress is on his way to America and will be in Washington in about two weeks.

We may have a delay our journey to Southern California till the first of May.

I trust that you will keep in good health, and that when you return to Nashville, you will find things favorable to your change. When do you intend to leave for Nashville? I suppose that will depend on the progress you make with your work in Mountain View.

We will be pleased to see you at any time; the room you occupied is waiting for you. You can have it at any time, and for as long a time as you desire.

Be of good courage in the Lord. Look to Him in faith. Let us know your plans when you have made your decisions.

Lt 132, 1907

Ballenger, J. F.

St. Helena, California

April 4, 1907

Dear Brother Ballenger:

We were made very sad to hear of your illness. It grieves me to the heart to hear of your affliction. But, my brother, do not be discouraged.

One thing after another has kept us from coming to Los Angeles and San Diego.

We have felt afflicted with you in the death of your mother, and we have prayed for you. Do not grieve so sorely. I know you must all feel deeply grieved by her loss, but you should take comfort in the fact that she did not suffer as many are called to suffer. I wish I had been with you to speak the words of comfort that I would desire to speak in her case: "Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple crying with a loud voice to Him that sat upon the cloud, Thrust in Thy sickle and reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And He that sat upon the cloud thrust in His sickle in the earth, and the earth was reaped." [Revelation 14:12-16.]

When the Lord sees fit to remove me from my work by death, I do not want any to mourn for me; for one of authority has said, "Write, Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." [Verse 13.]

Father Ballenger, I want you to understand these words. I know you do not doubt that your wife was the Lord's child. You will miss your companion, but you must not miss the comfort of the heavenly Messenger. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." [Verse 13.] Perilous times are just before us.

Brethren Ballenger, you have tried to bind up your lives with Christ in God. The Lord has wrought with you both, and you are obtaining an experience in the things of God. You have been made stewards of means, and you have tried to be faithful with the Lord's entrusted capital. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom the Lord shall make ruler over His household, to give them meat in due season?" [Matthew 24:45.] Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when He cometh shall find faithful in the discharge of his duty.

You are stewards of the mysteries of the grace of Christ. A sacred dignity and trust has been imposed upon you.

The means you have invested in faith in the cause of God is not lost. I also have means entrusted in the cause of present truth. Be assured that the Lord will not allow us to be losers by investing our means for the furtherance of His work. He has His eyes upon us, and upon that which we have returned to Him, and it is safe. Let us trust our heavenly Father, even when it is not easy to trust.

Be of good courage. Do not despond. Trust your heavenly Father to bring you out all right.

My heart is drawn out to you in sympathy and love. In your affliction you may have joy in the Lord. He loves you, and if you will look to Him, He will comfort and bless you. "I will not leave you comfortless," He says, "I will come to you." [John 14:18.] Put your trust in the Lord, and bear your trial patiently. You have worked for God in faith; He accepts your faith, and He will bless you.

I understand how great an affliction this is to you; and I can sympathize with you; for I have passed over the same ground.

You may be surprised that I have not written to you before. I would have done so but that I expected to be with you before this. Circumstances which we could not control have made it impossible to leave home; and so we have stayed on. We hope we can free ourselves soon. When we come we can tell you more about it. But if we do not come immediately, you will understand it is because we were unavoidably detained.

May the Lord bless you all.

Lt 134, 1907

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

April 5, 1907

Mrs. J. Gotzian

Dear Sister Gotzian:

Many things have recently demanded my attention, and I have been unable to write to you, although I have desired to do so.

I had expected that long before this I would be with you at Paradise Valley. But matters have crowded in one after another, and it has been impossible to withdraw ourselves from the duties that have demanded our immediate attention.

For nearly a year the St. Helena Sanitarium has been crowded to its utmost capacity. Never before in its history has it received so large a patronage as at present. Nearly every day new patients come in, and the managers are greatly perplexed to know where to put them, but no one is denied admission. Often it has been necessary to make up beds for the helpers in the offices and parlors.

In the present buildings there are not suitable facilities for caring for the surgical cases. It has seemed necessary to provide for these afflicted ones a building to be used as a hospital. The plans have been drawn, and the work of construction will soon begin and will be hastened forward to completion. Already they are endeavoring to secure a contract for lumber. Last Wednesday I rode up the hillside to see the site they have selected for the new building. It is just beyond the house we put up on the side of the hill.

Those who come to the St. Helena Sanitarium regard it as one of the most beautiful places they have ever seen. They are charmed with the scenery and are well pleased with the services of Dr. Rand. Scarcely a word of complaint is heard from any of the patrons. We are glad of this, and we trust that many of them may be converted to the truth. We hope that the Lord may preside over our institution here on the hillside. We desire that there may be a manifestation of truth that will take hold upon the heart; for this is the purpose for which our sanitariums were established. With our present large patronage we certainly have a wonderful opportunity to reach many people, and to present before them the principles of true health reform.

We desire that from our sanitariums in Southern California the truth may go forth as a lamp that burneth. Let us do all we can to make the sanitarium at Paradise Valley a means of bringing the light of truth before many souls. Let every one connected with the institution put his heart and soul into this work. Let a pleasant spirit be manifested by all.

Everything possible should be done to make the foods palatable and enjoyable. Many come to our sanitariums with disease of the heart and soul as well as of the body. They are prone to complain if they are not suited. Earnest efforts should be put forth to provide for them suitable food to take the place of flesh meat, which is so objectionable.

Above all else let there be manifested the sweetness of the love of Christ. Words of bitterness or of complaint should find no place among the helpers. Make every room fragrant with the kindness of unselfish love. I write this because there is danger among physicians and helpers in a sanitarium of failing ever to maintain the sweet spirit of Christ.

I hope soon to be able to be with you, and to speak in the sanitarium to patients and helpers. I will come as soon as possible. May the Lord bless you and all your associates, is my prayer.

Lt 136, 1907

McDearmon, Sister

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

March 25, 1907

Dear Sister McDearmon:

I have been very sorry to hear of your sickness. I wish that I could visit you; but this would seem a long journey to me, and my time is so taken up with duties that demand writing that I cannot leave my work to go so far away from home. I believe the Lord will raise you up to remain with us for a time. I am now five months in my eightieth year, and yet I continue my writing as diligently as when I was much younger.

I want to see you very much; if you recover, will you not come to California? If you do this, Edson and Emma will make a good home for you. There are nice places that they can rent, and I believe the climate of California will be better for you than that of Colorado. Will you not come if the Lord spares your life? We would not ask you to go to Battle Creek, for the climate there is cruel. In winter it is severely cold, and in the summer, very hot. We would prefer that you stay in Boulder rather than to go to Battle Creek.

Please consider my proposition, for it is as much for Emma's benefit as for your own. It will be a blessing to her to have you with her. Nashville is not the best climate for her. Please make up your mind to try the climate of California, and then your little family can be together. You will be pleased with the change.

Later. April 8. I have been talking with Edson in reference to your coming to California. Edson feels that it is essential for him to be near a printing house. He has books to write; and if he is near a printing office, he can be a help to the office, and the office a help to him.

It will save time and money for you to move where Emma will be, and that is at Mountain View. The climate there is considered excellent. It is not too hot in summer, neither is it too cold in winter. It would be the best thing in the world for you to be where your daughter is, for she can have a care for you.

Now will you trust to our judgment and secure a good home in California? I write this because I verily believe that this would be an excellent place for you, my sister. If you come to Mountain View, we can visit you often; you are now so far away that we can not do this. The Lord has spared your life, for which we are thankful. And we hope that you will consent to come to Mountain View and that the climate may be an advantage to you. We do want the pioneers of this message to live as long as God wishes them to and to have every advantage.

Praise the Lord and keep your heart uplifted to Him, because He loves you. He has given His life for you. Keep up your courage, and trust in the Lord; for in Him is our hope and life. He will strengthen you, we believe.

With love to you and those who care for you.

Lt 138, 1907

Simpson, W. W.

St. Helena, California

April 9, 1907

Elder W. W. Simpson

Dear Brother:

I am very sorry to learn of your sickness. We are praying for you, that the Lord may raise you to health again.

You have not spared yourself in the work, and the Lord has blessed your efforts; but your work is not done. Take the very best treatment you can possibly get, and improve every opportunity for getting well. Do not worry about anything. Be of good courage in the Lord; He will not leave you. The precious Saviour will be your helper and your God.

The Lord has graciously sustained me in my work this winter. I have not lost more than one or two days from my writing. I praise the Lord for His goodness; I will glorify His holy name.

We expected to be in Southern California long before this, but we have been hindered by unexpected circumstances. We are now waiting for Dr. Kress and family to arrive from Australia. He is expected to reach here about the first of next week. After a short visit in California, he will pass on to Washington to open the sanitarium at Takoma Park.

I see a great work to be done in the circulation of our books. Every worker will need to stand faithfully at his post of duty that Satan may not steal a march upon us through those who have departed from the faith.

An effort has been made recently to secure the tabernacle at Battle Creek to the denomination, that those who have departed from the faith may not preach in it their seducing theories. A new board of trustees has been elected, and we think now that the tabernacle is secure.

There have been many things to do in order that the flock of God may be guarded against the wily attacks of the enemy. We must expect to meet the enemy in warfare to the close of time. We cannot spare any of our forces now. Every worker is needed to stand in his lot and place. A message must be continually going forth to prepare our people for the present and the future conflict. The Lord still lives; He is our leader and our God. He will safely lead and guard all those who will trust themselves to His guidance. Our confidence must be in the One who has brought us safely through so many battles.

Be of good courage in the Lord; hold fast to His promises. Do not fail or be discouraged. The Lord is good; His wisdom, His grace and love are never failing. Trust fully in Him, and you will see of His salvation.

Lt 140, 1907

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

April 8, 1907

Dear Emma and Edson:

I address you both, because by the time this reaches you, Edson will shortly be at home. I am very glad that Edson can transfer his work to Mountain View. The climate there I consider good, and I shall be pleased to have you so near us. Then with but little outlay of means you and our family can meet. If Sister McDearmon's health will permit, she can move to Mountain View.

C. H. Jones is very desirous that Edson's work shall blend with ours, and he thinks that by this move both will be advantaged. This may not be brought about at once, but I think we will all be benefited if it is done as soon as it consistently can be.

I trust, Emma, that your health will improve. Do not worry, and do not try to do work that will tax your strength. Be of good courage in the Lord. Jesus lives to make intercession for you. Cast your cares and worries upon the great Burden Bearer. He cares for the souls whom He has bought with the price of His own blood. The Lord has heard prayer in your behalf. May He guide you continually.

I should be very pleased to visit with you. Your new home must be a pleasant one. But the climate there is not a suitable one for you, and you must not endanger your health.

If Edson moves, he must be near a printing establishment, in order to work to advantage. He should be where he does not have to spend time and money in going from his home to a distant printing office.

W. C. White has his house well filled at present. Nora and Margaret, the sisters of May White, are with them, and the husband of Margaret, Mr. E. F. Forga, from Peru. Brother Forga is studying the English language. We think he will be able to translate my writings into the Spanish; for he is an educated man, and one who fears God. We believe that it is in the providence of God that he has been brought into connection with the work here.

Mabel and her husband Wilfred Workman were over for a few days. Mabel's husband is a sincere Christian. He is an intelligent young man and is highly appreciated in the school at Healdsburg. He is carrying responsibilities in the school, and Mabel is acting as matron. They fill their positions nicely, and the school faculty is desirous of having them serve another year. It is probable that they will do this, for they want to accomplish all they can and be useful in the work of God. We have reason to be thankful that Mabel has a good and noble man for her husband. He is kind and attentive, and worthy of our appreciation.

Dores Robinson is much appreciated as a helper in my work. He is becoming an excellent speaker and will soon be in the ministry. He would have been in the field before this, but we have needed his help in my work. He reports my discourses and writes them out. Ella was a successful teacher before their marriage, and since their marriage they have both taught school, Dores taking the older scholars and Ella the younger. They were asked to remain in the school work, but we needed their help in preparing my writings for the press.

We feel so thankful to see these young men fitting themselves for places in the work. W. C. White is glad that he does not have to worry over the young men who have married his daughters.

Henry and Herbert are now eleven years old, and Grace is nearly seven. They are all apparently well.

I am very desirous of seeing you, but I will wait patiently the opening of providence that will bring us together. If you settle at Mountain View, it will be a pleasure to you to renew your acquaintance with Sister Jones. After so long a separation, you will enjoy associating together again.

Lt 142, 1907

Wilcox, F. M.

St. Helena, California

April 9, 1907

F. M. Wilcox

Boulder, Colorado

My dear Brother:

I write you a few lines hastily this morning. My son Edson left us yesterday, planning to visit several points in Oregon and Washington, and then pass on to Colorado.

Edson thinks that he may settle at Mountain View, where he can be close to the Pacific Press. This will make his work of publishing books much easier, and we can counsel with him oftener.

I hope that Sister McDearmon can come to Mountain View when Edson settles there. I would be glad to have you let me know if you think she would be able to make the journey.

I would also be glad to hear from you in regard to the adjustment of matters at the sanitarium. Do not retain in the sanitarium those who persist in cherishing a quarrelsome spirit; for Satan uses such persons as his agents to do his work. We are living very near the end of time, and we need a work done in our sanitariums that will bring in a spirit of peace and invite the presence of the Lord. The grace of God and the peace of Christ are needed in every department of the sanitarium. If these are lacking, the work will move hard, [although we] do the best we can. Satan will work upon the hearts and minds of the workers, and there will be constant friction that will work counter to the influence of the Spirit of God.

I counsel you to rid the sanitarium of unconverted workers; for it will not pay to retain them. The Spirit of God is of more value in an institution than helpers, however efficient, that are a constant

irritation. Let us understand what God would have done in this matter, and cleanse the institution of all influences that would spoil the work that should be done. We are living too near the close of time to give place to the working of discord and friction.

The Lord is grieved with the defects of character that are seen in the workers in our sanitariums. He desires to have the Boulder Sanitarium cleansed from every evil way. Those who minister there need to have the knife applied to their own lives before they can bear fruit to the glory of God.

Pray, believe, and work until every forbidding element is removed. I am praying that the Lord will refine and purify every worker there. May the Lord keep you and guide you step by step.

