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St. Helena, California

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Elders A. G. Daniells and W. C. White

My dear fellow workers:

Make the Lord your adviser. Do not let any man press you into doing anything that would in any way hinder the advancement of the cause of present truth. I pray that, as God's blood-bought heritage, you may be led and taught of Him.

There are many who suppose it to be their privilege to control to some degree the actions of their fellow workers. They think that other workers, whom the Lord is using, should first obtain their consent before doing a certain work, and that they should work according to their direction. All such yokes are to be broken. The work is to go forward under the Lord's direction. His servants are to work at His dictation.

God has not committed to any the task of lording it over His heritage. When the yokes that are now being placed on the necks of some of God's people are broken, the work will go forward in a way that will surprise us. But, on the other hand, unless ministers and physicians and those in responsible offices give the Lord the right of way, to use His followers as He sees fit, He will reprove by judgments. For the past three years a strange work has been going forward under the ruling of men; and because of this the cause of truth has been belittled and retarded. Not one-hundredth part has been done that the Lord designed should be done. Those who have ventured to obstruct the way of the Lord by interposing their human judgment need to be converted. They need to be cleansed and refined and purified, or they will never see the kingdom of God. The work of the Lord must go forward without the prohibitions of men.

It is the spirit of self-importance that leads men to lay down rules which limit the work of their fellows. I am bidden to say, Break every yoke. Shall we refuse to yield obedience to the Source of all power and wait for human permissions before we do the work that God bids us to do?

We are laborers together with God. Let men in office walk in all humility of mind. The Lord works with profound wisdom for His children. He never makes a mistake. Let not finite and erring man suppose that he is to be mind and conscience for those who are learning of the One who is perfect in understanding. God has a wise and holy plan for all who walk in humility and faith and trust in Him. His complete and perfect character is to be expressed in the lifework of His blood-bought heritage. They are to answer all the Lord's great purpose for the fallen race.

Because of sin, the earth and its inhabitants are defiled and degraded. Unto Adam God said, "Because thou hast harkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life." [Genesis 3:17.] Again it is written, "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth." [Isaiah 24:5, 6.] And again, "The earth is utterly

broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage: and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it: and it shall fall and not rise again." [Verses 19, 20.]

It is because man cannot be a perfect criterion, that he should not climb up to make himself supreme. He cannot safely ask his fellow men to make him their pattern in words and actions. "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands," was written of our first parents. [Psalm 8:6.] Man was made to have dominion in the earth; but he lost that dominion through sin. That which was lost by the first Adam will be restored by the second, as Paul testifies: "What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that Thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; and crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of Thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man." [Hebrews 2:6-9.]

That of which Paul testifies, the Lord Jesus confirms: "Behold, I make all things new." "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." "They shall reign forever and ever." [Revelation 21:5, 7; 22:5.]

"As truly as I live, saith the Lord, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." [Numbers 14:21.] The apostle Paul counted it his highest privilege that he could have a part in bringing about that blessed state. He writes: "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ; to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known in the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." [Ephesians 3:8-11.]

There is a great work to be done in the earth before the eternal purpose of God is fully worked out. Instead of blocking the way of any of our workers, we must give them the right of way that God has designed they should have, and let Him work through human minds. Every possible effort must now be made to reveal the truth as it is in Jesus. We are to present Christ as a sin-pardoning Saviour. While the angels are holding the four winds, we are to make the most of time, using every capability and power in the service of God. We have no time to lose. Soon the way to souls will be hedged up by obstacles that we do not now think of. Let none of us exercise forbiddings, but let us outline the work wisely and do our best. The Lord will bless those who work in humble dependence upon Him.

Through the message given by His servants, Christ is to be revealed to men as the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, the first and the last. The call is to be sounded in our churches: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice, lift it up with strength; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God." Let the Lord be your strength and counselor. "Behold, the Lord will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arms, and carry them in His bosom." [Isaiah 40:9-11.]

Voices are to be heard in every city proclaiming the last message of mercy to the world. Now, as never before, we are to call men and women to "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [John 1:29.] Now we are to give the earnest invitation, "If any man thirst (for the water of life),

let him come unto Me, and drink." [John 7:37.] "The Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst come and drink of the water of life freely." [Revelation 22:17.]

Again and again I repeat the warning: Never place as president of a conference that man who supposes that such a position gives him the power to dictate and control the consciences of others. It is natural for man to have a large estimate of self; old habits wrestle for the supremacy; but the man who occupies a position of trust should not glorify himself. The worker who daily subordinates his will to the will of Christ will be educated away from such an idea. He will practice the virtues of Christ's character in all meekness and lowliness of mind; and this will give to those whom his ministration is supposed to benefit the precious freedom of the liberty of the children of God. They will be free to act out the grace bestowed upon them, that all may understand the precious privileges which the saints possess as members of the body of Christ.

The one who is in trust of sacred responsibilities should ever show forth the meekness and wisdom of Christ; for it is thus that he becomes a representative of Christ's character and methods. Never should he usurp authority, or commend or threaten, saying, "Unless you do as I say, you will receive no pay from the conference." A man who would speak such words is out of his place as president of a conference. He would make men slaves to his judgment.

The apostle Paul writes: "Even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth." [2 Corinthians 3:10.] God desires that every soul shall walk humbly and meekly before Him, depending upon that glory which is imparted to him as he is made partaker of the divine nature. Our trust must be in the exercise of that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. When a man who is placed in a position of responsibility begins to exercise lordly authority in the church, the sooner he is relieved of his responsibility, the better will it be for his own soul and for the church. Safety for the church depends upon its being freed from the influence of his judgment and his plans. Far better would it have been for that church if such an influence had never entered it. Far better will it be for the man to be relieved of an office that leads him to assume such authority.

There are many among our workers who need to have a new conversion before they can be qualified to decide important questions in the church. Old hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil need to be conquered. Habits which were formed when they were in the bonds of selfishness need to be given up. The love of supremacy and desire for the mastery need to be seen in their true light and banished from the life.

Christ wants a clean, unselfish character wrought out by each one of His professed servants, by studying Christ's life and learning of Him. He would have men of responsibility closely examine themselves. Are they free from all selfishness? If not, they need to be converted from their high opinion of themselves. Let our workers bear in mind that they are given responsibilities that they may be a help to others. They are only a part of a great whole, and their own course of action determines the value of each of a large number whom God has set in the church for this purpose.

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

own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; and the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.

“Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity; and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places; thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach; the restorer of paths to dwell in.” [Isaiah 58:6-12.]

I would give the word of the Lord to the churches, to our publishing houses, to our missionary stations, and to all our sanitariums: A great work of reformation is to be done in the hearts of all who engage in this work of restoration. We should now be putting away every self-exalting plan and become learners of Him who will teach us how we may become restorers of the breach, the restorers of paths to dwell in.

I am instructed to say to this people who have had such great light and such precious privileges, Take up your God-given responsibilities in the Spirit of Christ. Press close to His side, and learn how to do the work to which He has appointed you. Put away your love of supremacy, and seek for the experience which all must have who would enter in through the gates into the city of God. Those who are willing to be accounted as Christ’s little children may safely enter upon the work of our publishing houses and sanitariums. Those who will be partakers with Christ in His self-sacrifice will be partakers with Him in His glory when the Deliverer shall come. When I consider how much Christ has suffered for us, and yet how independent many of us often are regarding His claims, my heart is made sore. Of His life of humiliation in our behalf, the prophet Isaiah writes: “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,” disregarded His example. “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. ...

“He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before his shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of My people was He smitten.” [Isaiah 53:3-5, 7, 8.] O let all the churches awaken to their God-given responsibilities. Then there will be less crooked ways among our men of responsibility.

How can the servant of Christ exalt self when he considers the humiliation endured in his behalf? May the Lord quicken us by His grace.

Let us all bear in mind that we are ever to be earnest students in the school of Christ. If we will keep in the position of humble learners, our light will shine forth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day; and when our earthly labors are ended, and Christ shall come for His faithful children, we shall then shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of our Father. But before that time shall come, everything that is

imperfect in us will have been seen and put away. All envy and jealousy and evil surmising and every selfish plan will have been banished from the life.

The words of the prophet Isaiah are repeated to me at this time, as they have seen many times in my experience: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. ... Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified." [Isaiah 60:1-5, 21.]

Lt 4, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

January 1, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser

Loma Linda, near Redlands, California

Dear Brother:

I was very glad to receive your letter, which was forwarded to us from Loma Linda. You will receive an answer to it just as soon as my workers have time to copy it. Just now they are busy getting off the Australia mail.

My labors in Southern California taxed my strength to the utmost. I feel very tired all the time, but I trust that this will soon pass away. On reaching home, we found that our housekeeper Sister Mason was sick at the sanitarium and for some time had been unable to do the work of the house. My workers were very glad that I had brought Sister Hannaford with us to take her place. We believe that she is an earnest Christian woman, and I am glad that we can have her as matron of our home. She, too, is pleased to be here.

On the cars, on my journey homeward, I had a very precious experience. It was a season of perfect peace and trust and confidence in God. I felt so sensibly the peace of Christ in my heart, and the rest that His presence brings, that for a time I had no desire to sleep. The everlasting arms seemed to be around me, and I had the assurance in my soul that we should be kept from accident and harm. This was a blessed assurance to me.

All night I was happy and restful; and although in the morning we had to change cars, the peace of Christ remained with me. This peace and joy I wish to express, not only in my words, but in my life. I realized the fulfilment of the precious promises: "At even time it shall be light." [Zechariah 14:7.] "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." [Psalm 91:1.]

A few days after we reached home, Brother Metcalfe Hare and wife arrived from Australia. They have been connected for several years with the health food manufacturing work at Avondale. On the voyage Brother Hare contracted erysipelas and was obliged to go to the sanitarium for treatment. He has recovered again and has returned to our home.

There have been many perplexities to meet since our return—perplexities that have kept me awake at night. But troubles will come, and we cannot prevent them. We need to watch and pray and walk constantly by faith. The Lord is the One on whom alone we can safely rely.

I was very thankful to read your letter, for it seemed to me that it sounded the right note. I believe, Brother Reaser, that you are coming to the place where the Lord would have you be. As you seek the Lord for light, He will be found of you.

There is danger that in these times the people of God will become absorbed in worldly plans and thus lose their connection with Him. Their thoughts become diverted from heavenly to earthly interests, and they cannot give the trumpet the certain sound, so important for it to have at this time. O so many among us have been unfaithful, and their light is languishing and apparently going out. God has instructed me to present their dangers before His people.

In the message to the church at Ephesus, Christ is represented as holding the seven stars in His hand and walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. He is represented as “walking” among them, thus illustrating His constant diligence in behalf of His church. [Revelation 2:1.] He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. Nor does He become indifferent. These figures are to be carefully studied by the undershepherds, and faithfully applied to their own experience, that they may not lose sight of their great privilege of securing light from the Source of all light and giving it in turn to those for whom they labor.

If left to the care of those who, while professing allegiance to God, know not the time of their visitation, the light of the candle, or church, will go out in darkness. He who is a true watchman in this time of peril will work with tireless vigilance. He will keep faithfully the courts of the Lord’s house.

Christ, the true Watchman, is the example for all. It is the duty of our workers to seek earnestly to comprehend the progressive work He has outlined for His people. The work is to be established in many places, and Christ is bidding the workers to come into line. They must not be content to see the work of the third angel’s message languish, while worldly schemes and interests take up their time and attention.

The church of Thyatira is represented as full of zeal and activity; but her charities and zeal are endangered by false teachers. This is our danger today. We need now to arouse and let our labors be marked with far greater earnestness than they have been. The Lord’s care of His church is shown in the words of the prophet: “I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.” [Isaiah 27:3.] The same diligence and zeal are to be revealed in the labors of those who are His representatives. To those who work in faith and self-sacrifice, the promise is given, “A little one shall become a thousand, and a [small] one a great nation.” [Isaiah 60:22.]

We must hold up before the churches God’s great mirror; and as we do so, we need to examine our own lives in its light. Let us give strict attention to the danger signals that are presented to our notice from

time to time. Ever bear in mind, Brother Reaser, that man is not to learn his duty of his fellow men. If he does this, his light will surely go out. This is our great danger at the present time.

The great Husbandman does not localize. He cares for all His churches alike. Some lines of the work have [not] been moving forward because of limited resources. In some places the cause is struggling for an existence. The "few names" in Sardis, the "little strength" in Philadelphia, forbid that we make any outlay of means that is not positively necessary. [Revelation 3:4, 8.] The seeds of truth are to be sown; the missionary settlements are to be tenderly guarded and faithfully supported; the unlettered and lowly are to be given encouragement and help. Not one line of the work is to be bound about or hindered. In every place the shepherds are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. The prayers of all are to unite for the success of the cause of truth. And the Husbandman, with patience and discrimination, will care for the seed sown.