Lt 144, 1907

Brethren and Sisters in Battle Creek

St. Helena, California

April 11, 1907

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Battle Creek:

I am instructed to say to those who desire to walk humbly with God, Fear not; neither be discouraged. The Lord is good, and greatly to be praised. Let us seek to understand the promises of His Word.

“Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [1 John 3:1-3.]

A remedy is here offered us by the great Physician of souls. “He that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.” [Verse 3.] If we will conform the desires of mind and body to God’s desire for us, we shall find that every requirement He makes of us is for our physical and spiritual health in this life, and if met by us, will secure for us the life that is everlasting in the kingdom of glory.

“My little children, these things write I unto you that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know Him if we keep His commandments. He that saith I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him. He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked.” [1 John 2:1-6.]

Read carefully verses seven to eleven of the second chapter of First John. In these verses it is shown that true conversion will always manifest itself in the character of the converted one. The characteristics that will mark these who become members of the Lord’s family are plainly depicted.

Who, as you read these words, can fail to understand that as the professing followers of Christ, you are called to exert a special influence for good in the world? Ask yourselves the question, What manner of person ought I to be in all holy conversation and godliness? Every true believer will represent in spirit, in conversation, and in deed the indwelling of a living principle that will make him one with Christ in representing the kingdom of God in the earth. His own daily conversion will produce definite results for Christ in the lives of others.

Those who are so abundantly encouraged by the hope of sonship with God should give expression to their gratitude by acting a part in His work in the earth. They are to increase the light they have received by permitting it to shine upon other souls, that it may be reflected from other lives. Their consecrated lives should reveal to their fellow men that they are controlled by immortal principles. And as they labor to extend the knowledge of truth in the world, they will become more and more competent in the work of saving souls. The light of heaven, reflected in their lives, will draw the minds of their fellow men from earthly things to heavenly. Christ, loved and obeyed and exalted in the lives of His followers, will produce results that will be true and abiding.

To every man God has given a work—no soul is excused who has made a profession of faith in Christ. Souls who are without the light are to be instructed in the doctrines of the Word. We are to be ever learning more fully what it means to be a Christian. We have a work to do in soul-winning through the influence of a holy life and a godly conversation. Christ's earnest efforts for the salvation of men are to be repeated in the lives of His followers.

Our representation of the truth should be very different from what it appears today. Every believer should be drawing daily from the source of all power and concentrating every heavenly influence upon souls who are perishing. O that I could find words to express to you what I have seen would be accomplished if we as a people had that faith that works by love and purifies the soul.

The powers which in the past have lain dormant should now be charged with new and living power. Benevolence and justice and mercy should mark the lives of church members. If God's human agents would become active and expansive, they would fill the world with light and love.

In the warfare in which we are engaged, there will be conflicts to the very close of time. Satan is manifesting himself in a masterly way, that he may obtain possession of the human instrumentalities. By leading men and women to a love of worldly pleasure and display, he is charming the senses to the destruction of the soul.

But while Satan is seeking to accomplish his work of destruction, Christ is seeking to save the world by His Word of truth. He laid aside His glory with the Father, and took upon Himself the nature of man, that as a man He might reach humanity, and as the Son of God, He might untie them to His divine nature. Thus He would make it possible for them to become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.

"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.] We need to comprehend more fully than we do the sacrifice of Christ for the salvation of our world. The angels of heaven were drawn to earth to study the mystery of incarnate love. That the Majesty of heaven should leave His high command,

and come to this sin-cursed earth as a little child, and subject Himself to the poverty of the poor and the temptations of the tempted, was something that the heavenly beings could not understand.

The apostles studied the prophecies relating to the Messiah, and as they watched each step in the unfolding of this great and wonderful Benevolence, they accepted Christ as the Sent of God. They became partakers of His divine love and witnesses to the fallen world that "herein is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and gave His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." [1 John 4:10.]

O what love, what matchless love was revealed when the Son of God stooped to earth to save fallen man. Men in all ages, as they have studied the sacrifice of Christ for a fallen world, and have realized the greatness of the Gift of God, have exclaimed with the apostle Paul, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." [Galatians 6:14.]

The disciples first proclaimed the gospel of Christ in Jerusalem. From that place they were to go forth to all parts of the known world to proclaim the tidings of God's gift to a world of sinners. "Behold," Christ said to them, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the councils; and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye which speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." [Matthew 10:16-20.]

All who understand the wonderful plan of salvation are included with those to whom Christ spoke when He gave the commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." [Mark 16:15.] "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 28:19, 20.]

Our church members need to realize, as they have not yet done, that they are under solemn obligation to unite with Christ and the heavenly angels in self-denying work for God. The angels of God are constantly at work that all nations may know the glories that cluster about the cross of Christ. Christ unites the sympathies of heaven with the church, His instrumentality on earth. He equips its members with the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, leaving no one an excuse for remaining unemployed, and then declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth; Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." [Matthew 28:18; Mark 16:15.]

God calls upon His people everywhere to awake and arouse to action. Let no one prescribe the great and solemn work that is to be done. Those who have been entrusted with the talent of means are to bear in mind that this talent is the Lord's, to be used in the work of proclaiming the message to every kindred and nation and tongue and people. Then let God's people accept their privilege of uniting with Him in the work that waits to be done, and claim the fulfilment of His promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:20.]

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God; looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of

some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garments spotted with the flesh.

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever, Amen.” [Jude 20-25.]

Lt 146, 1907

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

April 16, 1907

Elder S. N. Haskell

South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I received your letter on Monday, April 15; I was pleased to learn where you are.

I hope you will not shut yourselves away from the general work any longer than is essential. We need every worker in the field that can be secured. We consider, however, that you have done nobly.

I would be pleased to have you visit Melrose and see how things are going. I am somewhat troubled about Sister Nicola. Dr. Nicola has had an influence with Brother and Sister Nicola, especially through the wife. She has the strong Byington temperament—a very useful woman on the right side, and a dangerous element on the wrong side.

Dr. Kress and wife with their three children have arrived from Australia. They reached St. Helena on Sunday, April 14. They had a very pleasant voyage. We had a pleasant visit with them yesterday. Dr. Kress is a strongly built man and seems to be in sound health. His wife is considerably worn and needs to rest and take care of herself for a time. The daughter looks a picture of health. I have not seen the two younger children. They are staying at the sanitarium.

On Sunday we leave for our long-talked-of trip to Southern California. Dr. Kress will accompany us. We would like to have them become acquainted with the sanitariums in Southern California, and he is desirous of making this visit. We are very glad to have Dr. Kress and his family in this field. As soon as this visit to the South has been made, we will hasten him on to Washington; for he is needed there.

It is now daylight. I will not write you much at this time; for I need every moment of my time to get done what writing I must do before I go. I shall not attempt to do much while I am away.

I am sorry that we shall not meet you in Southern California. There is a decided work to be done in that part of the field. It is my earnest desire that a wholesome influence shall be exerted by the workers who labor there. I pray that the Lord will work mightily, that everything may be set in order.

In a letter just received, I learn that Dr. Ross has gone to the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I believe that he and his wife will do a good work there. Dr. Kellogg had no use for Dr. Ross. He would not sign his documents, and stories about him have been circulated that have hurt his influence. But I believe that Dr. Ross will make a good physician for the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, and I am glad that he is there. We were in desperate need of a physician for that place, and now that burden is taken from my mind.

I praise the Lord daily for His goodness and mercy and loving-kindness. Let us encourage gratitude in our hearts that He spares our lives to work for Him.

Lt 148, 1907

Harper, Sister [Walter]

April 16, 1907 [typed]

Mrs. Harper

418 N. Millwood St.

Wichita, Kansas

Dear Sister Harper:

I have received your letter, and in reply to it I would say, I cannot advise you to return to Walter Harper unless you see decided changes in him. The Lord is not pleased with the ideas he has had in the past of what is due to a wife. At one time I spoke very plainly to Walter in regard to his responsibilities to his wife. It is very clear to me that it would be a mistake for you to be united again while your love for him is quenched. He cannot make you happy unless his views are changed.

You have a duty to perform to your mother. You should not place yourself in a position where you would be miserable and unhappy; and if Brother Harper holds to his former views, the future would be no better for you than the past has been. He does not know how to treat a wife.

I feel very sad about this matter. I feel indeed sorry for Walter, but I cannot advise you to go to him against your judgment. I speak to you as candidly as I spoke to him; it would be perilous for you to again place yourself under his dictation. I had hoped that he would change.

Brother Harper can place his father in one of our sanitariums, where he will have good care. Your experience of the past is not to be repeated. When you are released from the care of your mother, you can act a part in one of our sanitariums.

The Lord understands all about your experiences, Sister Harper. Be of good courage in the Lord; He will not leave you nor forsake you. My heart goes out in tenderest sympathy for you. Hang your helpless soul on Christ.

You know that not one word passed between you and me in regard to your going to Battle Creek, neither have you spoken to me concerning your life with Brother Harper in the past. Not a word of complaint have you made to me. The course you took in going to Battle Creek you took on your own responsibility, because you deemed it just and right; and this I do not condemn.

Now, my dear sister, you have obtained a knowledge of how to treat the sick, and your help is needed in our sanitarium work. When you write, please tell me in regard to your mother's health.

Lt 150, 1907

Workers at Paradise Valley Sanitarium

St. Helena, California

April 17, 1907

To the workers at Paradise Valley Sanitarium:

I address a few words to you this morning.

I am glad that Dr. Ross has united with the workers at the sanitarium. The acquaintance I have had with Dr. Ross has been a very pleasant one. I know him to be courteous and kindly, and I have always looked upon him as a Christian gentleman. Years ago he refused to come under the ruling powers at the Battle Creek Sanitarium; and because he refused to sign certain documents, he was spoken against, and his influence was injured.

Our strength and help is in God. Christ is the head of the church, and He expects every Christian to surrender to His will and live for His glory. The influence of each is to result in bringing many sons and daughters to God. We meet a great number of unconverted people every day, and we have an individual work to do in leading these souls to Christ. The people who shall compose the family of God above are to be united as a family here on earth. All power in heaven and earth will combine with their efforts for the conversion of souls. The Ruler of the universe, through the gift of His Son, has reconciled all things unto Himself, and has organized companies, that they may attain to perfection of character through obedience to the truth and by becoming co-workers with His church in heaven.

Matchless love for a fallen world was expressed in the commission Christ gave to His disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature;" "and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:20.]

My fellow workers, pray for that which the Spirit alone can impart. Cultivate kindness and love and respect for each other. Let each do his appointed work according to his ability.

I hope to visit you soon.

Lt 152, 1907

Brethren in Battle Creek

St. Helena, California

April 17, 1907

To the brethren in Battle Creek:

I speak to the believers in Battle Creek: Cling to the Lord with mind and heart. Give heed to the warnings that the Lord has sent, and you will not be overcome by Satan's delusions. You will have trials to meet; but if you will look to the Lord, He will be your strong tower, to which you may run and be safe.

My heart aches when I consider the stubborn resistance on the part of some to the truth we have held for half a century. Night after night I cannot sleep. My soul is bowed down with heavy burdens when I consider that some of my old friends and some of my own relatives are refusing to walk in the light that God is sending by His Holy Spirit. O that the Searcher of hearts would arouse these souls to realize their true condition. I call to mind the trial that Christ was called to endure when He was rejected by the members of His own family. "Neither did His own brethren believe in Him"—this must have been one of the cruelest of His many trials. [John 7:5.]

May the Lord open the blind eyes, that the men who have withstood the counsels and warnings of God, and have acted as though it were a virtue to resist the instruction of the Holy Spirit, may discern their true condition. I have written to Frank Belden, and to Russell Hart, but my appeals have not moved them. They continue to reveal what manner of spirit has taken possession of them.

In my dreams I seem to be pleading with the believers in Battle Creek. I am so burdened for these souls who seem determined to fight against the message sent, that I awake in the night pleading with God to open the blind eyes.

I thank the Lord that there are many who can discern now, if not before, the spirit that has taken possession of those who resist the warnings of the Spirit of God. I am bidden to say to the believers in Battle Creek, Press together. Let no words be spoken to irritate or provoke. Stand firmly in the faith in which God has led us for the last fifty years.

Time is passing into eternity. Many who ought to have keen perceptions are blinded by false theories and false influences. They are unready to meet the last great conflict, and they do not realize their unprepared condition. My prayer for them is: "O Thou Searcher of hearts, let Thy Word, which is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, pierce to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. Bring these souls who are in so great peril because of their lack of discernment to realize that they must cope with satanic powers."

Many are closing their hearts against the Holy Spirit of God. Many who once understood the workings of the Spirit of God, Christ does not own today. O that God would stir the hearts of those who have once walked in the light, but who now walk in darkness; who have once known what it meant to have the grace of God in their hearts, but who are now destitute of that grace. They have had the light of the Spirit of God, but in their blindness, they have quenched that light, and they are now under the condemnation of God.

Who have a realization of the conditions of the unbelieving world? Who are preparing their hearts to receive the impressions of the Spirit of God? Those who receive the light, and walk in the light, will have increased light.

In these last days God called for united efforts from His people. Never was there a time when there was greater need of the deep movings of the Spirit of God than now when we are called to contend with men imbued with the spirit of Satan. Those who have departed from the faith will make

manifest that they were led away by seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and that these have taken possession of the soul.

What an account must be rendered to God by those who are planting themselves on Satan's side. I am praying that God will anoint their eyes with eyesalve, that they may see their peril and escape from their dangerous position as quickly as possible. When these poor souls realize that they have lost time, lost experience which should have made them wise unto salvation, they will understand that they have been working on the enemy's side. Then they will ask themselves, What have I been teaching to others? What has been my testimony for truth and righteousness? How does my record stand in the books of heaven?

"Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to My words? saith the Lord. ... I have sent also unto you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I shall give you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor harkened unto Me. ... Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them; because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, and they have not answered.

"And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before Me for ever."
[Jeremiah 35:12, 13, 15, 17-19.]

As a people we need to study this portion of sacred history; for these experiences are being brought into the lives of the people of God in these last days. A people who have had great light, and every evidence of truth, are turning away from the light and following their own impulses. The instruction God has given in the record of His people in early days is not regarded. The mistakes and sins of His early people are being repeated in His people today; the warnings and admonitions given in that day are not being heeded in this. Notwithstanding all the warnings that have been given, they see not their danger, but join the ranks of the enemy and fight on his side. They choose to entertain their own ideas and to follow the suggestions of their own minds. The Lord is greatly dishonored by their course, and He is removing His Spirit from them. "Shall I not judge them for these things," saith the Lord, "unless they repent?" [See Jeremiah 5:9.]

In the thirty-sixth chapter of Jeremiah is recorded an act on the part of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, that our people would do well to study. "And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which He had spoken unto him, upon the roll of a book.

“And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the Lord: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord in the ears of the people in the Lord’s house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the Lord hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the Lord in the Lord’s house. ...

“When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the Lord, then he went down into the king’s house, into the scribe’s chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there. ... Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi ... unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears.

“Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, that they were afraid, both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king all these words. And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be.

“And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe’s chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king.

“Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was upon the hearth. Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments; neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them.” [Verses 1-8, 11-25.]

Some in the experience of the past few years have virtually repeated the act of King Jehoiakim in burning the messages of the Spirit of God. But today as of old the messages of warning have been repeated.

“Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch spake at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned. And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the Lord; Thou hast burned this roll saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith the Lord of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the

day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they harkened not." [Verses 27-31.]

The Lord has been trifled with by His people. The time that should have been devoted to repentance and reform has been spent in criticism and in following man-formed opinions and ideas. A terrible influence for evil is exerted when men turn from the right way to follow selfish devisings. Satan is playing the game of life for the souls of men, and he is gaining victory after victory. We can learn from a study of King Jehoiakim's example what men will do when they pass the boundary line. We see it in the persecution and suffering that Christ endured at the hands of wicked men. We see it in the treatment that the Lord's faithful servants in every age have received.

Lt 154, 1907

Washburn, J. S.

St. Helena, California

April 17, 1907

Elder J. S. Washburn

Dear Brother Washburn:

I have just received and read your letter, in which you tell me about your visits to the colleges in Nashville. I am so glad that you are beginning to understand why our work should be located in Nashville. A wide interest should be manifested for the colored people.

We ought to have in Nashville a first-class sanitarium established for the colored people, that shall be conducted by physicians and workers who will do their work wisely. The colored people of the South are to become educated workers; through the reception of the gospel they are to become teachers of the gospel to their own people.

Brother Washburn, you and your co-laborers should ever bear in mind that you are in a missionary field where a grand, all-round work is to be done for God. The heathen are right about you. Should you follow the course that has been pursued in the past toward the colored people, you would not fulfil your duty. The Lord calls for missionary work to be done. Those who make the South their field of labor are not to perpetuate the prejudice that has existed in the past against the colored people. They are not to pass them by with little or no attention. The teachers of the truth are to labor for this neglected race, and by their efforts win the respect, not only of the colored people, but of the workers in other denominations.

May the Lord bless you in this work is my earnest prayer.

The words that Christ spoke to His disciples, when He sent them forth the first time, will sometimes apply to the experiences of the worker today. "Behold," He said, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves." You will need to understand how to meet all classes. "Be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." [Matthew 10:16.] "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, (black as well as white), how shall He not," the apostle asks, "with Him also freely

give us all things?" [Romans 8:32.] Well might the apostle also ask, "How shall we not all freely give Him our most devoted service?"

We need to study the life of Him who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. Then we shall not be unwilling to give kind, disinterested labor to those who need it.

Do not lose interest in the work for the colored people. Do not rest until sanitarium work is established for them, both at the Huntsville school and at Nashville. In the past much labor has been given to this people under the most trying circumstances; and you should not overlook what has been done by the hardest kind of labor. Do not ignore what has been done, but unite your sympathies with the sympathies and labors of those who have gone before you and prepared the way. God help you and give you wisdom to know how to treat your fellow workers. Christian instrumentality is a wonderful thing. If its place in the divine economy is appreciated as it should be, the workers will appreciate more than they do what has been accomplished in the southern field.

When I first visited the South, I learned many things regarding the work that had been done there; and when I can do so, I will have a history of that work published. Those who did not take part in it cannot fully understand how much of self-denial and sacrifice it called for.

I hope you will follow up the work begun in Nashville, for there is much to be done for all classes in that city. Do not forget that there is an important work to be done in the schools for the colored people in that city. Give special attention to the colleges established there. Much labor has been expended in educational lines of work by other denominations.

We must not treat the colored people as though God had no message for them. Become acquainted with the teachers. Encourage them in their work, and take a part with them in their labors when this is possible. The gospel in its simplicity is to be presented to this people. If you will labor in the Spirit of Christ, conversions to the truth will be the result of this work.

Lt 156, 1907

Washburn, J. S.

St. Helena, California

April 18, 1907

Elder J. S. Washburn

Dear Brother:

I am sorry that you should make any excuse for withholding your sympathy from the workers in Madison. It is true that they have made some mistakes; but they have confessed their errors with brokenness of heart and have done what they could to rectify their mistakes. After I had pointed out to them their wrong, and they had confessed it, we prayed together, and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon them. Then I could say to them, The Lord has pardoned your transgression.

My brother, you would have had evidence of this, if you had taken pains to see them often and bind up their sympathies with yours. It was your privilege, instead of judging them, to speak to them kindly; instead of treating them with coldness, to give them your kindness and sympathy and love.

You have been represented to me as holding yourself aloof from these brethren. Had you gone to them in the Spirit of Christ, and studied with them the needs of the field, you would have said, These brethren need some of the means we are handling. Had you inquired into their needs, and advocated the dividing with them of the means given for the work in that field, considering that "All ye are brethren" [Matthew 23:8], you would have done a work well pleasing to the Lord. Those who withdraw their sympathy and help from their fellow laborers, God will deal with in a way to show them His displeasure.

God does not require His servants all to work in precisely the same way. Each worker should thank God that he has a part in the Lord's vineyard, and each should believe that the Lord is leading his brother workers as verily as he believes that the Lord is leading him. The words of Christ, "All ye are brethren," should ever be kept in mind. [Verse 8.] The spirit that leads the workers to measure themselves among themselves, and to estimate the value of a worker according to human judgment, is not the Spirit of Christ.

Wherever you labor, come close to your brethren. Bear in mind that the Holy Spirit is the converter and sanctifier of the soul. The power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is pledged to every believer, to preserve unity and love, and to sustain him in his labor for the recovery of lost souls. When we are united with Christ, we will co-operate harmoniously for the salvation of souls. There is no miracle of mercy unperformed, no angel left undirected, that is necessary for the work of uniting God's people in the grand work of saving souls.

The Madison School needs our help just as truly as help was needed for the sanitarium. The brethren connected with that school have done an excellent work. In their efforts to combine manual labor with other school work, all have gained a valuable experience. The Lord has not been pleased with your indifference toward the school.

The Madison School is in the very place to which we were directed by the Lord, in order that it might have an influence and make a right impression upon the people. The Lord has been dishonored by the indifferent treatment given to the workers in this school by their fellow workers. They need encouragement and good, wholesome fellowship, and they are as verily deserving of it as are other workers in the southern field.

Lt 158, 1907

Friends who are caring for Elder Simpson

Loma Linda, California

April 26, 1907

To the friends who are caring for Elder Simpson:

I feel impressed to recommend for your consideration the use of charcoal as a powerful agency for removing poison from the system. I have on several occasions been impressed to suggest the use of charcoal, and it has often brought relief when every other means had failed.

When we were in Texas, one of our neighbors was taken sick because of imprudence in eating. The organs of excretion failed to act properly, and his system was poisoned. He was in terrible agony. His family sent for me to come and pray for him. Then it was impressed upon my mind to send some one to the blacksmith's for charcoal, pulverize it, and place it as a poultice over the entire abdomen. This was done, and the effect produced was wonderful.

This brother had intended to be one of a party to go with a number of teams through Texas, but because of his illness he was left behind. The next day, however, as we were resting, we looked back and saw a team crossing the ferry. When it came nearer, we saw with it our brother who had been so ill.

On several other occasions I have seen the charcoal poultice tried with favorable results.

Lt 160, 1907

Starr, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

Loma Linda, California

April 30, 1907

Dear Brother and Sister Starr:

A message has been given to me for you. The Lord has in His work a place for you both. You have been greatly tried, but through all your trials the Lord's grace and His loving care have been over you both. The angels of God have been round about you. As you have sought the Lord, His Spirit has ever been ready to guide you into right paths.

Brother Starr, it is your privilege and your duty to resist steadfastly the suggestions of the enemy that tend to discouragement. The Lord has permitted you to be brought into strait places, but He has preserved you. He has enabled you to discern between the true and the false. It has pleased Him that, even under great stress of circumstances, you have refused flattering, worldly inducements, that would have led you to dishonor Him. In His great love for you, He has kept you from permitting flattering, worldly inducements, or the opportunity to avail yourself of large advantages, to take away your uppermost desire to maintain your communion with God, and to remain with your feet ever planted upon the platform of eternal truth. You have felt that full communion with the living God is more to be desired than great gifts or a life of ease. The honor of God must be preserved at any cost.

You have gained victories, where many would have found excuse to receive a bribe of seeming advantages. Through the pure truth of the Word, you have preserved your integrity. Had you yielded the principles of truth, the enemy would have prevailed and God would have been dishonored.

In the books of heaven is registered your determination to keep the way of the Lord. God has marked the power of the truth implanted in the soul to control the actions of the life. The

conscientious and steadfast maintenance of right under tests that have been brought to bear testify that correct principles have been held sacred. In the sight of Him who has said, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even the golden wedge of Ophir," it is written of you, "Kept by the power of God through temptation." [Isaiah 13:12.]

Brother Starr, you are not to demerit the experiences through which you have passed. God has been nigh you, angels have preserved you. Let His keeping power be to you an evidence of His love. Resist the power of unbelief, and glorify God by holding fast the truth in faith. With your whole heart say, I believe in the power of Christ to save and to keep. He will help you to maintain truth in the inner court of the soul.

We are living amid the perils of the last days. The Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth, but the Lord has not left you, my brother. I am bidden to encourage you to believe that your life has not been wasted. Wake up, my brother, and the Lord will guide you to the work He has for you. But do not longer please the enemy by yielding to the temptation to despair. Let the truth of God be to your soul as the sunshine and the vital air.

My brother, will you not co-operate with the great Healer? It is necessary that you exercise your muscles as well as your nerves. While you are here at Loma Linda, or wherever you may be, do not neglect physical exercise. The hands, the feet, all the muscular organs were created for action. And if you do not exercise these organs and your brain power proportionately, you will lose that vitality which you should preserve.

The Lord has instructed me to tell you that you are to use the members of the body as well as the brain. Find something that you can do about the place, and make it a special charge to use the limbs and also the organs of speech. God gave these members for use, not to remain idle.

Many people come to our sanitariums who have thought they could not exercise their muscles. I remember one of our workers who some years ago came to the institution in St. Helena. He was so weak he felt he could not arise from his bed. The physician in charge of the case told me, I see no hope for him unless we can get him off from the bed and make use of his limbs and his mind in some way. I advised the doctor to persuade the patient to dress himself for a short walk for the purpose of asking his opinion about something. It proved to be a difficult matter to get him off his bed, but he succeeded; and again the next day, he went a little farther. After three weeks, the man needed no further urging, and he soon acquired a good appetite for hygienic food. This was seventeen years ago, and the man is still alive, strong in brain, bone, and muscle.

My brother, you cannot be what you should be physically unless you exercise the powers of your being equally. I recommend to you, as one of the Lord's remedial agencies, that you take right hold and work for a period of time each day, lightly at first, but gradually increase your labor. You can spend part of your time in the office helping Sister Burden, but you should not neglect to find some work that will bring into action the hands and limbs. This is the Lord's prescription for you.

I shall now leave this matter with you. The Lord is your Helper and your God. He desires to take your case in hand, and He will co-operate with you, as you put in working order brain, bone, and muscle. Will you take this prescription of the great Physician? You will never gain strength in turning your

thoughts upon yourself and in brooding over the past or in worry for the future. You can do for yourself what no one else can do for you. I beseech of you to try this remedy.

Lt 162, 1907

White, W. C.

"Paradise Valley Sanitarium," National City, California

May 8, 1907

Elder W. C. White

My dear Son:

We are still here at the sanitarium. Yesterday Dores and Peter Wessels went to Tijuana, Mexico, and to the Sweetwater Dam.

In the forenoon I had an interview with Brother and Sister Magan. He told me that he did not feel free in consenting for the Madison School to undertake to operate a food enterprise five miles away from their headquarters. He feels that they must be careful and not undertake too many lines. Unless great care is exercised, he fears that Brother Sutherland will lose his life. He did not make quite such a strong statement as this, but I respect his judgment in this matter.

Since you left I have had some serious impressions. I cannot undertake to engage in such an enterprise as that we talked over. It would be very difficult for me to carry out the suggestions regarding my working in Redlands with Sister Starr.

I write this after due consideration yesterday and the past night. I shall, after visiting San Pasqual, go as we planned to Loma Linda and spend a little time there, as seems to be in harmony with the will of God; but I do not feel that it is my duty to take on additional burdens in opening up the work in Redlands. I want to keep myself where I can fill in when it is necessary, but I must shun every burden possible. I have a solemn, sacred work, and I must keep my mind free from worry and anxiety, so far as possible, that I may receive and impart to others the impressions of the Spirit of God.

I do not feel free to ask the Caro family to come to Southern California unless I see plainly that the Lord has opened the way for them. Let them remain where they are for the present, until we see clear light ahead. They seem to be placed in our charge, and we must exercise a responsibility in planning wisely for them. In no case would I place them in a position where I would not desire to be placed were I in a like situation.

I find myself frequently placed where I dare give neither assent nor dissent to propositions that are submitted to me; for there is danger that any words I may speak shall be reported as something that the Lord has given me. It is not always safe for me to express my own judgment; for sometimes when someone wishes to carry out his own purpose, he will regard any favorable word I may speak as special light from the Lord. I shall be cautious in all my movements.

I feel deeply burdened as I see the conditions existing among the church members in San Diego. Strange representations have been given me of plans and of actions that are not profitable for true Christian experience.