Later. It is New Year's Evening. Sara has just come in with your last letter. As I read it, Elder Reaser, my heart was deeply moved; and I wept, and said, Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! My heart was filled with a great joy as I read of your effort to place yourself in right relation to God and His work. I have cause to rejoice that while some are lapsing into apostasy, which almost breaks my heart, others are finding their way to the light. Your letter means much, very much to me; it has lifted a tremendous burden from my heart. I believe that the terrible spell is now broken. I had fully accepted your first letter; but this last, I verily believe, you were moved by the Spirit of God to write. Coming on the first day of this new year, it has made my heart glad. I cannot find words in which to express my gratitude to God.

Your statement that you feel that you should not be on any of the sanitarium boards I do not fully agree with. Your voice is to learn to give the right note of counsel and advice in unison with your brethren; and this you will be enabled to do if you continue to press to the light.

Brother Reaser, you can do a grand work for the Lord in Southern California if you will work in His way. Be assured that we will stand with you as you seek to carry out the Lord's plans in His way. When we receive the meekness of Christ, and labor in His lines, our influence as laborers together with God will tell decidedly for the truth.

"Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye justice and do judgment; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the Son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

"Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself unto the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord hath utterly separated me from His people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; even unto them will I give in Mine house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. Also the sons of the strangers that join themselves unto the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of My covenant; even them will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted upon My altar; for Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him." [Isaiah 56:1-8.]

Elder Reaser, we have not one worker to spare. We have felt pained at heart as we have seen you placing yourself where you were in danger of sowing strange seed. O how I feared for the results, if you should refuse to accept the light God was sending you. But rest assured that if you will work in harmony with your brethren, we will draw in even cords. If God's servants will walk humbly with Him, they will see of His glory.

The Lord will be your helper as you seek to correct those things for which the Lord has reproved you. His grace will enable you to see matters in the right light. And if you will make clean and thorough work in your own life, the Lord will make of you a worker through whom He can recover others who stand in the same dangerous position in which you have stood. His converting power will be with all who see and accept of His salvation. I believe that you will continue to come more and more into the light, and that you will not be separated from the work, but will learn to carry it as a converted man in Christ Jesus.

"Arise, shine," the Spirit of God through His prophet declares; "for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

"Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together; they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." [Isaiah 60:1-5.]

Nothing could give the conference surer confidence in you than the step you are now taking to place yourself in right relation to the work of God. Do not cease your efforts until you stand on vantage ground. And the position you take will help those who have been following a similar course. If you can retain your position as a minister of God, and reveal His converting power and the grace of Christ in your life, you will teach others the right way.

The Lord is soon to come; we have but a short time in which to work. Again I repeat that my heart is full of joy and gladness that you have decided to heed the counsels of God. I pray that you may be full of faith and courage as you seek to follow His way and will.

I must close this letter.

Lt 6, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

January 3, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

257 South Hill St.

Los Angeles

Dear Brother Haskell:

I am sending you with this copies of a letter I have written to Elder Reaser, in answer to two received from him. I take it for granted that the change we desired has begun to take place in him; but if you see no signs that such a change has come to him, and think the encouragement given in this letter would not be best to come to him just now, you need not place the copy sent for him in his hands. I will trust you with this matter.

I feel very tenderly toward Brother Reaser. If he will become converted, and get out of the fog in which he has been, he will make a strong worker in the cause. This experience will help him to teach the importance of the testimonies. If Elder Reaser could realize with what joy the word of his true reformation would be received, he would make determined efforts to follow the light God has given.

I will be very glad to see you again. Your room is ready and waiting for you. Brother Metcalfe and wife are with us. Now I must close, or I cannot send this tonight. May you have a most satisfactory and happy new year. That much of the Holy Spirit may rest upon you both is my prayer.

Lt 8, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

January 3, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Southern Publishing Association

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Son Edson:

I am very sorry to hear that Emma is sick. I wish you could both be with us at the time of the coming Union Conference. Cannot you come? I would be able to entertain you and provide you with a comfortable room. I would be more pleased than I can express if you could spend this time with us.

I would not advise you to sell the fixtures in your large manufacturing building. Do not be in a hurry to dispose of the building. I want you to make a success; you cannot do this if you sell at a loss.

I am sending you copies of the letter sent to Brother Ford. It was through a misunderstanding that you did not receive them at the time they were sent to him. I expected that you would have copies. I cannot think what letter it is that Brother Ford does not wish others to see. I did write him a letter in which I made the statement that if you had been in his place, you would not have refused his request in such an emergency, but that you would have revealed a heart of flesh. I do not think, however, that this letter was sent.

I must not write any more this afternoon or I will not be able to get this in the mail before Sabbath. But I wish to repeat that I am very sorry that you did not get these copies at the time they were sent to others. I intended that you should have them.

Lt 10, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

257 South Hill St.

Los Angeles

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

On Friday I sent you a letter written to Elder Reaser; but I am afraid that in the few lines that accompanied it I did not fully explain my mind concerning it.

I now write to tell you that I do not wish to give Elder Reaser the letter written to him until I shall have met with our people here at the coming meeting. Then we can examine matters more thoroughly. I ask you, Elder Haskell, to say nothing in regard to the contents of my letters until we can investigate the matter more fully.

I very much desire to see and talk with you. The case of Elder Reaser needs calm consideration. We must not make decisions in haste, and thus do a work which we might later wish undone.

This is a matter that must be treated wisely, or it will be hard to adjust. My heart is fearful lest something be done that will place the work in a hard situation. But I think it would be wise to hold the letter I have sent until we are sure that Elder Reaser will change his course of carrying the work in so authoritative a manner. All this must change. It is time we acted a Christian part in all humility and meekness.

I will write no more at this time. Your room will be ready for you when you come.

Lt 12, 1908

Burden, J. A.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

Dear Brother Burden,—

I have received and read your letter. I have written a letter in response to the one which Elder Reaser wrote me and sent the same to Elder Haskell to deliver. Today I sent Elder Haskell a telegram, telling him to hold the letter until later.

Brother Reaser's letter touched my heart, and I replied in the hope that he might be helped in just the right way. If this is possible, we shall accomplish much. If Elder Reaser will see himself as he is and acknowledge his mistakes, he can unite his strength with ours to save others from going over the same ground that he has travelled. Much will be gained if he learns to stand, not in his own strength, but in the strength of God.

I was so thankful for the acknowledgments that Brother Reaser made in his letter that I could not refrain from weeping; for I knew that they would mean much to such a man as he. I know also that if he will turn his strength of purpose on the right side, he will be a power for good in the work of God. And the strength that he can give is needed.

I accepted his statements in sincerity and wrote at once. Christ's lessons of forgiveness were in my mind. It was not I who had been hurt, but the precious cause of truth; for he in his self-confidence had taken a wonderfully bold stand. I thought that if the man was sincere, this acknowledgment and evidence in his life of the transforming grace of Christ was all that we need ask. I cannot express to you the gladness I felt as I thought that Elder Reaser had indeed come to see matters in the same light with his brethren. I hope he has done so; it seemed to me that as I read his letter, I could see the work in Southern California standing on a better and surer foundation, strengthened by the unity of the workers and the churches. But if this is only supposition, and his has not been a true conversion, then my burden comes back to me with grievous force.

I send these lines to you and Elder Haskell: Truth will triumph and bear away the victory. I am so full of thanksgiving when one soul who has lost his bearings is recovered; I know not how to express my gratitude. If this soul can be saved, do all in your power to save him.

I was so sorry when I heard that Elder Reaser was undermining the confidence of the people in the testimonies God had been giving to His people for the past sixty years. I thought, He certainly could not have studied them and received them as from God, or he could not make them of no account in the minds of the people. Then when his letter came, acknowledging his belief in the messages, I was filled with joy. The Lord would not now be dishonored; Brother Reaser would not now be so taken up with his own ideas that he could turn away from the testimonies.

There are many, many who are not studying the testimonies as they should. Some read them casually, or make some reference to them, but they are not presented in the spirit of assurance of the Spirit of truth. Many of those who profess the truth for this time turn from the messages and accept their own opinions and ideas as verity and truth.

I have never in all my experience met a man who felt so fully competent to carry all lines of the work as Brother Reaser. The Lord has shown me that he felt himself sufficient for this work, that he needed no others to advise or counsel him. How to reach him, how to open his eyes to see his true condition, seemed a very difficult thing. But this letter to me was of such a character that I could see that a change was taking place. If he continues to humble himself before God, Elder Reaser will become a little child, to learn his lessons of the great Teacher. I have waited for this change to come, and I have felt sad indeed that it has been so long delayed. Let us see if our brother is not changed; let us look for a spirit of humility and meekness in him. Unless he has this spirit, he is not safe.

God help him, is my prayer.

Lt 14, 1908

Wilcox, F. M.

St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

Elder F. M. Wilcox

Sanitarium

Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother:

I have just received and read your letter. Concerning the matter of which you speak, I know the spirit of the parties you mention. If this matter is made so unendurable by Dr. Shively's wife, then he must take the responsibility upon himself. The idea that Mrs. Shively, with her evil surmisings and untruthful suspicions, be admitted again to the sanitarium is not to be entertained. She will create in the institution as atmosphere which would invite evil influences in. Your conclusion regarding this matter is a sensible one. Mrs. Shively professes to be a teacher of Bible truth, but the Lord cannot accept her unless she is decidedly changed in heart and soul and character.

I see no objection to your placing Dr. Evans in Dr. Shively's place, if Mrs. Shively will not be pacified unless she can carry out her purposes. Let peace be maintained, whatever the cost.

I am not able to write you a long letter because of the many communications coming in that call for a response. I sympathize with you in your perplexities. When the Lord says to you, Go from Colorado, then go; but until you have such orders, remain where you are; and may the blessing of the Lord attend your labors.

I am very busy with my writings. We are preparing for the meeting of the Union Conference to be held in St. Helena this month.

Lt 16, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

January 5, 1908

Dear Sister Gotzian:

Do you expect to come to the Union Conference meeting to be held in St. Helena? I am anxious to talk with you; but as I cannot do this face to face, I will converse with you by pen.

I wish to say to you that I have had instruction regarding the turning over of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium to the conference. This is not the best thing to do at this time. This is counsel from the highest Source.

Elder Ballenger will never be satisfied to comply with the terms laid down for the transfer of the property. Now, if you and I and a few others whom I am in hopes will loan money for the purpose, will unite, I believe we could carry this enterprise for a time. I am ready to do this. Can you ere long arrange to loan me money at interest, and let me help meet the pressing obligations that may have to be met soon?

Please write and tell me what you will do. I can get some money from other sources, I believe. But I want to know what is your mind concerning this. As I have mentioned to many, I think it might be well for us to have one institution under our own control in Southern California for a time.

I hope you will attend the meeting at St. Helena. I expect Brother Ballenger will be present.

I am not now free to say, Turn over this sanitarium to the conference. Light has come to me that we should have a good, strong manager who will give all his time to the work of building up the institution; and I believe we can find someone who can do this work.

I am pleased to tell you that we have excellent help in our home in the good sister whom we brought with us from Loma Linda.

Now, Sister Gotzian, please consider what I have written. I can write no more at present. I want to make just the right move in this matter. I have never had clear evidence that we should turn over this institution to the conference.

Lt 18, 1908

White, W. C.

St. Helena, California

January 6, 1908

Elder W. C. White

Southern Publishing Association

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Son Willie:

I have just received cards from you. I thank you for them. I am glad to know that you are safe and well. A vigilant Watcher is keeping those who put their trust in God.

I have received two excellent letters from Elder Reaser. I will send you copies of them and also of my answer. The encouragement that I have had that Elder Reaser is coming near to the Lord is a great joy to me. He wrote that he would give up his place on the board; but I replied that if he would fully heed the instruction God had sent, and follow it in simplicity of heart, he could be a help rather than a hindrance to the board. O how I have prayed for this man, that the Lord would open his eyes. And I believe God has been working very decidedly for him.

We should labor earnestly to save every soul possible. Earnest efforts should be put forth for Brother Reaser. If such a man should become an opposing element, his influence would be difficult to handle. But I trust that he is being led by God and is coming to take his true position with his brethren. If he will do this, he will be a strength to the Southern field. If he will come into unison with his brethren, he can be a special influence for good, and for the vindication of the testimonies, because of the messages which it has pleased the Lord to send to him.

I shall rejoice greatly if the fear that Brother Reaser's becoming separated from the work is averted. I think of how many souls he could guide in right ways if he himself will become humble in heart and place himself where the Lord can use him. I trust that he will make clean and certain work for time and for eternity. If he will cease to feel that he is to be the greatest influence, he will learn to counsel with other minds, to pray with his brethren, and become one with them in judgment. One man's mind should not hastily form decisions that have to do with important matters and carry out those decisions without the calm and prayerful consideration of other minds. May the Lord help every soul to walk humbly with God. "Every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up," Christ said. [Matthew 15:13.] The church with its heaven-born principles is a sacred enclosure. The heavenly Husbandman gives it divine cultivation and entrusts it with sacred responsibilities.

I write these things that you may know how matters are moving. I have had little rest since coming home. I have written several letters and have received instruction that must be given to the people. I am thankful for the light that God still gives me. I shall carry a heavy burden until I know certainly that Brother Reaser is making his way determinedly to the light.

This morning I am writing out some things that have been opened to me during the past night in regard to the transfer of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I have received instruction that it will not be best at this time to pass this institution over to the conference. We must carry that enterprise until the Lord shall signify that we should make a move in this line. I am getting this word to you before consulting with anyone. I have written to Sister Gotzian, telling her of the instruction received. I shall heed the light given on this point and will let the matter rest.

I say to you: Move with extreme caution. You have instruction from the Lord to solicit means for this institution in order to lessen its debts.

Again I say to you: Do not encourage Edson to sell his property at a sacrifice. This would be a mistake. Do not move the machinery. The way will open for this matter to be adjusted. When the Lord shall give light regarding this move, your way will be clear. When the work of that large place is broken up, it must be done understandingly, and not in uncertainty.

Brother and Sister Hare are still with us. Brother Hare is quite recovered and has returned from the sanitarium. I sat at table with the family yesterday.

The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. We have been very thankful that we brought from Loma Linda the help we have in Sister Hannaford. When we reached home, we found that Sister Mason was at the sanitarium taking treatment. After a few days she returned home, but it was very clear to us that she could not have remained in her former position. Brother and Sister Mason have secured rooms in one of the cottages on the hillside, near to the sanitarium, which they will occupy shortly.

In Sister Hannaford we find that we have secured an intelligent, Christian woman. Before coming, she sought the Lord earnestly to know her duty and came in accordance with the light she received. I can see that all things have worked together for good.

The talk I gave at Loma Linda the Sabbath after you left, I have had copied, and have ordered that copies be sent to you and Edson. I have also sent copies to several of the workers in Australia.

I pray that the Lord may strengthen you and abundantly bless you, and also Brother Daniells. We all need the influence of the Spirit of God with us every day. We need to have the praise of God continually in our thoughts.

Lt 20, 1908

White, W. C.

St. Helena, California

January 8, 1908

Dear Son Willie:

I have just read over the long MS. enclosed. It is good, just what the presidents of our conferences need. I hope you will receive it in season and read it to all assembled at the meeting.

I am having many letters to write.

Brother and Sister Metcalfe Hare will remain with us through the coming meeting. We shall be so pleased to have you with us again. We hope to see you soon. I do not expect to get letters to you again before you return. It will be our prayer that the Lord will bless you and keep you from all accident and harm.

I will not write much, for I am quite weary. May the Lord give you wisdom and grace from day to day. We are all in as good health as usual, except that I am very tired. I shall feel relieved when all these writings are completed.

Come home as soon as you can.

Lt 22, 1908

Workman, Mabel White

"Paradise Valley Sanitarium," National City, California

November 25, 1907

Mrs. W. Workman

Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

My dear Granddaughter:

You must excuse my delay in replying to your letter. I have had to read and answer many important letters since receiving yours. Does has returned to St. Helena, which leaves me without a copyist, unless I call on Mr. Crisler to do the work. I am reluctant to do this, as this would call him off from his important work of completing the collection he is making relating to the work in the southern field.

This November has been the most beautiful month I can recall to mind for this season of the year. The mornings and evenings have been a little cool, but agreeable; the air is perfect. Some day there has been a strong wind. But you know what the climate is like, for you have lived here. We might have held camp-meetings all this month, the weather has been so beautiful. While at Loma Linda we had one

thunderstorm, and for several hours a strong wind blew. I was taken through the rain in a rolling chair to the place of meeting.

Last night I had a strange experience. I seemed to be in the company of several persons. I had something of value in my hands, which I desired to keep. But some were trying to get it from me. I would partially let my treasure go, and then forbiddings would come telling me not to do so. Three times it was wrested from me; but finally I recovered it and held it fast. I would not let it go.

Today, Monday, we expect to hold a council to consider what shall be done with the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. Your father will be here, and several will assemble from different points to make a thorough examination of the business matters relating to the institution. I must keep my mind clear that no mistakes may be made.

Last Sabbath I spoke for one hour at the church at San Diego. The Lord gave me freedom. No one left the house during the service, and all listened intently. I spoke from the fifteenth chapter of John, and the first verse: "I am the true Vine, and My Father is the husbandman." I was surprised that I could speak with such strength and that I had such clearness of mind. I feel very grateful to God that He still gives me a testimony to bear to His people.

I see a great deal to be done in Southern California. The towns of Redlands and Riverside need special help. The Lord may give me His word for them. If He lays any portion of the work on me, I hope I shall not leave the field until I have done what He desires. Sometimes I think I am too weak to speak to the people; but when I stand upon my feet, I find that my voice is clear and strong. I praise the Lord for this.

We were a little late one morning in starting for the early morning meeting. I took your father's arm and walked down the two long flights of stairs and up the ascent to the meeting place. I kept step with your father as we went. I could not keep from thanking God for the strength which enabled me to do this without any inconvenience. I kept saying, The blessing of the Lord is upon me. My heart doth rejoice, and my lips shall speak of His great goodness, and tell of His power. Praise His holy name. On the 26th day of this month I shall be eighty years old.

All I want in this world is to do my appointed work. I do not worry; come life or death, I am at peace with God.

"Here is the patience of the saints," the apostle John writes, "here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus Christ. And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, 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 sat one 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 time is come for Thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

"And another angel came out of temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes

are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the wine press, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.” [Revelation 14:12-20.]

These are solemn words. When the storm of God’s wrath breaks upon the world, there will be terrible revelations made to those who have built their house upon the sand.

O that our people would arouse and put away all weakness of the flesh and spirit. It was for this fallen world that Christ wept and prayed. The heart of infinite love was stirred as He saw souls being ensnared and selling themselves for worldly gain. “Lay not up for yourselves treasures on the 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. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light; but if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness.

“No man can serve two masters; for either he will love the one and hate 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 ... what ye shall eat, or 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 ...; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.

“Wherefore if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Wherefore 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. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for tomorrow will take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” [Matthew 6:19-34.]

This chapter is full of encouragement and help to the follower of Christ. We find everywhere those who need just this instruction. If we do not come into right relation to God, while claiming to be His children, our influence will be misleading. “Every good tree bringeth forth good fruit.” [Matthew 7:17.]

Our spiritual conflicts might often be called our spiritual rebellions. It is the heart’s lack of submission to the will of God that so often brings us into difficulty. We want our own way, but this often means rebellion against God’s way. We need to do as Christ did—wrestle with the Father in prayer for strength and for power to make Him known in our words and actions.

“And again He entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised abroad that He was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them; no, not so much as about the door: and He preached the word unto them. And they came unto Him bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto

Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was; and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereon the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith He said, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

“But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone? And immediately when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned so within themselves, He said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say unto the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed and walk? But that thou mayest know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (He saith to the sick of the palsy) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all, insomuch that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.” “But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.” [Mark 2:1-12; Matthew 9:8.]

“And He went forth again by the seaside; and all the multitude resorted unto Him; and He taught them. And as He passed by He saw Alphaeus, the son of Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow Me; and he arose and followed Him.

“And it came to pass that as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners came also together with Jesus and His disciples: for there were many, and they followed Him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto them, How is it that He eateth with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard it, He said unto them, ... I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” [Mark 2:13-17.]

Never, never distrust your Saviour. Take your trials and perplexities to Him. Christ came to call the sinners, not the righteous, to repentance. If you feel yourself a sinner, you are one whom Christ came to save.

Christ placed Himself where He could, by word and work, become a minister of healing and blessing to the sick. His example is to be prayerfully followed by His servants. Instead of devoting their time to hovering over the churches, they should be bearing a continual message to those who have not heard the truth.

Christ the sin-pardoning Saviour was a wellspring of life wherever He was. In relieving the sick and the suffering, He was fulfilling His mission to men. The church on earth is to practice His virtues. Church members are first to be converted to obedience to His commandments; then as obedient children they will minister of their abundance to the suffering and the needy. There will be an example given of true Christian self-denial and self-sacrifice. The time now devoted to pride of dress and love of the world will be given to the uplifting of humanity. There are souls perishing in ignorance of the truth. When God's Word is presented in simple faith, Christ will make the Word effectual.

Lt 24, 1908

Workman, Mabel White

Loma Linda, California

November 1907

Dear Mabel:

I have been very much occupied with my writings early and late, and many nights have been unable to sleep after one o'clock. I am not pleased with this kind of experience. I spend much time in earnest prayer for help and strength and wisdom to be guided aright at every point. I desire to view things in a clear light and handle wisely the difficulties that present themselves, that Satan cannot gain the advantage.

I see so many things that ought to be done that are not done to bring the truth before the people. Commercialism is occupying the means and minds of many. For the sake of gain many are accepting the tempting offers of the world. My heart is made sad as I see this; for this commercialism is grasping the talents that should be earnestly employed in opening the Scriptures to souls who are in darkness because they have not a correct knowledge of the Word.

The Son of God came to our world, and took humanity upon Himself, that fallen men and women might have the privileges of the children of God. "You hath He quickened that were dead in trespasses and sins," the apostle writes, "wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air; the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God who is rich in mercy, for the great love wherewith He hath loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved), and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace, in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast; for we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works; which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." [Ephesians 2:1-10.]

The disciple John bears testimony of Christ, "That which we have heard from the beginning, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled of the Word of life: for the life was manifested, and we have seen it and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested unto us.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you; that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of Him and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

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

It is the gospel and the gospel alone that will sanctify the soul. And this makes possible to the receiver that life "that measures with the life of God." This is the record that God has given us, even eternal life;

and this life is in His Son. He who is a partaker of the divine nature will escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. His faith in Christ as the Life-giver gives him life. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." [1 John 5:13.]

This life of sanctification and joy in believing is for every soul who in faith will claim the promises of the Word of God and draw upon divine strength for the work of overcoming.

It is the privilege of the Christian to be strong under difficulty, by keeping his eye fixed upon the Pattern. This is one way in which we prove the Lord. Let your faith work by love and purify the soul.

Lt 26, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

Loma Linda, California

November 1907

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I thank you for your letter. I had just closed up a letter to you when your communication arrived. I therefore held mine over until I could give your words more earnest attention.

I have written out some instruction to ministers and physicians in regard to the subject of health reform. I have been shown that the example of some of our leading workers is not a healthful or praiseworthy example. They are losing ground, backsliding from the principles of health reform, and this is having its effect upon the church members. These brethren are very conscientious in some matters; but on points where they should be very strict, they are very slack. The Lord has instructed me to tell them that their example in the home and in the church and with those whom they visit is causing the people to lose confidence in the light that God has given on this subject.

The light that God has given on the subject of health reform is very essential for these times. There is no one thing that men and women in these days need to be more earnestly impressed with than that of the importance of guarding the appetite. One of the reasons why we have our sanitariums is that we may bring the blessings of health reform to the world. O that we might see every representative of present truth exerting a wholesome influence in every line upon which light has been given.

Individually we have a work to do in our own borders. If each member of the body of Christ would attend to his God-given work, a much sweeter atmosphere would pervade our churches. The Lord is not pleased with the backslidden state of His people in regard to health reform. If they do not arouse to the need of heeding the light on health reform, they will soon fail to see the importance of other phases of the message.

When in Australia, Brother Kress, you lay trembling between life and death. Was the message given me for you, Return to a diet of flesh meats? No, no. God gave you directions regarding a healthful diet, which if diligently followed, would, mingled with the exercise of faith and prayer, save your life. The Lord foresaw that as a physician in one of our sanitariums, you would be a teacher of the principles of health reform. You were working hard, Dr. Kress, and you did not give yourself proper rest and nourishment. The Lord permitted you to come to the very brink of collapse, that you might be guided by His

instruction. He has never bidden any minister or physician to break down the barrier of correct eating in order to save life.