“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 us, 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.]

We must not, for any consideration, urge Edson to use his brain power at the present time. The danger of this has been pointed out to me. He is rather in need of restraint, until he gets his bearings. Should he come to California as soon as possible, and work with Brother Crisler, the difficulty might be greatly lessened. In the visions of the night, I have been shown that he is in great danger of disqualifying himself for future usefulness. He has had the trial of sending away his wife, who herself is in a precarious condition of health.

In view of the things that have been often repeated to me, we would make a mistake in urging Edson to complete his book when he is so unsettled and troubled in mind. Let us rather encourage him to get away from Nashville as soon as possible, where he may have a change in surroundings. For the saving of his physical and spiritual health we must treat him tenderly. I am sorry that I did not think of some of these cautions before you left. Let us act wisely in this matter.

Lt 164, 1907

White, J. E.

National City, California

May 7, 1907

Elder J. E. White

Dear Son Edson:

I have received your letters, and I write to assure you that, in harmony with what W. C. White has written to you, I will provide the means that may be necessary to secure and hold the property that you desired to rent in Mountain View, if you still feel sure you want it. I have made arrangements to receive a loan of some money from Sister Gotzian, and this I will receive as soon as it can be sent to her from Oregon.

In many places I see great need for the investment of means in the cause of God. Next week I expect to return to Loma Linda, and while there I will do what I can to help forward the work in the surrounding cities. I desire to invest some means in the work in these places. I hope to find opportunity to speak to our people in that locality and to arouse them to a sense of their responsibility to hold up the light of truth. If, before I leave Loma Linda, I can see the right work begun, I shall not then feel pressed as a cart beneath sheaves after I return home.

Mrs. Doctor Starr has been doing a good work in San Bernardino. She has been giving education in health principles and has found access to many fine homes. I hope to strengthen her hands and give her encouragement to continue the work in Redlands and Riverside.

In a few weeks there is a camp-meeting at St. Helena, and I have promised to attend; so I must soon return home.

Our church members need to arouse, that they may give the truth, putting forth every effort possible to make that truth appear in all its Bible strength.

Lt 166, 1907

White, W. C.

Loma Linda, California

May 13, 1907

Elder W. C. White

Dear Son Willie:

We have just returned to Loma Linda. We felt it to be our duty to visit San Pasqual and Escondido, where we had never been before.

We had telephoned to Dr. Judson, and two teams from San Pasqual met us at Escondido station. Brother Olmstead urged us to stay with him over night, and I did indeed feel tired; but when I thought of Sister Judson's driving back alone, I decided that it was better to go on with them.

I spent Friday at Dr. Judson's, and on Sabbath spoke in the little church near her house. Many had come over from Escondido and the house was packed full. I was surprised to see Brother Oswald Stowell walk in and take a seat near the front. I was glad to see him and gave him a hearty hand shake. The Lord gave me freedom in speaking from the fifteenth chapter of John. I hope that the words spoken will have a good effect. A work needs to be done in San Pasqual and Escondido. Our brethren are giving themselves too much to the tilling of the land, and the truth has not had the attention it should have.

Dores and Sister Gotzian missed the train at Oceanside and were driven over to Escondido. They reached Brother Olmstead's at half-past eleven and stayed there till the next day. Dores spoke to the church at San Pasqual Friday evening, also evening after the Sabbath, and Brother Ballenger preached Sabbath afternoon at San Pasqual; and at Escondido Sunday evening, he spoke on some of the signs of Christ's Second Coming.

Sunday forenoon Dr. Judson drove us over to Escondido to the home of Brother Olmstead. I was interested to learn that Brother Olmstead was acquainted with us when your father was alive. He spoke of meetings and incidents that happened thirty years ago. He has two sons at Fernando attending the school, both preparing to take up missionary work. I read a letter from one who expects to take up the ministry. It was written intelligently and modestly.

I was surprised to find that there were so many in the neighborhood with whom I was acquainted. I would have been pleased to have visited with them all, but I knew that this was out of the question, for I was carrying heavy burdens for Paradise Valley and was obliged to save my strength for speaking in the afternoon.

Our meeting in Escondido was marked by the special influence of the Spirit of God. I had good freedom in speaking from Second Peter chapter one. I spoke decidedly upon the subject of living upon the plan of addition, adding grace to grace. I dealt with the temperance question and urged the necessity of overcoming every intemperate habit. The church was crowded, many being from the outside. Brother Ballenger told me there were three ministers present, one a Christian minister, one a Baptist, and one a Congregational. All listened with the deepest interest. I felt that our visit to these two churches had proved a great blessing.

Sister Gotzian visited a Brother and Sister Buckley at Escondido, who had twelve hundred dollars in the bank. Sister Gotzian told them of the needs of Paradise Valley, and they consented to lend one thousand dollars to the institution. Brother Ballenger and Sister Gotzian remained till Tuesday morning, that they might visit some of the people with means.

Monday morning we took the train for Loma Linda. We changed cars at Oceanside, Orange, and Colton, and reached our destination at about half-past two.

I have had a talk with Brother Burden since coming here. He has told me about the meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Redlands, and the openings it has created for Dr. Starr. He feels decidedly that now is the time to work Redlands, and Riverside, and San Bernardino. Now I must take a little rest. I find traveling on the cars, especially where there are so many changes, is very tiring.

Tuesday morning, May 13. I have a beautiful view looking east from my windows. Now at five o'clock the sun is shining brightly. I am glad the weather is warmer here than it has been where we have been. I am glad to be here; for I feel more at home. Brother Burden has arranged for me to speak at Redlands next Sabbath. Then I will make an appointment to speak at Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon. I will write you more later.

Lt 168, 1907

Magan, P. T.

Loma Linda, California

May 14, 1907

Professor P. T. Magan

Dear Brother Magan:

I bear positive testimony that you and your fellow workers in Madison are doing the work that God has appointed to you. There was in your mind at first a question regarding this, but as you have advanced, you have been able to see the way of the Lord more clearly.

The attitude of opposition or indifference on the part of some of your brethren has created conditions that have made your work more difficult than it should have been. You have not received from some very many words of encouragement, but the Lord is pleased that you have not been easily discouraged.

Some have entertained the idea that because the school at Madison is not owned by a conference organization, those who are in charge of the school should not be permitted to call upon our people for the means that is greatly needed to carry on their work. This idea needs to be corrected. In the distribution of the money that comes into the Lord's treasury, you are entitled to a portion just as verily as are those connected with other needy enterprises that are carried forward in harmony with the Lord's instruction.

The Lord Jesus will one day call to account those who would so tie your hands that it is almost impossible for you to move in harmony with the Lord's bidding. "The silver and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." [Haggai 2:8; Psalm 50:10.] You and your associates are not novices in educational work; and when you are in stress for means with which to advance the work, you are just as much entitled to ask for that which you need as are other men to present the necessities of the work in which they are engaged.

You have in the past done much to bring means into circulation in the work of God. And you need not now feel troubled about accepting gifts and freewill offerings; for you will need them in the work of preparing young men and young women to labor in the Lord's vineyard. As you carry on this work in harmony with the Lord's bidding, you are not to be kept on a constant strain to know how to secure the means you need in order to go forward. The Lord forbids the setting up of walls and bands around workers of experience who are faithfully acting their God-appointed part.

Much precious time has been lost because manmade rules and restrictions have been sometimes placed above the plans and purposes of God. In the name of the Lord I appeal to our conference workers to strengthen and support and labor in harmony with our brethren at Madison, who are carrying forward a work that God has appointed them.

Lt 170, 1907

Campbell, M. N.; Amadon, G. A.

"Paradise Valley Sanitarium," National City, California

May 6, 1907

Elder M. N. Campbell and G. A. Amadon

Dear Brethren:

I am now visiting the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Since I came here last Wednesday, I have spoken twice to the workers in the institution and to the church in San Diego Sabbath morning and Sunday afternoon.

Wherever I go I try to emphasize the fact that our success in missionary effort is dependent upon the character we manifest. The truth of the Word of God, obeyed and carried out in earnest action after

the divine pattern, will bring sure results. But if we yield to worldly influences, there will be a decline of Christian zeal and devotion and a corresponding failure to win souls to the truth.

The church is to increase in activity and to enlarge her bounds. Our missionary efforts are to be expansive; we must enlarge our borders. There must be action and reaction. The work of educating our youth must be maintained and increased. They are to be taught to reach higher and still higher, pressing toward the standard of genuine Christian education.

While there have been fierce contentions in the effort to maintain our distinctive character, yet we have as Bible Christians ever been on gaining ground. Remembering that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, we are to labor earnestly, ever praying that the saving grace of God will instruct us at every step. We must ever seek to ascertain the will of the Lord and to walk in harmony with it. Let us follow on to know the Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal.

The Lord is giving me strength for my labors in Southern California. I am trusting Him for strength to speak to our people in Redlands and Riverside and San Bernardino. Never have I felt more deeply the necessity of keeping the way of the Lord and of doing His will at all times. Wherever I speak to our people, I tell them that now is the time to do a thorough work for eternity. We must be humble, yet trustful. We must make use of every talent the Lord gives us.

We have been blessed with great and precious light from the Word of God, and we should study how we can make the very best use of this light. Individually we are on test and trial. God is watching to see how we use His great blessings.

What can we say to arouse our people to use their entrusted talents to honor and glorify God? Property is of real value only as it is used in the carrying forward of the Lord's work. The world's greatest need is consecrated effort in labor for the conversion of souls. Thousands upon thousands are perishing without a knowledge of the truth. My soul is sometimes stirred to its very depths, as I see the terrible picture. I prize the truth that we now hold sacred, and I would urge upon all our people that they seek to bring every thought into subjection to Christ, that all their powers may be employed in the work of saving souls.

There should be no sleeping now. It is time to awake and to watch for souls as they that must give an account. As members of the church of Christ, we must do His will on earth.

Let those who desire to be refreshed in mind and instructed in the truth study the history of the early church during and immediately follow the day of Pentecost. Study carefully in the book of Acts the experiences of Paul and the other apostles; for God's people in our day must pass through similar experiences.

Those who have held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end are to bear their living testimony, and their words will have a convincing power upon the people, and many will turn to the Lord. Some will be imprisoned because they refuse to desecrate the Sabbath of the Lord. As the world becomes more imbued with the spirit of the enemy, there will be a very much more vehement opposition to the Word.

Will our churches now arise and awake to the situation? The representatives of Christ are to carry a burden for souls. Every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people is to hear the last message of

mercy to a fallen world. When our churches shall arouse from their drowsy stupor, they will have a better understanding of Bible truth, and they will be ready to devote their money to the cause of God and to give themselves in earnest labor under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God's people are His agents, appointed to proclaim the truth in all parts of the world. The heavenly agencies will act their part, and we must co-operate with them. Behold Christ, our Pattern, how He travailed in soul for the salvation of men.

By their indifference many church members have grieved the Holy Spirit of God. In Christ's stead they are to beseech others to become reconciled to God. Heavenly agencies stand ready to co-operate with those who engage in the work of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is waiting to unite in sympathy with every true believer and to make him a laborer together with God. Let no means be neglected that will advance the work to be done. There must be no self-exaltation and far more prayer.

Make Christ all in all, and He will give dignity to your work; His mind will guide you, and you will be sanctified by His truth. Acknowledge Him as your Redeemer, and you become one with Him, even as He is one with the Father.

Christ has taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." [Matthew 6:10.] This opens to us a height to which we are to attain by steady progression and continual advancement. If all would do unto others as they would that others should do to them, it would be an indication of a converted world. Upon this principle the Christian is to build. We are to ascend a ladder of progress whose top reaches unto heaven.

Every church member is to be engaged in active service for the Master. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" asks the Master. "Go work today in My vineyard. Work while it is day; for the night cometh in which no man can work." [Matthew 20:6; 21:28; John 9:4.] "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord." [Isaiah 43:10.] Can we comprehend it? We are Christ's property, bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ.

Now is our period of stewardship. We are trading on our Lord's goods. Our means, our speech, our influence—all are talents to be used in the Master's service, to be multiplied by wise investment. We must increase our capabilities. If God has entrusted us with three talents, He will not accept of two in return. If we have but one talent, but with it gain yet another, we shall have a position and a place in Christ's service and will finally hear the blessed words of commendation and approval from the lips of our Saviour.

What a terrible mistake for a professed Christian to devote to himself all his time and means and energies! All are to deny themselves, that they may follow Christ. Many souls have not refrained from accepting martyrdom for the sake of Christ. For them is the blessed promise, "He that loseth his life for My sake shall save it unto life eternal." [Matthew 10:39; Mark 8:35; John 12:25.]

Lt 172, 1907

Magan, P. T.

Loma Linda, California

May 15, 1907

Professor P. T. Magan

Dear Brother Magan:

I pray that the Lord's blessing may rest upon you. Your work has been made disagreeable and difficult because of the attitude of some of your brethren. The Lord has not prompted these things that are of a discouraging nature. I have written to you in harmony with the light that I have received for years, but I ask you not to use this in a way that might be injudicious. I feel assured that you will act with proper discretion in this matter.

Our great need is unity. We have not one soul that can be spared. The Lord calls upon us to unify in harmony with Bible truth. This should be repeated over and over in the family and in the church.

It was because of his faithfulness in rebuking evil in the ruling power that John the Baptist was cast into prison. Yet Jesus did not deliver him from persecution. John's faith was severely tested, and he sent messengers to Jesus to inquire of Him, "Art Thou He that should come, or look we for another?" [Luke 7:20.]

The sick and the suffering were crowding about Jesus, hoping for relief. Some were glorifying God for healing they had already received. To the inquiry of John's messengers, the Saviour did not at once reply. But "in that same hour He cured many of their infirmities, and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind He gave sight." [Verse 21.] Christ made bare His holy arm, and gave evidence of His Messiahship. The great miracles He wrought were His reply to the inquiry of the lonely prisoner. The deaf ears heard His voice. He spoke to the blind, and they received their sight. His words quieted the frenzied demoniacs, and the satanic powers were repulsed.

Then Jesus said unto the messengers of John, "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see; the lame walk; lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached." [Verse 22.]