I feel very grateful for the light God has given me on health reform. In several cases when the adoption of health reform has been carried to extremes, and life has been endangered because of the limited supply of nourishment taken, the Lord has shown to me the course to follow in order to save life. Through His instruction, telling what to do, several lives have been saved, when physicians and nurses were unable to bring relief. When they have come to me for counsel, light has been given in the visions of the night. The prescriptions given were carried out, and the persons were raised up and lived for many years. The lives of some of those who were thus saved have been of a character to bring honor to the name of the Lord.

God permitted the flesh of dead animals to be eaten by the ancients, although He knew that by so doing the lives of men would be shortened. But when He brought His chosen people from the land of Egypt, He did not give them flesh to eat, but fed them with the bread of heaven. When they murmured against their heaven-appointed food and asked for flesh, God sent them quails; but the consequences of their rebellion were speedily felt. They ate to excess of the meat thus provided, and while the flesh was yet between their teeth many of them died. Our people would do well to study this experience of the children of Israel and learn the lesson that it teaches.

Light has been given me that some of our ministers and leading workers are working against the light of health reform. They are indulging in the use of flesh meats and other harmful things. Those who for years have had the testimonies before them are without excuse. Many need to make decided reforms; for those who have left our ranks, make this an occasion of charging our people with unbelief in the testimonies. God calls for thorough work on the part of professed believers, that He may be able to impress minds and hearts.

Lt 28, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

January 10, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser

257 South Hill St.

Los Angeles

My Dear Brother:

I was unable to sleep more than two hours last night; your case was lying heavily on my heart. I am thankful that you see that to accept the light that God has sent is the only course for you to pursue. I believe you to be sincere in what you have written.

Our sanitariums are most important agencies for the promulgation of the message of truth in the earth; they are to be made a success in every way. Had your mind been unprejudiced, you would have discerned the Lord's plan for the students in the sale of the books Christ's Object Lessons and Ministry

of Healing, in order that the sanitarium and the schools might be helped, and that the students might receive an essential experience. The students should be encouraged to enter upon their mission with these two books, after having received instruction in the way they should be handled.

We have the highest Authority for the prosecution of this work. Those who go forth to engage in the sale of these books will find many open doors of Christian service; and they will be doing the very work which Christ instructed His disciples to do in His last great commission: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

As they canvass for the books, the way will be opened for the students to give instruction in the truth. Opportunities will be given for them to care for and treat the sick; and they will do this work, knowing that the great Medical Missionary is presiding over each case. Impressions will be made on the minds of the sufferers that the human agent alone could never make.

Christ Himself is present at the bedside of the sick to suggest ways of ministry; and the efforts made for the relief of the sufferer will preach a sermon more powerful than any words could be.

Thus the missionary pioneer will open many a door for service; and the presence with him of the great Missionary, and the power which He bestows, will be constantly enlarging the worker's sphere of usefulness.

The gospel of health is to be given to all nations in true simplicity, without the use of poisonous drugs. And a large work for the cause of truth will be accomplished through this medium. Skill in training the sick without the use of drugs will give Christ the right of way through those workers who go forth to heal physical disease in unison with the preaching of the gospel. This is why God has specified that our sanitariums and schools be carried on in educational lines, and that they blend in perfect harmony. The students who come to the schools for training are to have the advantages of learning how to treat the sick: this knowledge combined with the education obtained in their school work will make their training a perfect whole. This, in the heavenly courts, is termed the higher education.

I will write you more on this subject later, if possible. I must close this now in order to get it into the mail before Sabbath.

Lt 30, 1908

Caro, Edith

"Elmshaven," Sanitarium, California

January 10, 1908

Mrs. Edith Caro

6270 Racine St.

Oakland, California

Dear Sister Edith Caro:

We have felt very sad over the loss you have sustained. My sorrow has been so great that I have felt unable to write. O how many times I have wished that you had never moved from your little home here.

Your message telling of the disappearance of the children reached us on Sabbath; and at that time I felt helpless to do anything in the matter. I thought that after the Sabbath I might be able to do something; but many letters have come in that demanded immediate attention, and so I have not written to you.

Last night in my sleeping hours, I seemed to be writing to Dr. Caro, laying before him his course of action in the light in which I regarded it—as the most wicked action that a husband could be guilty of. In his last letter to me he wished to know how much money had been sent to his family. He also referred to the letters written by you to him, saying that these were regarded by his mother as excellent letters, but that he did not place much value upon them. The one thing he seemed to want most to know was the amount of money that had been received and that was still required to meet the financial needs of his mother and his family. In the letter that I seemed to be writing to him, I spoke of you in the highest terms. I told him that I had found you to be a devoted mother and one who would train her children wisely and that no censure should attach to you. I entreated him to return to his family.

I have been very shocked at Dr. Caro's course in stealing the children. I cannot regard him as a sane man. I am sorry that his whereabouts cannot be found. I had thought of writing to the man in New Zealand who collected the Doctor's debts, but I do not know that this would be of any use. How this matter will turn we can not tell; but do not allow yourself to fret. I am glad you look at this experience as I do. Were I in your circumstances, I think I should feel the same.

Dear, afflicted child, do not sorrow as those who have no hope. I bid you cast your helpless soul on God. He can do more for you than you can ask or think. I greatly wish that I could speak some words that would relieve your grief.

If we can do anything for you in any way, please let us know. If you have any plans, please tell us of them. We sympathize with you, and we will be glad to help you in any way possible. This sorrow that has come to you I realize is the greatest that can come to a mother. It calls to my mind Rachel "weeping for her children; and would not be comforted because they are not." [Matthew 2:18.] But your children still live. May the Lord who knows, and who pities, grant you His grace in rich measure.

The sorrow of your mother must be very great. We commend you both to Him who will not leave you nor forsake you. My heart goes out in tenderness and pity for you both. God alone can work to disappoint the enemy. Put your trust in Him. Let not your grief exclude the comfort of the promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:20.]

Again I repeat, If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know, and I will make arrangement for your need to the best of my ability. But the Lord Jesus is your best Friend. Cling to His arm; He will be with you to comfort and to help in your necessity. Put all your trust in Him.

Lt 32, 1908

Brethren in Positions of Responsibility

St. Helena, California

January 6, 1908

To our brethren in positions of responsibility:

God has given me a message for the men who are carrying responsibilities in Washington and other centers of the work. This is a time when the work of God should be conducted with the greatest wisdom, unselfishness, and the strictest integrity by every conference; a time when there should be the closest observance of the law of God on the part of every worker; a walking and working under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

God needs men and women who will work in the simplicity of Christ to bring the knowledge of the truth before those who need its converting power. But when a precise line is laid down which the workers must follow in their efforts to proclaim the message, a limit is set to the usefulness of a great number of workers. I am charged to speak, saying, God seeth not as man seeth. Those who occupy responsible positions need to place a lower estimate upon the value of human wisdom and to esteem more highly the sanctification of the Spirit revealed in the lowliness and gentleness of Christ. They need to have the Holy Spirit come into their hearts and minds, to control their wills and to sanctify their tongues. When soul and mind and body are converted to God, our physical strength and our desires will become working agencies for God. When the converting power of God transforms the life, we shall be educated by God Himself to speak His words and work His works.

The law of God is to be magnified. Its claims must be presented by our workers, in our books and papers, and through the spoken word. The knowledge of its holy character is to become widespread. The message of Christ's righteousness must be proclaimed from one end of the earth to the other. Our people are to be aroused to prepare the way of the Lord. The third angel's message—the last message of mercy to a perishing world—is so sacred, so glorious. Let the light go forth as a lamp that burneth. Mysteries into which angels have desired to look, which prophets and kings and righteous men desired to know, the church of God is now to unfold.

An Illustration

Ezekiel writes: "Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters 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 the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. Then brought he me out of the way 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. And then the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.

"Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass over, for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

"Again he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold at the brink of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. 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 river shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh.

“And it shall come to pass that the fishers shall stand upon it from Engedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, 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 his months, because their waters they issue out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.” [Ezekiel 47:1-12.]

This representation is an illustration of the way in which the truth for this time is to go. A large work is to be done by many who have commenced in a small way. Many souls will be reached, not through display, not through any devising on the part of man, but because of the working of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of the human agencies. The Saviour worked in this way. When His methods become the methods of His followers, His blessing will attend their labors. Let us always remember that our schools are not to be conducted after the worldly plan.

The Work of the Madison School

In the work being done at the training school for home and foreign missionary teachers in Madison, Tennessee, and in the small schools established by the teachers who have gone forth from Madison, we have an illustration of a way in which the message should be carried in many places. I would say to the workers there, Continue to learn of Christ. Do not be daunted. Be free in the Lord; be free. Much acceptable work has been done in Madison. The Lord says to you, Go forward. Your school is to be an example of how Bible study, general education, physical education, and sanitarium work may be combined in many smaller schools that shall be established in simplicity in many places in the southern states.

My brethren in responsible places, mourn not over the work that is being done at Madison to train workers to go forth into the highways and the hedges. It is the will of God that this work should be done. Let us cease to criticize the servants of God engaged in this work and humble our own hearts before the Lord. Let us strengthen this company of educators to continue the good work in which they are engaged and labor to encourage others to do a similar work. Then the light of truth will be carried in a simple and effective way, and a great work will be accomplished for the Master in a short time.

When the Lord favors any of His servants with worldly advantages, it is that they may use those advantages for the benefit of others. As laborers together with God, men are to keep constantly in mind the need of giving the message of Christ's soon coming to the people who have not been warned. In this we are not left to human intelligence alone, for angels of God are waiting to encourage us in a life of patience and self-denial. We are to learn to be content with simple food and clothing, that we may save much means to be invested in the work of the gospel.

The gospel of Christ calls for entire consecration. The Christian sower is to go forth to sow. But many by their fretting and contentions are disqualifying themselves for labor. Their sluggish senses do not discern how feeble are their efforts and how strong is their unbelief. Let our church members now arise to their

responsibilities and privileges. Let them spend less on self-indulgence and needless adorning. The money thus expended is the Lord's and is needed to do a sacred work in His cause. Educate the children to do missionary work and to bring their offerings to God. Let us awake to a sense of the spiritual character of the work in which we profess to be engaged.

I have said only a little in comparison with what might be said on this subject. But I call on our ministers, our teachers, and our physicians to awake out of sleep, and see the opportunities for work that are within their reach, but which for years have been allowed to pass unimproved.

Our lack of self-denial, our refusal to see the necessities of the cause at this time, and to respond to them, call for repentance and humiliation of heart before God. It is a sin for one who knows the truth of God to fold his hands and leave his work for another to do.

It is a sin for any to criticize and find fault with those who in their manner of working do not exactly meet their mind. Let none blame or censure the men who have labored at Madison. In the place of complaining at your brother's work, take up your own neglected work. Instead of picking flaws in your brother's character, search your own heart, confess your sins, and act honestly with God. Let there be condemnation of self for the work that lies undone all about you. Instead of placing impediments in the way of those who are trying to accomplish something in the South, let your eyes be opened to see that time is passing and that there is much for you to do.

The Lord works through various agencies. If there are those who desire to step into new fields and take up new lines of labor, encourage them to do so. Seventh-day Adventists are doing a great and good work; let no man's hand be raised to hinder his brother. Those who have had experience in the work of God should be encouraged to follow the guidance and counsel of the Lord.

Do not worry lest some means shall go direct to conscientious laborers who are trying to do missionary work in a quiet and effective way. All the means is not to be handled by one agency or organization. There is much business to be done conscientiously for the cause of God. Help is to be sought from every possible source. There are men who can do the work of securing means for the cause; and when these are acting conscientiously and in harmony with the counsels of their fellow laborers in the field which they represent, the hand of restraint is not to be laid upon them. Those who are laborers together with Him who gave His life for the salvation of souls must not be bound about with territorial restraints.

Brethren Sutherland and Magan should be encouraged to solicit means for the support of their work. It is the privilege of these brethren to receive gifts from any of our people whom the Lord impresses to help. They should have means—God's means—with which to work. The Madison enterprise has been crippled in the past, but now it must go forward. If this work had been regarded in the right light, and had been given the help it needed, we should long ere this have had a prosperous work at Madison. Our people are to be encouraged to give of their means to this work which is preparing students in a sensible and creditable way to go forth into neglected fields to proclaim the soon coming of Christ.

The Lord directed Brethren Sutherland and Magan, as men of sound principles, to establish a work in the South. They have devised and planned and sacrificed in order to carry forward the work there on right lines, but the work has been greatly delayed. The Lord guided in the selection of the farm at Madison, and He desires that it be managed on right lines, that others, learning from the workers there, might take up a similar work and conduct it in like manner. Brethren Sutherland and Magan are chosen of God

and faithful, and the Lord of heaven says of them, I have a special work for these men to do at Madison, a work of educating and training young men and women for mission fields. The Spirit of the Lord will be with His workers if they will walk humbly with Him. He has not bound about and restricted the labors of these self-denying, self-sacrificing men.