We need individually a greater faith. In our sanitariums the sick are to be healed, and they are to receive a knowledge of right methods of living. You are making a right move in establishing a sanitarium on the large tract of land you purchased for the Madison School. The building may be simple, yet perfect in all its arrangements. Let [it] be a model that others may copy.

The Lord is not pleased with a division between medical missionary physicians and gospel workers. By some, strange walls have been built up. We should study to reach the unity of the faith. Truth will bear away the victory on every point.

Said Christ, "As the Father gave Me commandment, so I do." [John 14:31.] He came to our world on a mission from the Father. He came to bridge the gulf that sin had made between God and man. There was to be made a provision for a reconciliation, for a union [of] the human with the divine nature. Christ would sanctify all who believe in Him. In the gift of Christ to our world, God has provided for every one a power to overcome evil. He has given unto us "exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." [2 Peter 1:4.]

The great apostasy originally began in a denial of the love of God, as it is plainly revealed in the Word. Provision was then made whereby fallen man might have a powerful revelation of the love of God and be given an opportunity to return to his allegiance to Jehovah. "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.] "I lay down My life for the sheep," says Christ. [John 10:15.] "The bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." [John 6:51.] Here is a revelation of the power mighty to save "to the uttermost." [Hebrews 7:25.] God is light and love.

After the war in the heavenly courts, Satan and his followers were cast out. As human beings, we are subject to the crafty wiles and temptations of this fallen foe. And unless we are kept by the power of Christ, we shall certainly be led away by the satanic sophistries by which the world is flooded. Our safety is to lean not on human power, on the arm of flesh, but upon the divine arm. Those who are partakers of the divine nature will not be beguiled by Satan.

Every one will be tested. Men professing to be Christians will be placed in positions of trust, as guardians over the flock of God. But if they act as dictators, using arbitrary authority, they are out of their place. Christ alone is our sufficiency. Great mischief has resulted from the course of men who set themselves as lords over God's heritage.

We are God's property. In Jesus Christ we are to behold a pattern of what we should be. Every soul should be educated to look not to his fellow men, but unto Christ. He is the author and the finisher of our faith. Let no man think it his place to point out to others in a compulsory manner their duty. This God forbids. All are to be guided in the path of duty by the plain Word of God.

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they that testify of Me." [John 5:39.]

Lt 173, 1907

White, J. E.

Loma Linda, California

May 16, 1907

James Edson White

My dear Son:

I am now seated in one of the best rooms in this sanitarium's third story. I have been sustained on this journey, and I have spoken to the patients and family of Paradise Valley Sanitarium three times. The Lord blessed me. I spoke Sabbath to a full house very plainly. 1 Peter 2:1-12. Then I did not feel relieved of my burden, and I made appointment for Sunday afternoon. We had a very plain, decided work to do, and I told them they had done a work—physicians and those connected with the sanitarium—which they would have to meet in the judgment. Then I prayed with them, and the testimony meeting of confession went on and thus the work did advance while I was taking my cold bath. I have not time now, Edson, to give all particulars of my journey.

Now, my son, do not be in haste to close up matters in Nashville, making gifts to this one and that one, limiting your means. You have embarrassments, and do not increase these embarrassments by keeping on the shortage line. I would say, Why do you make provision for a manufacturing establishment? I think here is where your embarrassments come in; let not the time pass in manufacturing. Take your time to create books, but do not consider that you have to create a manufacturing establishment.

Minister in word and in doctrine, and walk humbly with God. I hope you will heed these words of caution. I know not why you should rush your work. Take time and consider. I write you these few lines. I am now going to see how we can open the work in Redlands.

I pray most earnestly for you, my son. Make haste slowly, and be sure that you are on the Lord's side and under the control of the Holy Spirit. I now go five miles into Redlands to see how we can begin and carry the work there. I shall return to St. Helena after this week; attend camp-meeting near Fresno.

I will write again soon.

Lt 174, 1907

Brethren and Sisters/An Open Letter

Loma Linda, California

May 19, 1907

An Open Letter

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

The Lord has greatly blessed our people in Southern California, in enabling them to secure at very low cost valuable sanitarium properties. Through the institutions that are established here, the Lord desires to reach a class that can be reached in no other way. Therefore I would urge upon our people to whom the Lord has entrusted the talent of means, that they make loans and gifts to place these institutions in a position where they can do without embarrassment the work that will be to the honor and glory of God.

For forty thousand dollars our brethren secured at Loma Linda buildings and land that cost originally one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. These buildings were furnished completely, far more elegantly than we would have furnished them.

The Lord has worked wonderfully in bringing us into possession of this place. Here is a center from which light is to shine into the surrounding cities of Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino, Colton, and other places nearby.

It has been found necessary to provide additional bathroom facilities at Loma Linda and to make some changes to adapt the building to sanitarium work. An elevator is greatly needed, and a small bakery should be added. We are in need of means to accomplish that which must be done, and we pray the Lord to put it into the heart of our brethren and sisters to help in this time of necessity. For

years the Lord instructed us that we should have a sanitarium in the vicinity of San Diego, where many thousands of tourists come every year. A valuable property was secured at National City at a very small part of its original cost. There an important work is to be done in caring for the sick and in reaching many with the light of truth. At the Paradise Valley Sanitarium also it was found necessary to add to the original building, and obligations have been made that must soon be met. The Lord has blessed this institution, and some have been converted to the truth as the result of the work already done.

At Glendale, a few miles from Los Angeles, we purchased a sanitarium at about one fourth its real value. This institution is at the present time full of patients. It is well equipped for work and is in a position of influence. Its need is not so pressing as that of the sanitariums at Loma Linda and National City.

The establishment of these three institutions has brought heavy financial burden to our people in Southern California. Yet they have cheerfully responded to the calls for means that have been made. Brother Burden, Dr. White, and others connected with these sanitariums have invested all they could spare, that the work might not be hindered.

We have none too many sanitariums. There is need for every one that has been established. In these institutions we are endeavoring to carry the work earnestly and solidly, in harmony with the instruction the Lord has given in regard to sanitarium work. They are to stand as a means of teaching the truth in these great centers of tourist resort.

At our request Brother Burden is going East to attend some of our camp-meetings, where he may come in contact with many of our brethren and sisters and lay before them the opportunities for assisting these important branches of the Lord's work. We unite in asking those who have means to spare to consider the matter of investing some of their money in these institutions, thus helping to provide necessary facilities, that a thorough work may be done in caring for the sick who are coming to Southern California in search for health.

May the Lord give ability to help and a willing mind.

Lt 176, 1907

Haskell, Brother and Sister

"Sanitarium," Glendale, California

May 20, 1907

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We left home on our visit to Southern California, April 18. On our way to San Diego, we stopped off at Fernando, and we spent a few days at Loma Linda. At the Paradise Valley Sanitarium we found a very small patronage. Twice I spoke to the helpers and guests. On Sabbath and Sunday, May 4 and 5, I spoke to the church in San Diego. I bore a very plain testimony. Sunday afternoon, I followed an

earnest appeal with a prayer. This was followed by a social meeting, at which some confessions were made.

Thursday, May 9, we left San Diego to visit San Pasqual and Escondido. At San Pasqual we were made comfortable at the home of Dr. Sophie Judson. Sabbath morning I spoke in the little church nearby. Many of our brethren from Escondido were present, and all listened with pronounced attention. We hope some good was accomplished by our visit at this place.

The next day Dr. Judson drove us over to Escondido, a distance of ten miles, and we stopped at the home of Brother H. E. Olmstead. I was surprised to learn that a number of our brethren and sisters from Battle Creek were living in this locality. I was pleased to meet Brother Oswald Stowell, who has a little home in Escondido. I met other old friends, whom I was glad to see. Brother Olmstead is an old resident of Michigan, and we talked over some experiences that we passed through when my husband was in active service. He remembered many incidents that I have forgotten. He seems to be sound in the faith.

In the afternoon at three o'clock I spoke in our church. The building was crowded, and I was told that about half of the congregation were from the outside. Among them were three ministers. I spoke from the first chapter of Second Peter, dwelling quite prominently upon the subject of temperance.

The following morning, Brother Olmstead drove us a short distance to the station, and we returned to Loma Linda, changing cars at Oceanside, Orange, and Colton.

I remained at Loma Linda nearly a week, during which time I spoke to the students twice. Sabbath forenoon I spoke to a large number who had assembled from the surrounding churches. The meeting was held on the lawn. Among those present were some who have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath in Redlands, where Elder Hare and Elder Whitehead have been conducting a series of meetings.

Seats were arranged under the pepper trees at the back of the sanitarium. It was an interesting occasion. The Lord blessed me in speaking from the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. Before I closed, I made a strong appeal to those who had means, to help in the Lord's work, and I presented the needs of the Loma Linda Sanitarium. I urged them not to spend all their efforts merely in commercial lines, but to lay up treasure beside the throne of God. In the evening, Brother Nichols came to my room, his face aglow with happiness, and said, "I want to tell you what your words today have accomplished. A sister came to Brother Burden and gave him ten dollars, and a gentleman has offered to lend him a thousand dollars for a year without interest." I thank the Lord for this response.

From Brother Burden I learned that the one who had offered to lend him a thousand dollars is a patient who had been in the sanitarium for some time. He had a serious stomach difficulty, and for some time his life was hanging in the balance. The crisis safely passed, he has begun to study the truth and is deeply interested.

After the morning service a lunch was provided by the sanitarium on the lawn for the visitors. Brother Burden felt that the sanitarium would not be a loser by doing this, and I agreed with him; for I remember the experiences we have had in the past in making similar provision. Such actions are sometimes the means of sowing seed in the hearts of those who are inquiring after truth.

In the afternoon, Elder Luther Warren gave an excellent discourse. Brother Warren is an able worker, and we hope he may labor for a time in this needy field. Now is a favorable time to work Redlands. The Women's Christian Temperance Union recently held an important convention in Redlands, and Dr. Starr attended their meetings. She was introduced to the convention and by invitation spoke to them on the subject of Healthful Dress. She was well received and has received many invitations to give lectures at various places. We trust that the Lord will open the way before her, that she may be a help in removing the prejudice of some, that they may be willing to listen to the truth.

Yesterday morning, Sunday, we took the train and came without change to Los Angeles. On our arrival we went to the treatment rooms and after resting for a time were driven in a hack to the Carr Street Church. The meeting had been well advertised, and the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The seats were all occupied, many were standing, and some even could not find entrance.

I spoke from the nineteenth chapter of Exodus and the fourth of Deuteronomy, relating how the Lord came down on Mount Sinai before the mighty host of Israel, gave them His law, making to them wonderful promises if they would observe His commandments. Never before have I felt so intensely the importance of this subject. I know that the Lord blessed me and that His angels were present. By the time I had spoken about an hour, I became very hoarse and was obliged to cease.

After the service, I went to the treatment rooms, where I took thorough treatment for my throat and lungs. Then we came out to the Glendale Sanitarium. During the past night I slept some, but this morning I have but little strength. I have been sneezing and coughing and am quite hoarse.

I have an appointment for next Sabbath at the Merced camp-meeting and was planning to stop off on my way home. This I will do, if I am able. The Lord will heal me if it is my duty to attend this large meeting.

I must now close.

With love.

Lt 178, 1907

White, J. E.

Loma Linda, California

May 17, 1907

Elder J. E. White

Dear Son Edson:

I sent you recently some fragmentary letters written at Paradise Valley. I am now here at Loma Linda Sanitarium. Twice I have spoken to the students in the chapel, urging all to arouse themselves and make earnest, diligent efforts individually to seek the Lord.

At San Diego, I bore a most solemn message to the church. I am working with all the powers of my being to present to our people the necessity of receiving the Holy Spirit. This is the privilege of the church.

At His ascension, Christ was highly exalted and given a name that is above every name. With demonstrations of great joy, the angelic host welcomed the Redeemer. Thousands upon thousands gave homage to Him. Cherubim and seraphim joined in joyous worship. Christ was glorified before His Father. His offering had been accepted. The redemption price for a lost race had been fully paid, and it was now possible for humanity, through faith and obedience, to become once more members of the divine family.

Before His crucifixion, Christ had spoken to His disciples of the Comforter that should be sent. "It is expedient for you that I go away," He said, "for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you. And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and ye see Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come." [John 16:7-13.]

Again, just before His final departure from the world, Jesus said to His disciples, "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." [Luke 24:49.] "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." [Acts 1:8.]

"And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight." [Verse 9.]

The succeeding days were spent by the disciples in earnest prayer for the fulfilment of the promise of the Father. Their prayers were heard in heaven. They confessed their sins to God and also made confessions one to another. They placed themselves and all their possessions upon the altar of sacrifice. Earnestly did they search their hearts, that they might put away sin.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." [Acts 2:1-4.]

Our people should study the second chapter of Acts. Before representatives of all nations, gathered in Jerusalem, was manifested the power of the gospel of a risen Saviour when preached by men under the influence of the Holy Spirit. "The same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles." [Verses 41-43.]

In the gospel of Mark, the record is given in the following words: "Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and 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 shall they 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.]

How abundant is the gift to our world of the Holy Spirit! It is beyond the power of language to express the blessings it brings to God's people. If received and appreciated, the Holy Spirit will make us holy, Christlike. Through its agency, we are united with Christ, partakers of the divine nature. The reception of the Holy Spirit in its fulness is the great need of the church today. Let us pray earnestly that it may soon be realized.

Lt 180, 1907

Brethren at the Merced Camp-Meeting

St. Helena, California

May 29, 1907

To my ministering brethren at the Merced Camp-meeting

Dear Brethren:

I feel a deep interest in the meetings now being held in Merced and am anxious for their success. Let all who minister in word and doctrine closely examine their own heart before God. Expel every sentiment that would draw attention to self. Encourage all to carry their burdens, not to man, but to the unerring Counselor. He will give light to those who earnestly seek Him.

Let our ministers who are associated in an effort for souls meet together early in the morning or at some convenient hour and unite in earnestly seeking the Lord. There is a deeper knowledge to be obtained in experimental godliness.

To every man is committed individual gifts, termed talents. Some regard these talents as being limited to certain men who possess superior mental endowments and genius. But God has not restricted the bestowal of His talents to a favored few. To every one is committed some special endowment, for which he will be held responsible by the Lord. Time, reason, means, strength, mental powers, tenderness of heart—all are gifts from God, entrusted to be used in the great work of blessing humanity.