To those in our conferences who have felt that they had the authority to forbid the gathering of means in certain territory, I now say: This matter has been presented to me again and again. I now bear my testimony in the name of the Lord to those whom it concerns. Wherever you are, withhold your forbiddings. The work of God is not to be thus trammelled. God is being faithfully served by men whom you have been watching and criticizing. They fear and honor the Lord; they are laborers together with Him. God forbids you to put any yoke on the necks of His faithful servants. It is the privilege of these workers to accept gifts or loans, that they may invest them to help in doing an important work that greatly needs to be done. There are some who have wrong views regarding the responsibility which God has placed upon them with their official position. They bear a heavy burden to control—a burden that has never been laid upon them by the Lord. Those who are standing free on the high platform of truth will not accept the responsibility of framing rules and regulations that hinder and cramp God's chosen laborers in their work for the training of missionaries. When men learn the lesson that "all ye are brethren" [Matthew 23:8], and realize that their fellow workers may know just as well as they how to use in the wisest way the talents and capabilities entrusted to them, they will remove many yokes that are now binding their brethren and will give them credit for having love for souls and a desire to labor unselfishly to promote the interests of the cause.

The Character of the Work

The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. In his student days he is taught how to build simply and substantially, how to cultivate the land and to care for the stock. To this is added the knowledge of how to treat the sick and care for the injured. This training for medical missionary work is one of the grandest objects for which any school can be established. There are many suffering from disease and injury who, when relieved of pain, will be prepared to listen to the truth. Our Saviour was a mighty Healer. In His name there may be many miracles wrought in the South and in other fields through the instrumentality of the trained medical missionary. Therefore it is essential that there shall be a sanitarium connected with the Madison school. The educational work at the school and the sanitarium can go forward hand in hand. The instruction given at the school will benefit the patients, and the instruction given to the sanitarium patients will be a blessing to the school.

The class of education given at the Madison school is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. My brethren, let no hindrance be placed in the way of men and women who are seeking to gain such an education as those at the Madison school are receiving. If many more in other schools were receiving a similar training, we as a people would become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The message would quickly be carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light.

It would have been pleasing to God if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, other such schools had been established in different parts of the southern field. No soul should be left in darkness if by any possible means he can be enlightened. There is plenty of land lying waste in the South that might

have been improved as the land about the Madison school has been improved. The time is soon coming when God's people, because of persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-round education will have a great advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading His people to the training of all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth.

Every possible means should be devised to established schools on the Madison order in various parts of the South; and those who lend their means and their influence to help this work are aiding the cause of God. I am instructed to say to those who have means to spare: Help the work at Madison. You have no time to lose. Satan will soon rise up to create hindrances; let the work go forward while it may. This is no time for weakness to be woven into our experience. Do not spend your money for unnecessary things, do not waste it on story magazines or cheap literature, but take your surplus means, and say, I will use this in employing men and women to give the last message of warning to the world.

When the Holy Spirit is allowed to mold our hearts and lives, there will be much more confidence expressed in the workers who are struggling with difficulties in hard places. Let every one take his own individual case before the Lord and study his own faults instead of the fancied shortcomings of his brother. We each need to realize our own weakness and be constantly on guard. Satan is watching to take us unawares, and many are ignorant of their own defects of character.

We need to read and understand the message of (Ezekiel 2): "And He said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the Spirit entered into me when He spake unto me. And He said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

"And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak My words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee, Be thou not rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee." [Verses 1-8.]

Again the prophet writes: "The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." [Ezekiel 3:16-21.]

The Lord is calling for men and women to guard their own houses and families and, instead of watching their fellow workers, regarding with jealousy their outgoings and incomings, to turn their attention to self. The Lord has a report to make of every soul who would restrict the liberty of another. There is a watcher who is taking the measure of character and who will judge accordingly. The jealousy revealed by some who claim to be in the truth plainly reveals that unless their hearts are changed they will never be overcomers. Unless they respond to the subduing, sanctifying influences of the grace of God, they will never wear the crown of life.

Those who desire to wear Christ's yoke will heed the invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:28, 29.] To all who would mark out a course for their brother to pursue, the Lord says, Stand out of the way. Satan and his emissaries are doing enough of this kind of work. We are altogether too near the close of earth's history to seek to block the wheels of the chariot of truth. God's workers are to come into line, to pray together, to counsel together. And whenever it is impossible for them to gather for counsel, God will instruct through His Spirit those who sincerely desire to serve Him.

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Brethren in Positions of Responsibility

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

January 6, 1908

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To those bearing responsibilities in Washington and other centers:

God has given me a message for those men who are carrying responsibilities in Washington and other centers of the work.

This is a time when the work of God should be conducted with the strictest integrity by every conference, a time when there should be the closest observance of the law of God on the part of every worker.

When the Lord favors any of His servants with worldly advantages, it is that they may use those advantages for the benefit of the work. And it is the privilege of accredited workers appointed to this responsibility to accept gifts or loans to help in doing the work that needs to be done. Forbiddings are not to be exercised by the conference, or by others who feel that they have authority to do so, that will deny the workers the privilege of accepting such loans and gifts as men and women are willing to make them. They should be allowed to go to the people to solicit help. Properly conducted, this is a line of work that the Lord commends.

This matter has been presented to me again and again. I now bear my testimony in the name of the Lord to those whom it concerns: Wherever you are, withhold your forbiddings. The work of God is not to be thus trammelled.

The Lord has directed Brethren Sutherland and Magan, men of sound principles, to establish the work at Madison. They have devised and planned and sacrificed in order to carry the work there after God's order; but the work has been long in coming to completion. It is the privilege of these brethren to receive gifts from any of our people whom the Spirit of the Lord impresses to help. They should have means—God's means—with which to do the Lord's work.

The Madison enterprise has been crippled in the past, but this has not been God's desire. If this work had been regarded in the light that God regarded it, and had been given the needed help, we should long ere this have had a flourishing plant at Madison. The people are to be, not forbidden, but encouraged, to give of their means to this work, which is preparing students in a sensible and creditable way to go forth to proclaim the soon coming of Christ and to close up the work on the earth.

There is business to be done for God. Help is to be sought from every possible source. There are those who have the faculty of securing means for the cause of God, and no hand of restraint is to be laid upon those who are doing this work successfully. They are surely laborers together with God, who gave His life for the salvation of souls.

The Lord selected the farm at Madison, and He signified that it should be worked on right lines, that others, learning from the workers in Madison, might take up a similar work and conduct it in a like manner. Brethren Sutherland and Magan are chosen of God and faithful, and the Lord of heaven says of them, I have a work for these men to do in Madison, a special work in educating and training young men and women for missionary fields. The Spirit of the Lord is with His workers. He has not restricted the labors of these self-denying, self-sacrificing men.

The school at Madison not only educates in a knowledge of the Scriptures, but it gives a practical training that fits the student to go forth as a self-supporting missionary to the field to which he is called. In his student days he is taught how to build, simply and substantially, how to cultivate the land and care for the stock. All these lines are of great educational value. To this is added the knowledge of how to treat the sick and care for the injured. This training for medical missionary work is one of the grandest objects for which any school can be established. There are many suffering from disease and injuries who, when relieved of pain, will be prepared to listen to the truth. Our Saviour was a mighty healer. In His name there may be many miracles wrought in the South and in other conferences through the instrumentality of the trained medical missionary. Therefore, centers for training must be formed.

The class of education given at the Madison school is such as will be accounted a treasure of great value by those who take up missionary work in foreign fields. My brethren, let no hindrance be placed in the way of men and women who are seeking to gain such an education as those at the Madison school are receiving. They are working after the Lord's directions. If many more in other schools were receiving a similar training, we as a people would become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. The message should quickly be carried to every country, and souls now in darkness would be brought to the light. These men under the special light the Lord has given are not to be hindered in any way, for the Lord is leading them. It would have been pleasing to God, if, while the Madison school has been doing its work, similar schools had been established in different parts of the southern field. No soul should be left in darkness if by any possible means he can be enlightened.

There is plenty of land lying waste in the South that might have been improved as the land about the Madison school has been improved. The time is soon coming when God's people, because of

persecution, will be scattered in many countries. Those who have received an all-round education will have the advantage wherever they are. The Lord reveals divine wisdom in thus leading His people to the training of all their faculties and capabilities for the work of disseminating truth.

Every possible means should be devised, to establish schools of the Madison order in various parts of the South; and those who lend their means and their influence to help this work are aiding the cause of God.

I am instructed to say to those who have means to loan or to give: Help the work at Madison. You have no time to lose. Satan will soon rise up to create hindrances; plenty of them. I am instructed to say to these men: Follow the instruction of the Lord. Let the work go forward while it may. This is no time for weakness to be woven into our experience. Do not spend money for story magazines and cheap literature, now so often found in your homes; but take your means—that which you have invested in houses and lands and bank stock—and say, I will use this in employing men and women to give the last message of warning to the world. The workers at Madison are capable of giving right instruction, and they should be encouraged. This is a work that the Lord will approve.

When the Holy Spirit is allowed to mold our hearts and lives, there will be much more confidence expressed in the workers who are now struggling with difficulties in hard places. Each worker needs to take his own individual case before the Lord and examine himself, instead of examining the fancied shortcomings of his brother. We each need to realize our own weakness and be constantly on guard. Satan is watching to take us unawares, and many are ignorant of their own defects of character.

We need to read and understand the message of (Ezekiel 2): “And He said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the Spirit entered into Me when He spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard Him that spake unto me. And He said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

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“Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.” [Ezekiel 3:16-21.]

The Lord is calling for men and women to guard their own houses and families. Instead of watching their fellow workers, trying to block their way, and regarding with jealousy their outgoings and incomings, they should turn their attention to self. The Lord has a report to make of every soul who would restrict the liberty of another. There is a Watcher who is taking the measure of character and will judge accordingly.

The Lord’s message of mercy is to be borne to a people long neglected. Ministers, and people, God speaks to you, saying, I have sent these men, and they are not to be hindered.

The jealousy revealed by some who claim to be in the truth plainly reveals that unless their hearts are changed, they will never be overcomers. Unless they respond to the subduing, sanctifying influences of the grace of God, they will never wear the crown of life. Some are very zealous in carrying out a work of hindrance, when the Lord has given them no such work to do.

The representation given in (Ezekiel 47:1-12) is an illustration of the way in which the truth for this time is to go. A large work is to be done by many who have begun in a small way. Many souls will be reached, not through display, not through any devising on the part of man, but through the working of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of human agencies. The Saviour worked in this way. When His methods become the methods of His followers, His blessings will attend their labors.

In the work being done at Madison, we have an illustration of the way in which the message should be carried in many places. I would say to the workers there, Continue to learn of Christ. Do not be daunted. Be free in the Lord; be free. Thus far an acceptable work has been done in Madison. The Lord says to you, Go forward.

My brethren in responsible places, mourn not over the work that is being done in the highways and hedges in the South. God has specified that this work should be done. Those who have tried to block the way have not been led by the Spirit of God. Cease your criticisms of God’s servants, and humble your own hearts before the Lord, that He may show you the right way. Let this company alone, to continue their work, and go thou and encourage others to do a similar work. Then the light of truth will be carried in a simple but effective way, and a great work will be accomplished for the Master.

Do not worry lest some means shall go to those who are trying to do missionary work in a quiet way. All the means is not to be handled by one organization or one party. The Lord works through various agencies. If there are those who desire to step into new fields and take up new lines of labor, forbid them not, but encourage them to do so.

Seventh-day Adventists are doing a good work; let no brother’s hand be raised to hinder it. Those who have had experience in the work of God should be encouraged to follow the guiding and counsel of the Lord. God is being faithfully served by these whom you are watching and criticizing. You should discern that they fear and honor the Lord; they are laborers together with Him.

God forbids you to put yokes on the necks of His servants. Brethren Sutherland and Magan have a right to solicit means for the support of the Madison school. This wonderful burden to restrict their work, which some suppose God has bestowed upon them with their official position, has never been laid upon them. If they were standing free on the high platform of truth, they would never accept the responsibility of framing rules and regulations that will hinder and cramp the laborers in their work for this time. When they learn the lesson that "All ye are brethren" [Matthew 23:8], and realize that their fellow workers sometimes know just as well as they do how to use in the wisest way the talents and capabilities entrusted to them, they will remove the yokes that they are now binding upon them and will give them credit for love for souls and a desire to labor unselfishly to promote the interests of the cause.

Those who desire to wear Christ's yoke will heed the invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:28, 29.]

To all who would mark out a certain, definite course for their brother to pursue, the Lord says, Stand out of the way. Satan and his emissaries are doing enough of this kind of work. We are altogether too near the close of this earth's history to seek to block the wheels of the chariot of truth. God's workers are to come into line, to pray together, to counsel together. And whenever it is impossible for them to gather for counsel, God will instruct through His Spirit those who sincerely desire to serve Him.

Lt 34, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

January 13, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser

257 South Hill St.

Los Angeles

Dear Brother Reaser:

I am instructed to say to you that if you adhere to the statements you have made, you will prove your statements true by a change in your manner of work and in the spirit of your dealings. I have taken this matter to the Lord, and He has instructed me that if you will make Him your counselor, He will enable you to make these changes in your dealings with your brethren. If you will humble your heart before God, and seek His strength, He will give you grace to redeem your failures. I do not desire to see you humbled before the conference. If the Lord will be pleased to give me further instruction regarding your case, I will give it you.

I have been writing early and late the past week. In the night seasons messages have been given me for our workers in leading positions, entreating them to humble their hearts before God; because in the near future we were to have experiences which would call for entire dependence upon Him. Our works and our ways are to be such that we shall know that we are following on to know the Lord, whose goings forth are prepared as the morning.

When Moses was called to lead the children of Israel, he was overwhelmed with a sense of his inability for the task. He felt that he could not speak words that would prevail with the king of Egypt. "O my Lord," he said, "I am not eloquent; neither heretofore nor since hast Thou spoken to Thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue." The answer came, "Who hath made man's mouth, or who maketh the dumb to speak, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I the Lord? Now therefore, go. I will be thy mouth and will teach thee what thou shalt say." [Exodus 4:10-12.]

What a work God would have wrought for Moses if he had fully believed the Lord. But because he did not believe, Aaron, his brother, who was eloquent in speech, was chosen to speak before Pharaoh.

Now, my brother, I fully believe that the Lord will give you tongue and utterance to speak right words. I believe that He will teach you to become wise in speech, and that you will give up your self-confidence and your love to control. Your only hope is in God. I write in full confidence that you will become meek and lowly in heart. If you will accept the meekness of Christ, the Lord will make you a blessing. I long to see you a man strong, not in your own strength, but in the righteousness of Christ. You will be brought into strait places; but if you will put your trust in God, He will be your efficiency.

The burden of my heart for you has been distressingly great, so that I have not been able to sleep. While at Loma Linda and Paradise Valley there were two nights that I did not sleep at all. O I have been so glad in the hope that you might become a man of righteousness, a man who would not exalt self.

Several times I have passed through experiences similar to this, when it was thought that ministers should be separated from the work. On one occasion a brother was taking sides with some who were standing out against the testimonies. I prayed for him and pleaded with him to yield to the Spirit of God. This was at the time of some important meetings, and the following meeting was to be decisive. I begged this brother to throw his influence on the right side; but although he did not repulse me, he would not yield.

We went to the place of meeting, and the two parties were present. How would this brother decide? I bore my testimony before those assembled; then I addressed the opposing party, and then the brother with whom I had been conversing. Suddenly I saw His face grow deathly pale; and after I had finished speaking, he rose to his feet and confessed that all through the camp-meeting he had stood on the wrong side, in stubborn and determined resistance to the testimonies of the Spirit of God. He acknowledged that the party to which he had belonged had not offered a prayer in their houses where they slept, during the time that the meetings had been in session, but had spent their time in ridiculing my words and the words of those who were in harmony with me. "But," he said, "the conviction of the Spirit of God has come upon me, and I shall always be ashamed of the course I have taken. I surrender right here my wicked opposition; for I feel that I have been reprov'd by God."

That brother has ever since stood true to the testimonies of the Spirit of God. I have no knowledge that he has ever gone back from the stand he took at that meeting. You know that brother well, but I will not mention his name.

Case after case of the same kind has come before me. But as the Lord moved upon this brother's heart, so He has moved on the hearts of others, and so He will continue to work through the influence of His Spirit.

My brother, be true to God, and you will be true to your church duties. Link up with your brethren, be kind and courteous. I am instructed to say to you, Watch and pray; then you will increase in faith and hope and patience. I am so glad that I can bear you this message. Bless the Lord, O my soul, for His goodness and love to the erring children of men.

The Lord Jesus, to whom pertains all grace, is invested with all power. What have we then to fear? He who has purchased us with His own blood declares, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

I shall feel a greater interest in your case than I have ever yet felt, because of the experience you are having. The enemy has desired your soul, that he might sift you as wheat; but I shall believe that you will not continue to hold the position you have held in the past, to exercise a dominating power. Now is your opportunity to exercise your powers in a way that will result in the saving of souls. We shall certainly try to help you. I pray that God may abundantly bless you as you strive to meet the requirements of the Lord.

In sending you this counsel, I have asked the advice of no human being. These words of encouragement come from the Highest Authority. You are on trial. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. Unsanctified self has borne sway long enough. Put not your trust in self, neither make flesh your arm. You can encourage us all by working in harmony with those men who have been chosen to carry weighty responsibilities. Unite with them, and the blessing of the Lord will certainly come upon you.

Lt 36, 1908

Simpson, R. W.; Simpson, A. W.

Loma Linda, California

December 13, 1907

Mr. R. W. Simpson and Dr. A. W. Simpson

Long Beach, California

Dear Brother and Sister Simpson:

I received your welcome letter today. W. C. White has just left us for his journey to Mexico, and my heart is a little sad that we must be separated; but the Lord's work must be done.

I spoke on Sabbath to a large company in the church in Los Angeles. Every seat was filled, and many were seated in the aisles. But every time I have spoken in that church I have had to suffer severely for it afterwards. Perhaps if I had had opportunity to rest, I should not have suffered so; but appointments were out that I should speak at Glendale, which I did. I opened the meeting with prayer and then spoke to the people for about one hour. There was a much larger number present than we had expected. The Lord gave me freedom in speaking. That night the influenza came upon me. But I was very grateful that I had had opportunity to speak to the people.

My brother and sister, I have a great desire that as you shall take your place in the work, you may put your trust wholly in the Lord. I have felt a special interest in Dr. Preston Kellogg. I shall be thankful if you can be a help to him and to Dr. Jones. The Lord has me acquainted with the history of Dr. Jones, and I am very desirous that he shall give up his way and will to the way and the will of God.

I rejoice that the Lord has wrought for you in restoring the child whom you thought must die.

Brother Simpson, you have brainpower, but you do not fully realize the blessing of sanctification in your life. True godliness requires that we take God into our thoughts. Peter exhorts us as Christians that we live on the plan of addition. If we will add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity, we shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off; and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, ye shall never fall; for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." [2 Peter 1:9-11.]

Here is your everlasting life insurance policy. I trust that all who are connected with the Long Beach Sanitarium will consider it their privilege to avail themselves of it. I have a great desire that those who take up work in that new institution will make this their time to take hold of the work presented in the first chapter of Second Peter. If you will work on the plan of addition, God will work for you on the plan of multiplication. "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you," the apostle writes, "through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue; whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." [Verses 2-4.]

It is a fearful thing to trifle with the soul's highest interests. The Lord will receive all who will repent and turn to Him. He forgiveth transgressions and sins.

Brother and Sister Simpson, whoever shall connect with you in this work, let it be clearly understood that there is to be no censuring. The Lord calls you to take up your responsibilities as faithful servants of Jesus Christ. Make Him your entire dependence. The Lord will rejoice to make you both laborers together with God.

In the near future there will be great need for us to have special help from the Lord. Seasons of trial and conflict are before us, and we shall need the consolation to be found only in the Source of all strength. We are to grasp with unhesitating obedience and with simplicity of faith the only Power that can prevail in the conflict with the powers of darkness. In God alone is to be our trust. If we will make Him our confidence, we are sure to realize our need; and an increase of faith and holy endeavor will be ours. We can overcome if we will cling in faith to the unfailing One.

Lt 38, 1908

Place, Brother

St. Helena, California

January 12, 1908

Elder Place

Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother:

You are not in the place that the Lord has appointed you to be. The influence of your brother upon you is not a Christian or a wholesome influence. His words are not truth and righteousness; he is not led and controlled by the Spirit of God. You cannot resist your brother's influence, you are affected by his irreligious sentiments, and thus you give other workers cause to doubt the light that God has permitted to shine upon His people for this time of moral darkness.

The world will ever be found in conflict with the church. It means much to each one of us to know that we are following the Pattern, to be assured, wherever we are, that we are exerting our powers for good. You need to walk carefully, my brother. I mark out no way for you; but I greatly fear for you. You are in danger of being misled. You are doing your brother no good, and you yourself are becoming befogged. I have seen your danger, and now I ask you to be careful. Had you stood in the light of the Lord, you would not have given influence to your brother's actions and spirit; for these were not in harmony with the Spirit of God.

Our experience at the meetings held at Melrose, Mass., was of the Lord. I had light for you at that time, and you acknowledged the working of the Spirit of God upon your heart. But now a change has taken place; a cloud is upon your soul, and you are becoming lost in the fog. Had you continued in your ministerial work, the blessing of the Lord would have been with you. His Spirit would have led you to connect with those who would be a help to you, and you would have been a help to them.

The work to be done at this period of time demands that the channels appointed to receive the living waters for thirsty souls be greatly multiplied. The work is to be done through unselfish effort. Those who will yield to the Holy Spirit's guidance will come forth purified and refined as gold from the fire. The knowledge that souls are perishing in their sins should arouse every worker to greater fervor and to give the light of present truth to all within his reach.

Our work is not to be crowded into one locality. The truth is to be carried to the regions beyond. Through the explanation of the Word of God, the light is to shine forth. By much prayer, by the laying hold of the strength of Omnipotence, by the working of the Holy Spirit upon human hearts, the lesson is learned that the converted soul must worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

To labor for the conversion of souls is the noblest work in which the human agent can engage. But in our working for this object must be revealed the fact that we are laying hold of the grace of Christ, that we are being guided and controlled by the Spirit of God. His holiness, His power, His unbounded love, revealed in the human instrument, will convict and convert souls. When the presence of Christ fills the life, the worker has a sense of divine power within him. The fact that he is a joint worker with God captivates all his affections and desires and fills him with an earnest love for the souls for whom he labors.

Never forget that whenever a soul is truly converted, God is glorified, and angels in heaven burst forth into singing. We are nearing the great and final conflict. Every advance move made now must be made

with increasing effort; for Satan is working with all power to increase the difficulties in our way. He works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to secure the souls of men. I am charged to say to ministers of the gospel and to our missionary physicians, Go forward. The work to be done calls for self sacrifice at every step; but Go forward.

Lt 40, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

January 16, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

My son Edson White:

I wish to say to you that your whole confidence must be in the Lord. If you will make Him your trust, you will obtain the control of self. Lean heavily upon the strength of the Lord. Learn patience. Let nothing disturb your mind. We are preparing for the heavenly courts; we should ever bear this in mind.

I want to say to you again, The food factory should not have all the machinery taken away, leaving the bare building. I believe there are persons who will purchase the buildings as it is and carry on the food business. I say to you, Keep control of your spirit. Enter into no compromise with those who cannot give you anything to relieve your present situation. Be patient. This is the word that is given me for you.

I have been writing constantly for two weeks, that if possible I might set things in order among the workers. I pray that the will of the Lord may be done by you and by me and by W. C. White. I pray that each member of my family may pursue such a course that we all may hear the "well done" spoken unto us. [Matthew 25:21.] Let us remember that there is a great and grand work to be done in the saving of souls. And time is short; we have not one moment to waste on matters that are unessential.

I have received a letter from Elder Butler, but I have not written to him, fearing that what I might say he would not understand. He does not view some matters in a correct light, and the least I say concerning those matters just now, the better. When I can write clearly regarding them, I will do so; but just now silence is eloquence. I want to have my heart prepared to understand the truth.

I am instructed that we are not to transfer the Paradise Valley Sanitarium at present to the conference. We shall not be clear if we do this now. This matter will be made more clear to me in time; but for the present God forbids that any move be made in this direction.

Let us keep the communication open between God and our souls. Let us walk humbly and keep the mind clear to do the will of the Lord. I am surprised when I see men, who are given positions of trust, exalt themselves and become self-sufficient. This is a dangerous trait of character to manifest in these days of peril. How men can thus exalt self, and lose their bearings, is a mystery to me.