Some apparently have but few talents, but by diligent trading on their Lord's goods their endowments will be greatly increased. Those who criticize and discourage any of the Lord's workers

need an individual conversion; for they are doing the work of the great enemy of souls. Never speak a discouraging word to one who feels but little confidence in his own capabilities. The Lord is watching over every such soul; and if he will put his trust in the One who understands him, the Lord will increase his influence.

And unless those who are supposed to have in their possession large gifts maintain unwearied diligence, they will, because of self-confidence and self-righteousness, become careless and move unguardedly. Forgetting their need of continuing instant in prayer, they will lightly regard their moral responsibilities. Those who do not continually sanctify their souls through the grace that Christ is ever ready to supply will be on losing ground.

We cannot afford to use in a selfish manner the talents entrusted to us. Some are praised by their associates until they become careless in their use of the Lord's goods. They employ their powers to favor themselves. The Lord is watching every one to see whether he will use his talents wisely and unselfishly, or whether he will seek his own advancement. The talents are distributed to every man according to his several ability, that he may add to them by wise investment. Each one must give an account to the Master for his own actions.

The Lord will not require from those who are poor that which they have not to give: He will not require from the sick the active energies which bodily weakness forbids. No one need mourn because he cannot glorify God with talents that were never entrusted to him. But if you have only one talent, use it well, and it will accumulate. If the talents are not buried, they will gain yet other talents.

The goods we receive are not our own. The entrusted capital is to be used; and when the returns are made, they are still the Lord's property. We have no right to hoard these talents; when the Lord Jesus returns, He expects to receive His own with usury. When, as church members, we all realize that everything we have is a loan from our Master, many more souls will, because of a wise use of our talents, be brought to a knowledge of the truth. Every church should work earnestly to win souls to Christ. To be a light in the world should be the aim of every family.

Let every one glorify God for the marvelous love of God revealed in His saving grace. Let gratitude be manifested in liberal offerings and in an interest manifested to bring others to a saving knowledge of the truth.

Workers together with God will be drawn out in much earnest prayer, in the humbling of self, and in deep humility of soul, seeking for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The time has come when we must seek for the power of the Holy Spirit, a power that shall give force to the warnings that are to be given to the world. Souls are thirsting for the living waters of life, and to us the Lord has entrusted the sacred work of opening to them the Scriptures in clear, distinct, positive testimony. The words we speak are to be an evidence that the Holy Spirit is speaking through [us] as His messengers. God will speak to our souls as we labor for Him. Then let our light shine forth in clear, distinct rays. Angels of God are round about His humble, consecrated workmen.

The Lord is waiting for an expression of our gratitude. To every believer He has entrusted a message of light and hope. Then why should not our souls be full of gratitude and praise to God? "Whoso

offereth praise glorified God." [See Psalm 50:23.] Gratitude is a result of the transforming grace of Christ upon the heart.

My brethren, you are assembled in an important meeting. In all your discourses present the Lord Jesus as the anointed One. Teach the truth as it is found in the Word. Pray as humble suppliants for the Saviour to soften and subdue hearts, that they may by faith lay hold upon Christ.

By next mail I will send you copy of some things I have recently written to our brethren in Battle Creek.

Lt 182, 1907

Robinson, A. T.

Glendale, California

May 22, 1907

Elder A. T. Robinson

Dear Brother Robinson:

At our request Brother Burden has consented to visit important gatherings of our people in the middle west and to endeavor to secure gifts or loans for some of our Southern California sanitariums. We desire that wherever he goes he may be given opportunity to present the work and needs of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium and the Loma Linda Sanitarium. We need help in both these places. Both at Loma Linda and at Paradise Valley it has been necessary to build additions to the main building for bathrooms. This has left us with debts that must be met shortly, and we greatly need financial assistance.

At Loma Linda, a school is being conducted for the training of medical missionary evangelists, and we want this school to be of the highest order. Both the sanitarium and the school can be a help one to the other.

Elder Burden has felt an earnest interest in the advancement of the sanitarium work along right lines. He and Sister Burden have put their whole soul into an effort to make the work at Loma Linda a success. They have put into the institution all the means they could spare to keep the enterprise moving. We have the utmost confidence in the integrity of Brother Burden and have no reason to doubt that the Lord selected him as the manager of the Loma Linda Sanitarium.

Will you, Brother Robinson, assist Brother Burden in his mission in half of these institutions? You may introduce him to some of our loyal brethren who have means, or you may permit him to speak before gatherings of our people and raise donations or loans in your conference. We trust that our brethren in Nebraska may be able to assist in relieving the pressure for means that exists at present in these two sanitariums that the Lord has providentially placed in our hands.

I will not have time to write more at this time. Does is now taking the trunks to the station, and we leave Los Angeles tonight at 11:30. We expect to stop off for a few days at the Merced camp-meeting. I will praise the Lord if He gives me strength to speak to our people in the large tent there.

Lt 184, 1907

Wolfsen, Brother

June 4, 1907 [typed]

Dr. Wolfsen

Dear Brother:

Before we left your house for the cars, you asked me a question regarding the matter of your leaving Merced. I had not thought much of this matter until last night, when, in my sleep, I seemed to be conversing with you. I asked you if you had considered who would remain in your place to act a part in building up the church in that place.

The message has now gone to Merced, and the Lord is moving upon hearts. There is a work to be accomplished there, and all that can possibly be done should be done now to create an interest in the truth that is being preached. Every jot of influence that can be placed on the side of truth and righteousness is now called for. You have many advantages. You have tact and ability to gain an influence. You are needed there to witness on the Lord's side. Your example, and the example of your brother's family, in the observance of the Sabbath, will be an influence for the truth in Merced. You are to be light-bearers to those who do not know the truth. It is your privilege to speak words to those with whom you associate that will deepen the impression that has been made by the camp-meeting.

Would you be willing to let your brethren carry your share of responsibility, while you act no part in the work? God has given to every man his work. He has a part for you to act. In answer to your question, He says to you, Not now. In the providence of God the message of truth has been brought to your home. It is your privilege to bear a part in the proclamation of truth in that important place. It is your privilege to help prepare a people who will stand with God in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Do not move away from Merced in order to avoid responsibilities that you are assuredly capable of carrying. Your influence is needed in Merced. You can be a blessing where you are.

I was shown that you and your wife can do a blessed work in Merced if you will. You can show to your friends and neighbors that you believe the truth for this time and that you are willing to answer the call of Christ, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.]

Our people in Merced have no place of their own in which to assemble for worship on the Sabbath. Is not this the time for you to help in the establishment of a church in your home town? God has entrusted you with means, and He wants you now to respond to His call for help. He is placing you where you can give evidence to the world that you love God, by sharing the responsibilities of His work. May the Holy Spirit move upon your heart, and upon the heart of your brother, to do at this time the work that He requires of all His stewards of means and intellect.

I trust, my brother, that you and your wife, and your brother and his family, will meet the Lord's expectation of you at this time. He has lent you His goods to trade upon, and He will require of each His own again. "Ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." [1 Corinthians 3:9.] By giving to the Lord of His own at this time, you can help the cause of God that needs assistance and at the same time witness to the work of grace and truth upon your own heart.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust doth not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. ... No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other; ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them; are ye not much better than they?" [Matthew 6:19-21, 24-26.]

"Hearken unto Me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord; look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye were digged. Look unto Abraham, your father, and unto Sara which bare you; for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the Lord shall comfort Zion; He shall comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody. Hearken unto Me, My people, and give ear unto Me, O My nation; for a law shall proceed from Me, and I will make My judgment to rest for a law to My people; ... the isles shall wait upon Me, and on Mine arm shall they trust." [Isaiah 51:1-5.]

The Lord is glorified when His people enter new fields and occupy new territory. He desires that His people shall all unite in the sowing of the Gospel seed. Now is your time to work in Merced. Let each do his appointed work and seek to make that work a specialty. The ministers have not time to stay long in one place. They cannot afford to linger over churches that have been long established. When the truth has been preached, the workers must move on and enter new fields. Christ and heavenly angels will unite with those who will do their appointed work, not trusting in self, but pleading with the Lord for His power and grace to be manifested. Read carefully the 60th and 61st chapters of Isaiah. There is inspiration and encouragement in these words for those who are called to act a part in the work of God in the earth.

Lt 186, 1907

Butler, G. I.

St. Helena, California

May 29, 1907

Elder G. I. Butler

24th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Brother:

I received your letter for which I thank you. I am always glad to hear from you.

For nearly six weeks I have been absent from St. Helena, traveling in Southern California. During this time I have had several ill turns, some of which were very painful. But I will not dwell upon this; it is sufficient to say that notwithstanding my weakness the Lord helped me to bear my testimony to a large number of people in several places. Many were surprised that I could speak with such clearness and power, and not once did I fail to keep the appointments that were made for me.

Sabbath and Sunday, April 20 and 21, I spent at Fernando. Our school this year at Fernando has been greatly blessed. Many of the students have offered themselves for service in the Master's vineyard. On Monday I left for Loma Linda. I remained there a little over a week and returned again to Loma Linda after a visit to Paradise Valley, San Diego, San Pasqual, and Escondido.

On Sabbath, May 18, the members of several churches gathered at Loma Linda, and we held meetings under the pepper trees on the lawn at the back of the sanitarium. In the forenoon I spoke for one hour, and the Lord helped me wonderfully. Before closing my remarks I presented to those present the needs of the sanitarium and expressed the desire that sufficient money might be received to complete the payments on the additions that have been made to the main building. Before we purchased the property the main building had been used mostly as a hotel, and the bathroom facilities were limited. In order to do efficient work in the sanitarium, it was necessary to make additions to the buildings already standing. Dr. White, Brother and Sister Burden, and the sisters of Sister Burden invested in the sanitarium at Loma Linda all that they could possibly spare, but there still remains an indebtedness that must be cleared off.

After the morning service, a lunch was provided by the sanitarium for the visitors and served on the lawn. Brother Burden felt that the sanitarium would not be a loser by this entertainment, and I agreed with him; for I remember the experiences we have had in the past in making similar provision. Such acts of hospitality are sometimes the means of sowing seed in the hearts of those who are inquiring after truth.

In the afternoon Elder Luther Warren gave an excellent discourse. Brother Warren is an able worker, and we hope that he may labor for a time in this needy field. At present he is resting somewhat on account of the condition of his own and his wife's health. After his service, the visitors left for their homes, and all were agreed that they had spent a pleasant day and had been blessed by the discourses.

After the Sabbath Brother Nichols came to my room, his face glowing with happiness, and said, "I want to tell you what your words today have accomplished." He then told me that one sister had come to Brother Burden and given him ten dollars, and that a gentleman had offered to lend him one thousand dollars for a year without interest. I felt to praise the Lord at this response.

Later Brother Burden gave me some particulars concerning this man who had loaned the money. He was brought to the sanitarium in such a diseased condition that his case was thought to be hopeless. But he was carefully treated, and the crisis was safely passed. He is one of the most grateful patients they have had. He has become interested in the truth, and by his loan he has shown his appreciation of what has been done for him.

I had promised to speak at Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon, so it was necessary for us to hasten away by the early train from Loma Linda. We had about sixty miles to travel. On our arrival at Los Angeles, we went up to our restaurant and treatment rooms on Hill Street, and while waiting there before the service, I prayed to the Lord for strength for the work before me.

At the church we found that a large crowd had gathered. Every foot of room was occupied, even the aisles being filled, and I was told that some were unable to find entrance to the building. Among those present were a large number not of our faith.

I presented the importance of obedience to the commandments of God, dwelling upon the instruction given in connection with the proclamation of the law from Mt. Sinai. Never before had these Scriptures appealed to me so forcibly. I spoke for a full hour, and the interest was marked throughout. As I felt my voice weakening, I paused to send a prayer to heaven for help. Then the power of the Holy Spirit strengthened me, and I knew that angels of God were by my side. At the last I became somewhat hoarse, but I felt very thankful that the Lord had permitted me to speak so long and so distinctly.

After this service we went out to Glendale, six miles from Los Angeles. There I rested until Wednesday night, when we took the cars for Merced, where the camp-meeting for the California-Nevada Conference was to be held. Our train left Los Angeles at 11:30. I was very weary, but was unable to sleep very much during the night. It was a clear, moonlight night, and from my berth I could look out of the window and see that we were passing through a very lonely desert.

We arrived at Merced a little after noon the next day. I spoke in the large tent Sabbath and Sunday to the people assembled there. This camp-meeting is the first effort our people have put forth in this city, and I felt my heart drawn out to this people. We had a very good attendance from the outside public. Nearly all the ministers and several leading men have attended the evening meetings. We hope that a company of believers may be raised up as the result of this camp-meeting, and the tent meetings that are to follow.

I am now at home again, and trying to rest again after the strain of the past six weeks. I do not regret having made this journey; for the Lord has given me strength to bear testimony to His people in every place I have visited. I do not know how long I shall be permitted to remain at home. We need to realize more than we do the importance of encouraging one another in the work. We are to "lift up the hands that hang down." [Hebrews 12:12.] While God does not want us to move from impulse, He is not glorified when we stand still. He desires that we shall make steady advancement, step by step, helping and encouraging one another in the work.

We feel very thankful that our people have responded so nobly to the calls made for means. We still pray for help, and we believe that our people will keep their hearts open to the needs of the cause.

My brother, let us work in harmony. If you have reason to believe that any brother or sister is losing heart, and is failing to put forth disinterested efforts to sustain the cause of God, help that one with cheerful, encouraging words. Let no discouraging words fall from your lips. Individually we are preparing for the kingdom of heaven. We are to be overcomers by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony. We are to grow more and more heavenly minded. All who believe in Jesus

have to battle with satanic agencies. Let us renew our covenant with God by continual fulfillment of His Word.

Our lives are being spared that we may be fitted for the future immortal life. There must be ever less of self and more of Christ. Our example is to reveal our faith in Christ. We are ever to be doers of His Word. Our truest worship of God will be given in a life of devotion to His will. Preaching, praying, and singing will take their proper place when we are doers of God's will.

I have been shown the experience it is our privilege to have if we will cherish a belief in the love, the mercy, and the compassionate works of Christ. It is our privilege to grow in grace continually. If we would become partakers of the divine nature, we must follow on to know the Lord; we must worship Him in spirit and in truth and in the beauty of holiness. Our feet must follow in the footsteps of our Leader. In faith, in love, in meekness, we are to grow to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. Patterning after His self-denial and self-sacrifice, believing in God and referencing His Word, we are to grow in faith and love with all who with us are striving to overcome through the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

God has set us in the world to be light-bearers. Our lives should be an acknowledgement of His holy precepts. We should bear to the world a living testimony of the possibility of spiritual growth. It is the good and faithful servant who is promised eternal life and entrance into the joy of his Lord. The good and faithful servant is he who performs unselfish acts to those with whom he comes in contact, in his life representing the beautiful character of Christ.

There is too much selfish love among us. If there is a brother who encourages all we do and suggest as right, then we esteem that brother above others. If there is another whom we imagine does not look with favor on our way of doing things, we withdraw from that one and seek to demerit his work. The Holy Spirit is grieved with such a selfish religion as this; and unless it is realized and put away, a spirit of prejudice and alienation will mar the work of God. God is dishonored when His people do not "love as brethren" [1 Peter 3:8], when the pattern is not correctly represented. We are not all required to do exactly alike in the work. Each has his individual work to do. Spiritual life will lead to unity. We are in the world for work—earnest, spiritual work. But one man is not given the same work that is given to another. If a worker does not follow the plan of work that another thinks is right, this should not cause difference and alienation. The manner of accomplishing the work may not be precisely the way in which another would do it, but if the labor is conscientiously performed, God accepts the effort. God asks for the performance of good works, and the results of the efforts made will testify to the virtue of the worker. "By their fruits ye shall know them."
[Matthew 7:20.]

Serious mistakes have been made in setting one worker to control the labors of another. In taking such a course, man has been placed where God should be. God is to be the guide and counselor of His servants. We are to obtain our light from Him who is infinite in wisdom, and who never makes a mistake.

God would have His servants understand that they are to keep their hands off their fellow workers and let them receive their orders from the Lord. In many cases hard judgment has been measured out when encouragement and commendation should have been given; for the results of the work done have shown that the blessing of God was upon it. Wherever this principle has been brought in,

God wants a change to be made; for it is contrary to His plan. When man's mind is allowed to become the controlling power, both parties are injured—the one who allows himself to be conscience for another, and the one who permits himself to be controlled by human wisdom.

As workers we need to counsel together over difficult matters. It is right that brother should consult with brother. And it is our privilege, after we have done this, to bow together in prayer and ask for divine wisdom and counsel. But for one human voice to be a controlling power is a sad mistake, and this should not continue.

God calls upon us to make a different showing than we have made in the past as laborers together with Him. In all matters pertaining to the work of God, the workers should cherish feelings of consideration and sympathy for one another. The old, natural, selfish ideas must die and a new birth take place. In all his actions the worker is to be governed by Christ's laws of justice and judgment. He is to accept as his creed the command of his Master, "Love one another, as I have loved you." [John 13:34.] He will regard his neighbor and his brother with the same respect that he bears for himself. Truth and righteousness will be the regulators of his course of action.

Lt 188, 1907

Friend

St. Helena, California

May 30, 1907

Dear Friend:

Last Monday we returned from a visit to some of our Southern California churches and institutions. We had been gone from home since April 18. At that time our party consisted of my son W. C. White; Dr. Kress and his wife, who is also a doctor; their daughter Ora, and their two smaller children; Miss Stevens, who accompanied them from Australia; Dr. H. F. Rand, physician at the St. Helena Sanitarium; Dores Robinson, one of my copyists; Sara McEnterfer, my attendant; and myself.

We went over the Coast Line to Los Angeles, passing through San Francisco, leaving that city at five p.m. It was the anniversary of the great earthquake last year, and many people were celebrating the day with revelry and pleasure-seeking. During the past year the sins that brought the rebuke of God have continued, and violence and crime have greatly increased in the city.

W. C. White, Sara McEnterfer, and I spent the Sabbath at Fernando. We were glad to learn that success has attended the school during the year that has just closed, and that many have offered themselves for service in the Master's work. I spoke to the students gathered in the school chapel on Sabbath forenoon, and another appointment was made for me Sunday. Sabbath afternoon, W. C. White spoke to the students, and in the evening he left for Los Angeles to attend an important council of some of our physicians. Monday morning, April 22, we left Fernando and reached Loma Linda in the afternoon. Here we found the work moving forward encouragingly. During the past winter the patronage has been larger than at any previous time. A good work has been done in the education of medical missionary evangelists. Loma Linda is a place that the Lord has especially

designated as a center for the training of medical missionaries. The school work has been carried on in cottages and buildings on the sanitarium grounds.

This beautiful sanitarium property has, in the wonderful providence of God, come into our possession. It is situated in the orange district of Southern California, within easy access of Redlands, Riverside, Colton, San Bernardino, and other cities. As a result of the work conducted by Elder Simpson, Elder Haskell, and others, strong companies of believers have been raised up in Riverside and Redlands, and there is a small company at San Bernardino.

Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr has found many openings for educational work in medical lines in San Bernardino. She began to conduct in the homes of our own people studies in hygienic cooking, dress, and general living. Neighbors were invited to attend some of these demonstrations, and these in turn requested that similar studies be held with their families to which they might invite some of their friends. So the work grew rapidly, until it was brought to the attention of the superintendent of public schools. At his invitation, Dr. Starr gave health talks in the public schools of the city to as many as fifteen hundred children. She now finds herself unable to respond to the many calls that come to her for public work. Her co-operation with the W.C.T.U. has greatly helped her by bringing her in contact with many excellent ladies of that organization. Such efforts are a powerful factor in the removing of prejudice against our people.

Sabbath, April 27, many of our brethren and sisters from the neighboring churches united with the family at Loma Linda in the sanitarium parlors, and I spoke to them, portraying the example of Christ, the great Medical Missionary in whose footsteps we are to follow.

Wednesday, May 1, we left Loma Linda for National City to visit the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Brother and Sister P. T. Magan accompanied us as far as Santa Ana, where they stopped to visit his children. At Orange we met Brother G. W. Reaser and E. S. Ballenger, who were on their way to attend a meeting of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium Board. At Oceanside, Brother L. O. Johnson, another member of the sanitarium board, joined us. Wednesday afternoon and Thursday were spent by the board in laying plans for the future work of the institution. On Sabbath and Sunday I spoke to the church in San Diego, asking them to unite with our brethren and sisters in National City in making the work at the sanitarium a success.

Thursday afternoon we left San Diego for Escondido. Here we were met by Dr. Sophie Judson and Brother L. O. Johnson, who took us in their carriages to San Pasqual ten miles farther. San Pasqual is a beautiful valley where are located several families of our people. They have built for themselves a modest, neat church, in which I spoke Sabbath morning. Many had driven over from Escondido, and the meetinghouse was well filled. The following day I spoke at Escondido. The service had been announced in the churches in their morning services, and there was a good attendance.

Monday morning we returned to Loma Linda. During my second visit to this place, I spoke twice to the students in the school. On Sabbath a union service was held on the lawn at the back of the sanitarium, under some beautiful pepper trees. I spoke in the morning, and Elder Luther Warren in the afternoon. The next morning, we hurried away to fill an appointment in Los Angeles in the afternoon.

At Los Angeles we found the church crowded to its utmost capacity, and we were told that some were unable to find entrance. The Lord blessed me in speaking, and notwithstanding my weakness, I was strengthened to stand before the congregation for one hour. After the service we went out six miles in the electric cars to the Glendale Sanitarium, where I rested for a few days before going to the camp-meeting at Merced. During this time I took vigorous treatment for throat and lungs, and Tuesday morning I was able to speak to the helpers without manifesting hoarseness.

Thursday afternoon we were at Merced, where we were entertained at the home of Dr. Wolfsen, who is conducting a small sanitarium. We found among the public a good interest in our meetings. The ministers from other churches attended and invited their congregations to do so. I was able to speak in the large tent Sabbath morning, and again on Sunday, and the messages given under the influence of the Holy Spirit made a strong impression upon hearts. After I had spoken Sabbath, about seventy-five came forward to signify their purpose to consecrate themselves anew to the Master's service.

Monday, May 27, we returned to our home, reaching St. Helena by the evening train. I am grateful to God for His blessing which has attended me in these labors. I have been weak physically, and have suffered, but was able to fill every appointment; and whenever I stood before the people, I felt the power of the Spirit imparted to me. I praise the Lord that even in my old age, I am still able to do something in the work of the Lord.

Lt 190, 1907

Brethren

"Paradise Valley Sanitarium," National City, California

May 6, 1907

Dear Brethren:

I am now visiting the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Since last Wednesday I have spoken twice to the workers in this institution, and to the church in San Diego on Sabbath morning and Sunday afternoon. The Lord is giving me strength for my labors in Southern California. I am trusting Him for strength to speak to our people in several places.

Wherever I go, I try to emphasize the fact that our success in missionary effort will depend on the character we manifest. The truth of the Word of God received into the heart and carried out in earnest action in the life will bring sure results. If, on the other hand, we yield to worldly influences, there will be a decline of Christian zeal and devotion and a corresponding failure to win souls to the truth.

The church is to increase in activity and enlarge her borders. Our missionary efforts are to be expansive. There must be action and reaction. The work of educating the youth must be maintained and increased. They are to be taught to reach higher and still higher, pressing toward the standard of a perfect Christian education.

While there have been fierce contentions in the effort to maintain our distinctive character as Seventh-day Adventists, yet as Bible Christians we have ever been on gaining ground. Remembering

that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, we are to labor earnestly, ever praying that the saving grace of God may instruct us at every step. We must seek to ascertain the will of the Lord, and then walk in harmony with it. It is our privilege to follow on to know the Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal.

Those who desire to be refreshed in mind, and instructed in the truth, should study the history of the early church during and immediately following the day of Pentecost. They need to study carefully the experience of Paul and the other apostles; for God's people in these days must pass through similar experiences. As the world becomes more imbued with the spirit of the enemy, there will be more vehement opposition of the Word. Some will be imprisoned because they refuse to desecrate the Sabbath of the Lord. Those who would hold the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end must bear a living testimony to the world. Their words are to have a convincing power upon minds, and many through them will be turned to the Lord.

Never have I felt more deeply than now the necessity of keeping the way of the Lord and of doing His will at all times. Now is the time to do thorough work for eternity. We must be humble and trustful. We must make use of every talent that God gives us. We have been blessed with great and precious light from the Word of God, and we should study how to make the best use of this light. Individually we are on test and trial. God is watching to see how we will use His great blessings.

What can we say to arouse our people to use their entrusted talents to the honor and glory of God? The world's greatest need is consecrated effort for the conversion of souls. Thousands upon thousands are perishing without a knowledge of the truth. My soul is sometimes stirred to its very depths as I see the terrible picture. I would urge our people to seek to bring every thought into subjection to Christ, that all their powers may be employed in the work of saving souls. There should be no sleeping now. It is time for us to awake and to watch for souls as they that must give account.

Will our churches now arise and awake to the situation? The representatives of Christ are to carry a burden for souls. Every nation and kindred and tongue and people is to hear the last message of mercy to the world. When our church members have a better understanding of Bible truth, they will arouse from their drowsy slumber and will be ready to devote their money to the cause of God and to give themselves in earnest labor under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God's people are His agents, appointed to proclaim the truth in all parts of the world.

Christ has taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." [Matthew 6:10.] This opens before us the height to which we are to attain by steady progress and continual advancement. As members of the church of Christ, we are to do His will on earth. If all would do unto others as they would have others do unto them, we would see indications of a converted world. Upon this principle the Christian is to build. We are to ascend a ladder whose top reaches to heaven.

Every church member is to engage in active service for the Master. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" He asks. "Go work today in My vineyard. Work while it is day; for the night cometh, when no man can work." [Matthew 20:6; 21:28; John 9:4.]

"Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord." [Isaiah 43:10.] Can we comprehend this? In Christ's stead we are to beseech men to become reconciled to God. Heavenly agencies stand ready to co-operate with

those who engage in the work of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is waiting to unite in sympathy with every true believer and to make him a laborer together with God. Then let no means be neglected that will advance the work to be done. There must be no self-exaltation and far more of prayer. Behold Christ, our pattern, how He travailed in soul for the salvation of men. Make Him your all in all, and He will give dignity to your work. His mind will guide you, and you will be sanctified by the truth. Acknowledge Him as your Redeemer, and you will become one with Him, even as He is one with the Father.

This is our period of stewardship, when we are to trade with our Lord's goods. Our means, our speech, our influence—all are talents to be used in the Master's service and to be multiplied by wise investment. We must increase our capabilities for service. If God has entrusted us with three talents, He will not accept two in return. If we have but one talent, but with it gain yet another, we have a place in Christ's service and will finally hear the blessed words of approval from the lips of the Saviour. It is a terrible mistake for a professed Christian to devote his time and means and energies to the service of self. We are to deny self, that we may follow Christ. Many souls have not refrained from accepting martyrdom for the sake of Christ. For such is the blessed promise, "He that loseth his life for My sake shall find it unto life eternal." [Matthew 10:39; John 12:25.]

Lt 192, 1907

Caro, E. R.

St. Helena, California

June 12, 1907

Dr. E. R. Caro

Dear Brother:

Your letters are received, and we are relieved of a great anxiety concerning you. Your mother and your wife have been intensely anxious to know where you were. Your explanation is sufficient.

I had a small house of four rooms. We placed your family in this, and let them have a limited supply of furniture, until we could understand what move to make next. We have loaned them money, and they have shared with us the product of the place. We have a nice cow, and they shared this advantage also. We live upon plain, simple food—fruits and grains.

Your wife's home is close by our own house. Your children have a yard in which they can play and exercise, and they seem very happy. They are not exposed to the evils of the street; for we are on rising ground far away from the streets.

Your mother has had the care of nursing two confinement cases in the neighborhood, for which she has received moderate pay. Your family has not suffered for temporal necessities. You have been their great anxiety—to know your whereabouts and your welfare. I gave your mother the small letter containing the ten dollars. W. C. White took it to her. After reading the lengthy communication to me, W. C. sealed it up, and I have placed it where no other person can know of its contents. I am more sorry than I can express to you for the suffering you have passed through.