The truth, present truth for this time, is to be given to the people as meat in due season. A plain "Thus saith the Lord" is to be declared, not in an authoritative manner, but with assurance and in the spirit of

love that the Holy Ghost imparts to the sincere believer. Angels of God will make the impressions on hearts if the truth is presented in the fear of God.

God does not become indifferent to our situation. He does not sleep. The promise which He gave to His disciples before He ascended to heaven reaches to all time. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." [Matthew 28:18-20.]

My son, claim this promise. Cling to the hand of Christ, and let Him lead you.

I cannot write you much, for I have little strength today. I have written letter after letter to our different workers until I am worn out. I desire to be continually, when I can, communing with God.

Lt 42, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

Loma Linda, California

November 5, 1907

Dr. D. H. Kress

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I was awakened at one this morning and began to write. I have been instructed to bear a message to the president of the Southern California Conference. It is strange to me that men placed in positions of trust should become self-sufficient and feel that they can do their work without the strength of God. I am alarmed for the results of this spirit that is being manifested. Men need to put away their self-confidence and become humble in heart.

I have received a letter from my granddaughter Mabel Workman. She writes that she was much pleased with her visit to the sanitarium. She speaks highly of the spiritual atmosphere of the home. I was very thankful that she could write thus. The presence of a Christian influence in the sanitarium family is just what should be. It is this that will make the sanitarium at Washington an example of what all our sanitariums should be. I sincerely believe that you are in the place where the Lord would have you be. In living the gospel of Christ before the sanitarium family, you are preaching a more powerful sermon than any words could give.

When I lie awake in the night season, I often think of you and pray for you. Let us bring all the sunshine possible into our lives. I delight to dwell on the relation of God to us, as the Father of our Lord Jesus. It is through the Son that we can look to Him and call Him our Father. We cannot have too exalted views of our relationship with the Father of all the human family.

I ask you, Dr. Kress, to speak a word of encouragement occasionally to Brother Baird. If you will, you can bind up the influence of this brother with your influence. Brother Baird is a sufferer and is often in pain

as he works. If you will speak a kind word to him and to his wife, it will do them both great good. They will have the assurance that you take an interest in them.

The Lord designs that our sanitariums shall educate the people how to cook healthfully and how to eat healthfully. It is a mistake to prepare a large number of foods for one meal; a few kinds, carefully prepared, and served in an appetizing way, is all that is needed. You need no flesh foods; flesh foods are not the best for the human stomach. Often the animals sold for the market are diseased.

In a letter that came to me, the question was asked if it was true that Sister White ate chicken broth at the first camp-meeting held in Australia. It is true that I did so. I had been very sick with a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism and was just recovering. I had no appetite for food of any kind. Some of our good sisters, thinking to do me a kindness, sent me a bowl of chicken broth. I took a few spoonfuls, but had no appetite for it, and sent it back to the one who had sent it to me, saying I did not wish any flesh meats prepared for me. When the second dish was brought to me, I returned it untasted. From this circumstance it was reported widely that I had eaten flesh foods at the time of the first camp-meeting in Australia. It was told me that the matter was reported in Washington.

I will tell you how we dealt with this matter of meat eating in Australia:

Sara McEnterfer, who had been my nurse up to the time of my sailing from America for Australia, did not accompany us, as she was taken sick. After she was somewhat recovered, she served in the sanitarium, getting a further experience in how to care for the sick. When, later, she joined us in Australia, in Cooranbong, where we settled, she had plenty of opportunity to exercise her skill in caring for the sick and injured. There was no physician nearer than Newcastle, and those who would come at the call of the sick would charge twenty-five dollars for their services at one visit. Many of the people died for want of needed assistance. When the people learned that Sara could treat the sick, they would send for her, and she always responded to their calls. She had a safe horse, and she would often go for miles in the night to visit some family that needed help.

On one occasion Sara was called to a family at Dora Creek, where every member of the household was sick. The father belonged to a highly respectable family, but he had taken to drink, and his wife and children were in great want. At this time of sickness there was nothing in the house suitable to eat. And they refused to eat anything that we took them. They had been accustomed to having meat. We felt that something must be done. I said to Sara, Take chickens, from my place, and prepare them some broth. So Sara treated them for their illness and fed them with this broth. They soon recovered.

Now this is the course we pursued. We did not say to the people, You must not eat meat, although we did not use flesh foods ourselves. When we thought it essential for that family in their time of sickness, we gave them what we felt they needed. There are occasions when we must meet the people where they are.

The father of this family was an intelligent man. When the family was well again, we opened to them the Scriptures, and this man was converted and accepted the truth. He threw away his pipe and gave up the use of drink; and from that time as long as he lived, he neither smoked nor drank. As soon as it was possible, we took him on our farm and gave him work on the land. While we were away attending meetings in Newcastle, this man died. Thorough treatment was given him by some of our workers, but

the long-abused body could not respond to their efforts. But he died a Christian and a commandment keeper.

When we first went to Cooranbong, we were informed that it was a very wicked place, that the people would steal anything they could lay their hands on. But we replied that we were the Lord's missionaries, that we had come to do the people good, and that we would treat them in such a way that they would learn not to appropriate our goods to themselves. Before, however, they learned that we were their friends, we suffered at their hands. At one time we received from the city a large bag of provisions for our family and workers. When in the morning we went to the shed where these were kept, we found the bag gone. At another time we went to get a large pan of rice which had been cooked for our dinner. Both pudding and dish were missing. But after we had had some experience with these people, and had cared for their sick and relieved their necessities, nothing on our premises was touched.

We have neither meat nor butter on our table, and we have but two meals a day. If any of my workers desire a simple meal in the evening, I do not have anything to say against it.

Our farm is cared for by Brother James, who labored for us in Australia. His family now numbers thirteen, including the parents. I do not think that one unpleasant word has ever passed between our two families in all our association together. Brother James has been quite successful in cultivating loganberries. Besides having all we needed for our own family, we sold last season one hundred dollars' worth of these berries. Of corn and peas we have raised enough for ourselves and our neighbors. The sweet corn we dry for winter use; then when we need it we grind it in a mill and cook it. It makes most palatable soups and other dishes.

We have a bakery close by, as you know; but we cook our own bread. Sweet breads and sweet cookies we seldom have on our table. The less of sweet foods that are eaten, the better; these cause disturbances in the stomach and produce impatience and irritability in those who accustom themselves to their use.

In their season we have grapes in abundance, also prunes and apples, and some cherries, peaches, pears, and olives, which we prepare ourselves. We also grow a large quantity of tomatoes. I never make excuses for the food that is on my table. I do not think God is pleased to have us do so. Our visitors eat as we do and appear to enjoy our bill of fare.

I am glad that in your location in Washington you are away from the city. I have seen the ground, but have not had the pleasure of seeing your nice building. I shall be very pleased to see you and hope that I may do so sometime.

Lt 44, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

January 18, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser

Dear Brother Reaser:

I have just read your letter. I am so very grateful to our Saviour that He has expressed Himself to you as one who loves you; and because He loves you, He has sent messages to save you. And you have accepted the message. I feel so thankful. I told my family this morning that your letter was more precious to me than a houseful of gold. You are answering the prayer of Christ for His disciples: "That they all may be one: as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee; that they also may be one in Us." [John 17:21.]

Just before Christ said the words, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth," He had given His disciples the promise, "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth." [John 17:17; 16:13.] Through the Holy Spirit, Christ will open more clearly to those who will believe on Him, that which He has inspired holy men to write concerning the truth. And it is thus that the unity for which Christ prayed is to be effected. We are to receive sanctification through obedience to the Word and the Spirit of truth. Thank the Lord.

We have the Saviour's example. Jesus never suppressed one word of truth, but He uttered it always in love. Our Saviour always exercised the greatest tact and thoughtful, kind attention in His intercourse with people. He was never rude, never gave needless pain to any sensitive soul. While He fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity, sorrow was in His voice. He wept over Jerusalem, the city He loved, that refused to receive Him who was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. They had rejected Him, the Saviour. His tenderness was so deep it broke His heart.

I am filled with gratitude and praise and thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus that you have had grace to receive the reproof. A worker together with Christ, you may, by exercising sanctified tact, save souls that are ready to perish. We will study to be skilful, if possible, in winning souls to Christ. If souls turn in a wrong direction, and become lost to the cause of God, for want of tenderness and skill on the part of the worker, the cause has met with loss. The exercise of tact and wisdom, and an earnest desire to save souls from death, will increase the usefulness of a laborer one hundredfold.

Christ reached the people where they were. Shall we not, my brother, practice Christ's methods and employ all our skill in winning souls to Him? When Satan wins a soul to unite with him in his efforts to destroy, he has gained his purpose. I thank [the] Lord with my soul that He gives His wisdom for the work of winning souls to Him.

I see a great and valuable work in many lines for you to do. What the workers need to do is to surrender themselves to the Lord's methods, putting self out of sight and lifting up the Man of Calvary. We are to place ourselves, softened and subdued, on the Lord's side. Then when warring elements come in, Christ will give us His Spirit in words and utterance. And success will be given. Angels of God will be right by our side to give us certain victory.

I write you this because, in the night season, I seemed to be writing these words, just as I have been writing to others. I was saying to you, You may be a strong, spiritually minded man. Some will wish to have the work done in their way; but the Lord would convert you to His way; then He will use you to bring many souls to Christ. If you will learn Christ's methods, you will be endowed with a Christlike character. You will educate others; and those who are thirsting for the words of truth will see the life of Christ in your words and in the tone of your voice. You will come in contact with those whose hearts the Spirit of God is moving upon; you can help these to come to the light.

You can be a great help to Elder Burden. You can be a laborer together with God in helping him carry his load. Every one who accepts the present truth will be a soul saved to Christ. You have a work to do, and the Lord Jesus will be your helper, if you will put your trust in Him. As you walk humbly with God, He will be your strength, your wisdom, your front guard, and your rearward. May the Lord bless you and encourage you is my prayer.

P.S.—I shall attend the meetings that are being held. I shall hope to have strength to bring in some important matters. If I have strength, I shall see you there; if not, you are to come to me. I thank the Lord, O so much, that you will not have to give up your position, but that you can labor with your brethren as one in Christ Jesus.

Lt 46, 1908

Burden, J. A.; Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

January 13, 1908

Elders Burden and Reaser

Dear Brethren:

I have words to speak to you. The Lord has a great work to do for His cause in the earth, and He will do it through those workers who will unite with Him.

I plead with you, Elder Reaser, to take your stand wholly on the right side. We cannot change the presidency without feeling deep regret. If you will take your position firmly to counterwork the influence you have exerted against the testimonies of the Spirit of God, then the Lord can accept you. But while you remain in an unsettled condition, having more confidence in your own judgment than you have in the counsel of the Lord, you are doing a work to undermine the confidence of the people in the work of the Lord. I must say to you, Elder Reaser, that there is need for much searching of self, for you have much prejudice to overcome. One seed of unbelief sown in the heart will change the atmosphere of the soul. There is a far-reaching work to be done in counterworking the work of unbelief that has been done. If you will place yourself under the control of the Spirit of God, the Lord will help you to do this. Angels of God are by the side of those who choose to be taught of the Lord, and who seek His counsel. Our workers need to counsel often together, that they may know what spirit is controlling them.

The workers in the Southern California Conference need to be minute men. No one is to exalt his own judgment or entertain the thought that he can carry the work in his own way. My brethren, when difficulties arise, do not leave the Lord out of your councils. Self-ruling will bring no strength to the church. A worker may magnify self to large proportions, but in doing so he will bring embarrassment to the work and give an example to the church that God never designed it should have.

The work that was done in collecting money to lift the school debt in Southern California was not a work of God's ordering. He gave our schools the precious book Christ's Object Lessons, and He wants that book to be appreciated. The students have lost precious lessons because they have not taken up the work of pushing the sale of these books. There is a most valuable experience to be gained by those who

will aid in doing this work for the benefit of our educational institutions. If teachers and students will act their part in this missionary enterprise, angels of God will open the way before them.

In this new year, let new methods be recommended. Let parents encourage their children to act a part in the circulation of Christ's Object Lessons. This will instruct the children in acts of self-denial. The work of selling Christ's Object Lessons is a work that Christ would have the children engage in; and they themselves will be blessed in the work. Light, precious light, is contained in the book, which every family should follow.

Ministry of Healing is another book containing valuable instruction. It is also a gift to the work; its teachings will do good to those who receive them, as its title suggests. The sale of Ministry of Healing is one way in which the sanitarium is to receive help. Let us take a personal interest in this matter. These two books can be handled separately or together, as may be deemed advisable. And those who read them will see in them precious light. Angels will [be] beside those who study them to impress minds and hearts.