Your mother believes that your wife is a truly converted woman. She keeps strictly at home, and nothing can draw her away. She is a faithful mother to her children. I have evidence that she is converted, and I am desirous that you and your wife shall meet and become reconciled.

I had a letter written to you months ago, inviting you to come to our place, and we would help you to get well. We can give you plain, wholesome food and opportunity for exercise. We are picking our loganberries now. We have a very pleasant place, and we welcome you to our home and pray that the blessing of the Lord may be upon you. I think you have been doing the best thing you could do in working with your hands. We have hope that as you recover, you will be able to unite with some one of our sanitariums. But of this we will talk when we see you. We say to you now, Come right to our home; it is a pleasant place, away from the noise and bustle of the city.

If you need treatment, the sanitarium is just upon the hillside close by. There you can have every advantage until you are fully recovered. We welcome you heartily. The children and their mother will also be glad to see you. Come at once, if you are able. I will do all in my power to give you every advantage to recover your health.

When you are stronger, you can unite with one of our sanitariums; but now the question with you is to get well, so that you can begin anew. Come as soon as possible. In the past, under the influence of the Spirit of God, you have had success as a minister of the truth. We will do our utmost to place you on your feet again, that you may enter upon some duties where you can be a help and a blessing.

In much sympathy and love.

Lt 194, 1907

White, Emma

St. Helena, California

June 13, 1907

My dear daughter Emma:

Willie has told me that your mother is at rest. I would be pleased to hear from you, telling me about your mother's last sickness and death. Did she suffer much? Was her mind clear? Where is your sister? Please write me a few lines; I would be so pleased to hear regarding yourself and Hattie.

On my last journey to Southern California, I visited Los Angeles, San Diego, and Paradise Valley. I spoke twice in the church at San Diego, on Sabbath and Sunday afternoons. I had a burden for this church; and after speaking for one hour, I presented their needs before God in prayer. The Holy Spirit was in the meetings, and hearts were impressed. Confessions were made by a few. There were many present whose hearts should have been broken; and had they realized their true condition, they would have cleared the King's highway. What was needed was humiliation of heart and confession of sin, in order to remove the difficulties. But this chapter in their experience, though much needed, did not come. We left this place, sorry that they did not all clear the King's highway. We shall soon see the working of the enemy, and we shall see the working of the power of grace.

I greatly desire that your sister Hattie Belden shall become a true and humble child of God. The Lord Jesus calls her and her daughter, saying, "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.]

Lt 196, 1907

Belden, Hattie

St. Helena, California

June 12, 1907

Mrs. Hattie Belden

My dear Niece:

What words can I use that will arrest your attention? Will you not consider that you are now deciding your destiny for eternity? The truth is set forth in the Word of God. If you will now come in your weakness to Christ, and open your heart to the reception of the truth, letting truth take possession of your heart, and the will of Christ take possession of your mind, Christ will abide in you. In the conflict of life, you need the whole armor of God; for you will have to fight the good fight of faith. Your enemies may be those of your own household; but the Spirit of God can make you sure of the victory.

One of the most earnest prayers recorded in the Word of God is that of David, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." [Psalm 51:10.] The promise of God to those who cry thus to Him is, "A new heart will I give you; and a new spirit will I put within you." [Ezekiel 36:26.] A heart right with God, given to you through the power of the Holy Spirit, will make you a new life. The truth of God controlling it in righteousness will be to you the power of God unto salvation. You will have a sense of divine power and grace within you, and this will cause you to reveal the fruits of righteousness. The Holy Scriptures will then be to you a treasure house of knowledge. Through obedience to the Word of God, mother and daughter will become heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. You will sit down with Him to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

I entreat of you, my dear friend, to make the Lord your God and your everlasting Friend. Serve God with all your heart, and make a covenant with Him by sacrifice. The Prince of life gave His life to save the world; and yet how few reveal any gratitude for this great act of self-sacrifice. It is your privilege, my dear niece, to set apart the remainder of your life as a time in which you will live to glorify your Redeemer; and at the end, you may have the crown of life, the reward of the overcomer, placed upon your brow. It is your privilege to lead your daughter into the path of truth and righteousness. Let not the strange life that your husband is leading confuse your senses. He has yielded himself to evil influences, and a strange infatuation controls his mind. If you will close your ears to his arguments, and open them to hear the invitation of Christ; if you will be firm and steadfast in the truth, you may be a saving influence in your family.

Do not delay. There is light and peace for you only in turning square about. Will you not now make the resolve to give heart and mind and soul to Jesus Christ? The Holy One has given you rules for

your guidance—the rules of a standard from which there will be no swerving. Set your will now in the right direction. Shall Christ have died for you and yours in vain? Come to the Saviour in the simplicity of a little child, and let religion, pure and undefiled, henceforth control your words and works. Can you turn away from the offers of Mercy?

Christ gave His life to save all who will believe in Him. “As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in His name.” [John 1:12.] Eternal life is proffered you. Will you accept it? If you will consent to be a partaker of the divine nature, you may co-operate in the works of Christ. Is not the reward of everlasting life of some consequence to you? Will you not now decide this question—just now?

Jesus gave His precious life to save you. Will you in response to His gift say, “I give my life to Thee. I will serve Thee with heart and with soul”? Let Christ fashion you after the divine likeness. Let not unbelief or infidelity prevent you from taking your position as one for whom Christ has not died in vain. Take your position fully on the Lord’s side. Jesus is acquainted with all your trials. He says to you, Lay your burdens upon Me. Keep My commandments and live, and My law as the apple of your eye. If you will yield yourself to Him, He will guide you in every good and right way. Will you not accept the guarantee of everlasting life in the kingdom of heaven, a life that measures with the life of God?

Lt 198, 1907

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

June 11, 1907

Elder J. E. White

Dear Children Edson and Emma:

I have been expecting letters from you. Today I will write you only a few lines. My health is fairly good, yet I am feeling the effects of my last journey to Southern California. I do not get much rest from my writing. My trust and confidence is in the Lord, and I love the present truth. Every phase of it is truth, and it is to be held to firmly.

I am glad, very glad, that you did not hasten away from the southern field to Mountain View. It is not possible for you to make such a move without bringing taxation and perplexity upon yourself and delaying the accomplishment of your work. At times I did not feel altogether clear about your leaving. I felt that you ought to revive your influence in the South before going away.

I am agreed with Elder Washburn that there is still a work for you to do in the South. Working under the direction of the Lord, it is your privilege to help your brethren to place the work in the South on a sure basis.

As laborers in the cause, our dependency must be placed in no human agency, but in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is to be our efficiency. We must take everything to God in prayer. He alone can make every crooked thing straight. No mortal man can be our Saviour.

God is waiting to do a work for you when you see your need of divine aid. I am hoping much from the position you take in your determination not to let go until Christ rules in your heart by faith.

I shall be glad to see Elder Butler begin work in Atlanta. But he should have efficient helpers.

Never was there period of time when the workers in the South needed so much to stand firmly with the armor on as the present. We are to put our trust in the Lord, for He is our strength. Those who are holding the truth of His Word are to stand as one. Let no one suppose that he is appointed to pick flaws in his brother; this will not build up a single soul. The workers need encouragement.

Each worker should remember that he is having his likeness taken for eternity. Let us strive to have the likeness as perfect as possible. Let no unpleasant word escape your lips; but let the words you speak be such that you will not be ashamed to meet them in the judgment. The record of our words and deportment is daily written in the books of heaven. It is time now that we present to others in spirit and words and works the likeness of Christ's example. We need to be guarded; Satan is watching every advantage that we may give him, that he may use it to hurt our influence.

Speak these words to the people: "The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and hath called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people. Gather My saints together unto Me, those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare His righteousness; for God is judge Himself." [Psalm 50:1-6.]

We each have an individual character to form. We cannot afford to utter one word of foolishness or boasting. Let the words that we shall utter be wise and encouraging words, that will stand the test of the judgment. "Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth Me; and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God." [Verse 23.]

In the place of demeriting the brethren, let us seek to do them good. Let us begin to see the necessity of speaking true, encouraging words. Truth, precious truth, is to sanctify the soul. Let none lift up his soul in self-praise. Each should have confidence in his brethren just as verily as he has in himself. We should dwell upon those subjects that will bring light and gladness into the souls of those who assemble for worship.

When you pray, believe that the Lord hears your prayer, and that He will answer it out of His immense fulness. We need to seek the Lord in earnest prayer, and not only seek Him, but through faith claim the assurance, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." [Hebrews 11:6.] When you ask the Lord for His blessing, believe that ye receive the things you ask for; "and ye shall have them." [Mark 11:24.] "He that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth." [Matthew 7:8.] We must walk by faith and not by feeling. The Word is to be our assurance. Let your prayer be, Lord, increase my faith. Believe that the Word of God is verity and truth.

I have a message for all our people in Nashville. When you meet together to worship God, let no one thrust at another in his testimonies. Be kind and tenderhearted one to another. Let not your prayers fall to the ground without marked results. It is your privilege to bear a full testimony to God and your Redeemer. All heaven is waiting to hear your requests to God.

Seek to die to self; for this is your life. Do not give up the interests of the soul. Show the blessed light to all with whom you associate. It is your privilege to say, "Come and hear, all ye that fear the Lord; and I will declare what He hath done for my soul. I cried unto Him with my mouth; and He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me. But verily God hath heard me; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me." [Psalm 66:16-20.] Let this be the language of every soul.

Lt 200, 1907

Belden, Vina; Believers on Norfolk Island

St. Helena, California

June 10, 1907

Dear Sister Vina Belden:

I received your letter today. I was glad to hear from you. The box of dental tools is now in our possession, though I have not seen them yet.

For some weeks we have been without any person to do our housework and cooking. We have now secured a good woman, who with her husband will be members of our family. The husband works at the St. Helena Sanitarium; the wife has for some time been doing the cooking for the boarding house at Mountain View. We feel sure that she can do our work satisfactorily. I am very glad that we have been able to secure this help; for the girls who are working in the office have had to do the work of the house in addition to their usual work. We appreciate having these Christian people in our home. The husband is a quiet man and a firm believer in the truth.

Our camp-meeting in St. Helena will begin in less than two weeks. This is the first that has been held in St. Helena since we have lived here.

I had always hoped that I would be able to visit you in your home on Norfolk Island. I regret that I was not permitted to bear my testimony there.

A Message to Believers on Norfolk Island

I have a message to give to those who are desirous of having lives that are cleansed from all sin and selfishness. I heard a voice speaking to the believers on Norfolk Island, saying, Unless you turn wholly from your sins, and become fervent in spirit, giving to the unbelievers on the island the evidence that you are changed in heart, you cannot enter in through the gates to the city of God. No unclean person will enter that blessed abode.

All may become intelligent Christians, if they will study the Word. In the Word lies life eternal for all who will obey its instruction. Unless we understand the terms of our salvation, and are willing to be wholly obedient to the Word of God, we can never be admitted to the city of God. Could this be possible, and those who refuse to comply with the conditions of salvation be admitted to the home of the redeemed, they would introduce their own unsanctified ideas into the heavenly family, and a second rebellion would be created.

Christ bids you, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." [Matthew 11:28-30.] The members of the church of Christ are to act out the principles of truth, representing the character of the meek and lowly Jesus. This is contrary to the spirit of the world.

"A city that is set on a hill," Christ said, "cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 5:14-16.] The disciples are bound by solemn obligations to show to the world that they love God and keep His commandments. By obedience to the Word of God, light must shine in clear, distinct rays from every soul who has received the truth. And believers will be happy in reflecting the light of the love of God upon others.

Those who desire to see Jesus and dwell with Him in the heavenly courts must reveal the truth in the form of sound words. They must refrain from all foolish jesting and joking. You are living in the presence of angels who are appointed to lead you to right action; yet knowing the truth of God as expressed in His Word, you fail. You are now making your choice as to whom you will pattern after. It is your privilege to follow that which is right, and by your example lead to right action on the part of others. If you take this course, the commendation of God will rest upon you.

The mind of God can be learned only from His Word. The Lord has sent His angels to guard those who are willing to be led in the ways of truth. He bids you take heed to your ways. There are souls living on the island who are daily receiving blessings from God, yet who do not as much as look heavenward and say, "I thank Thee, Lord, for all the mercies I receive." All the love that God expresses for them, in sparing their lives, and in providing them with food and clothing, does not waken in them one grateful response. The precious Word of truth is not stamped upon the soul. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the lips confession is made unto salvation." [Romans 10:10.]

The first great commandment of the law is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." [Luke 10:27.] Who among us obey this commandment? God asks for the heart's best and holiest service; but careless hearts turn away from Him to taste of the cup of folly and sin, and thus God is mocked. How many living on Norfolk Island have heard the instruction of the Word of God, but have turned away with decided refusal to obey its instruction? The Searcher of hearts knows who are they who turn from His law, saying, I want not Thy will and Thy way O God.

When the attention of the man who is honest in heart is drawn to the truth of the Bible, he reads, marks, learns, and inwardly digests its teachings. He comes to God in prayer. He sees the wonderful sacrifice made in his behalf in the words of the prophet: "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. ... 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. ... The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." [Isaiah 53:3, 5, 6.] Conviction comes to his heart, and he is troubled, for he sees that he is under condemnation. He feels the power of the truth in his soul. Then the light which the Spirit of God sheds upon the convicted mind comes to him, and he sees the meaning of the Word as he never saw

it before. As the blood propelled from the heart, circulates through the body, carrying life and vigor to the extremities, so the truth received into the heart diffuses itself through the inner man, bringing the thoughts and affections and powers into obedience to Christ. If the heart is submitted to the will of Christ, the great Master Builder will in due time perfect the whole being.

Paul in the fifth chapter of Romans shows us where the true experience of the child of God begins. "Being justified by faith," he says, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom we have access by faith into this grace wherein we now stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 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 us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; but peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, we shall be saved by His life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement." [Verses 1-11.]

I send you this to be read to those who shall gather together for worship. Shall I have the satisfaction of knowing that this my testimony to the believers in Norfolk has impressed your hearts to serve the Lord more fully?