The Loma Linda Sanitarium needs help. It was the Lord who placed this institution in our possession, that we might carry forward His work through its instrumentality. It should have every convenience necessary to make it a blessing to the sick. In the efforts made to build up this work, Satan has tried in every way to discourage; but we must not be discouraged, but arouse to the task of carrying this work successfully. Los Angeles can help to meet the emergency by loaning means or making gifts to provide for the present necessities.

There is need of an elevator at the sanitarium; it is also necessary that some other improvements be made and that, as far as possible, the indebtedness be decreased. Let all who possibly can help in the circulation of Ministry of Healing, that means may come in for the doing of this work. If at the beginning of this new year, we will take hold of this work, the blessing of the Lord will be upon us. The pushing of this enterprise is included in the missionary work to be done for this time. Let all plan to see what can be done.

We each need to arouse and be a benefit to the world in which we live. We are to act a part in the saving of souls. The spirit we reveal in words and character will live again in those for whom we labor as their ideal of what a Christian believer should be. When the will and desires are held subservient to the will and plans of the Lord, the soul will be as the garden of God, filled with all manner of pleasant flowers and fruits.

The first chapter of Second Peter contains valuable instruction for every worker. Read this chapter, and understand it for your individual selves. It is your privilege to secure the everlasting life insurance policy there brought to view.

Lt 48, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

Loma Linda, California

December 3, 1907

Dr. D. H. Kress

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear friends, Brother and Sister Kress:

There has never been a time when we needed more than we do at the present to seek the counsel of God. We need to pray constantly for spiritual strength. We need clear discernment, that we may walk constantly with God.

I have much to say to you, my esteemed friends. I have read your letter and am not surprised that you feel perplexed at what I have written regarding your wages. Sometime you will understand that I begrudge you none of your salary. But I know that just now some are watching you, eager to gather up points in regard to this matter that will give them an excuse for drawing the large wage they themselves would like to demand. They would like to make your case an excuse for their course in this matter.

I feel sure that the question of your wages will be satisfactorily adjusted in the future. But, my brother, let those who understand your influence and your work adjust your salary, and not you yourself. If you entertain the thought that in order to meet all your expenses you must have a certain high salary, others will take example by you; and although perhaps not so valuable to the cause as yourself, will take it for granted that because you draw large money, they can demand the same, or even more.

I do not demerit lady physicians. We need them as verily as we need gentlemen physicians; and we should have one hundred where we now have one. A great mistake has been made in not seeing this necessity and encouraging many more to take the medical course.

My brother, be of good courage in the Lord. We see so much need of the grace of Christ, and of that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. We need to learn our lessons of Jesus Christ, and to labor both for the health of the body and the saving of the soul. Our mission is the same as that of our Master, of whom it is written, "He went about doing good and healing all that were sick." [See Acts 10:38.] In every place we are to bear a decided testimony for the truth for this time, representing to the world the character of God as it was revealed to Moses. In the prayer of Moses, "Show me Thy glory," the Lord answered, "I will make all My goodness pass before thee." "And the Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." [Exodus 33:18, 19; 34:6, 7.] This is the fruit that God desires of His people. In the purity of their characters, in the holiness of their lives, in their mercy and loving-kindness and compassion, they are to demonstrate that "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." [Psalm 19:7.]

Through Israel it was God's [purpose] to impart rich blessings to all people. Through them the way was to be prepared for the diffusion of light to the whole world. The nations of the world, through following corrupt practices, had lost the knowledge of God. Yet in His mercy, God did not blot them out of existence. He purposed to give them the best opportunities of becoming acquainted with Himself. He designed that the principles revealed through His people should be the means of restoring in men the moral image of God. What a work is before us, and how few comprehend this work!

Sunday morning, Dec. 8

We had some rain Friday night. Yesterday I went to the Carr St. church, Los Angeles, as the appointment was out for me to speak there. I went trusting in the Lord. I found a large crowd gathered in the place of

meeting. W. C. White thought the forces must be divided; he therefore spoke to a colored congregation in another part of the city.

Two days before this my strength was greatly taxed in visiting Long Beach. Important interests were brought before us by Brother and Sister Simpson concerning their connection with this place. They asked me to visit the Long Beach Hospital, and this journey, following so closely on my journey from San Diego, seemed to take the very last of my strength. Sister Simpson had provided me a room where I could rest, however; and I obtained a little sleep.

Dr. Preston Kellogg and Dr. W. Jones were there. We were asked to view the premises and to give our judgment; but as they had already decided the matter of hiring the place and opening a sanitarium, it was not necessary for us either to commend or disapprove. We found the building thoroughly but not expensively furnished, and in working order. Everything showed excellent taste and was very convenient. We did not discourage, for we thought the Lord's hand might be in this move.

Neither Dr. Preston Kellogg nor Dr. Jones is fully living the truth; but we know that Sister Winegar Simpson is true to the faith. Her husband believes that he also is, but there is a work of reformation needed in his life.

We returned to Glendale on Sabbath. I spoke for one hour to all who could find seats in the church. Although I had been quite ill, my voice was clear and strong. This morning I am weak, but much better than I was. I ate my simple breakfast with a relish.

This afternoon I will fill an appointment and then, if able, shall return to Loma Linda. From there I shall return to my home, if this is the Lord's will. I feel very thankful for the help He has given me in speaking to the people. My family at St. Helena needs me, and I am desirous to be at work on many things that need to be written out; but I have been very thankful to give to our people in Southern California the messages the Lord has given me for them at this time. A strange spirit of overbearing and condemning has been brought into the work there, and the direct messages that have been borne to our churches on this visit to Southern California have been greatly appreciated by them. The Lord has given evidences of His presence and blessing. If I am again called away from my home for this work, I pray that the same tokens of good may be seen in every place where I shall labor.

There is a great work to be done in Southern California. Strict guardianship needs to be kept of those institutions that the Lord has placed in our possession. If ever there was a time when divine power needs to be brought into the churches, it is now. It may be that I must remain here for some time yet, but I greatly desire to be at home.

I pray that you will have good courage in the Lord. My brother and sister, have hope in God. He will be your Helper. You are in the right place. Your Father knows your every need.

Lt 48a, 1908

Washburn, J. S.

St. Helena, California

February 4, 1908

Elder J. S. Washburn

610 Meridian St.

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Brother:

About a week ago I received a letter from J. E. White and one from you; and during the last few days I have received letters that speak of the work which you think to undertake.

Some time ago I had light that you should become acquainted with the work that is being done by the large educational institutions for the colored people in Nashville. When the work was first opened in Nashville, I was deeply anxious that our workers should become familiar with the workings of these school, and that they should make special efforts to become acquainted with the teachers and learn from them their methods of working. Again and again I have been instructed that some of our youth should be encouraged to attend these schools and exert an influence for the truth as they mingle with the students and teachers in their classes. I still urge that this be done.

I have repeatedly stated that one of the reasons that we were led to select Nashville as a suitable center for our work in the South was because of the location of the large schools there for the colored people. As our brethren become acquainted with the methods of work in these colored schools, they will learn much regarding how to sow successfully the seeds of truth in the hearts of these people. This was clearly presented to me when we first entered the city of Nashville.

Some of those in the Madison school should keep always the object in view of learning the best methods of educating the colored people.

There should be a blending together of interests, and an effort in every possible way, that we may become acquainted with the methods of instruction which have been found most successful. I have been shown that we should obtain all the knowledge possible of the best ways to conduct schools for the colored people; for we are to start schools in many places in the South.

It is our duty to educate medical missionaries to become teachers of the colored people. This work should be begun at once; for the time is short in which we shall be able to work. It should have been in operation long ago. The urgency of opening new fields in the South and the importance of doing it now is continually being placed before me.

We are instructed that the truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth. Let not your mind become obscured, but let it respond willingly to the will of God. The Holy Spirit is waiting to accomplish a great and good work for the cities of the South through God's faithful servants. If it is appointed that you be called to this work, do your best in the name of the Lord. We need to watch unto prayer and to make straight paths for our feet and for the feet of others.

The cities of the South have been neglected long enough. They must now receive a knowledge of the truth for this time; and this knowledge is to come through the faithfulness of God's servants. I have a deep interest in these souls to whom you shall open the Word of truth.

If there is a special call for ministerial work to be done in Memphis, I advise you to take right hold of it and see what can be done with the helpers who may be selected. For years the Lord has been pointing out that this work should be done. It would not be consistent to neglect this call. May the Lord help you

to step in where you are most needed. If this is the voice of the conference, step in in the name of the Lord, using all your ingenuity to make the effort a great success. Of course there will be others to help you.

There should not at this time be an urgent call made for the erection of a school for colored people in Nashville. I learn that Brother Stains has purchased land a few miles from Nashville and is establishing a school there where colored people may be educated. This must be taken into consideration in all our plans.

I cannot write you more at this time, as I wish to get this letter into the mail. We have with us a Brother and Sister Hare from Avondale, Australia. Brother Hare is desirous of having a part in ministerial work. He was with us in the building up of the Avondale school and Health Retreat and has served for the past two years as manager of the health food work at Avondale. He does not desire to have his mind engrossed altogether in the health food business, but wishes to give some time to teaching the Word. He is a man who, I believe, could help you in the South.

I have advised Brother Hare to go to Madison, and as a worker there he can be a help to you. We want him to be where he can advise in the work and have a part in ministerial work. I think he will be on his way shortly, if he decides to go to Madison.

Lt 50, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

My dear Son:

I have received letters both from you and from Elder Washburn, dealing with the same matters. I have written to him and will now write a few lines to you. I hope that you and Brother Washburn may counsel together about the work.

I would say, Seek the Lord in earnest prayer. It is often the case that erroneous opinions have been transcribed on the mind, and these tend to lead to an unwise course of action. Every worker should have his mind drawn out after God, with humble heart, surrendering his individual will to the Lord's will. We must live in hourly communion with God, that we may be enabled to walk in His ways. The principles of truth and righteousness must be firmly implanted in the mind and heart.

You need rest and quietness. If you will seek for these, you will be a great gainer. You will be calm in mind, and passing annoyances will not irritate you.

My son, may the Lord God of Israel be your counselor. Satan has come down in great power, knowing that he has but a short time to work. He is working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness to draw men away from Christ. But by looking unto Jesus, and committing your soul unto Him, you may rest in His love. Allow nothing to disturb your peace of mind. In the name of the Lord, I tell you that it is your

privilege to claim from the source of all spiritual efficiency the keeping power of God. Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The Lord will sustain you, if you will act faithfully your part.

As you seek the Lord for sympathy and co-operation, you obtain the intelligence and peace that you desire. Keep your soul in the love of God. Guard carefully all your words; for by your speech you are to represent the spirit of Christ.

While selfishness abounds in the world, see that you keep your own soul free from every taint of selfishness. Let not one thread be drawn into the web of your experience. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength; and thy neighbor as thyself." [Luke 10:27.]

Just before His departure, Jesus said to His disciples, "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." [John 13:34, 35.] Here is the mark to which we are to endeavor to attain.

The work of the Lord must advance rapidly. We have not time to notice the objectionable words or actions of others. Let us not risk our soul's healthfulness by speaking impatient words, whatever may be the attitude of others. "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." [James 1:19.]

Every branch of God's work is needed. The medical missionary work is to the message as is the right hand to the body. But it would not be sensible or right that all the strength of the body should go into a hand. Neither would it be right for all the strength of the working agencies in the cause of the Lord to be used in the medical missionary work. The ministry of the Word must be sustained, and there must be unity in the movements of the whole body, all parts united in carrying out God's plan for the advancement of His work. All the members of the body are to be the Lord's working agencies, every part joined harmoniously with every other part.

I would be pleased to see you, but I dare not go to the South where you are; for I have but little strength. I am writing almost continuously. I know that the Lord is my Guide, and whether I live or die, I am the Lord's.

I am thankful that, notwithstanding my arduous labors during my recent visit to Southern California, I still retain my clearness of mind. I was fearful that my voice might be weakened; but for one hour at the sanitarium last Sabbath, I was able to speak as clearly and distinctly as usual. The Lord gave me plain, clear light to give to His people.

Brother Metcalfe Hare and Elder Haskell and his wife have, for a few days, been members of my family. Brother Hare has been engaged in the health food work in Australia, and he is desirous of entering some place where he can divide his labors between the ministry and some other line of work. I think that, in many ways, he would be a good helper in the South. He has had an experience in Avondale from the very beginning of our work there.

The managers of the Avondale school have endeavored to walk in all the light that the Lord has given. His rich blessing has been with the institution, and it is an object lesson of the success that will follow those who respect and obey the light from heaven.

It is reported by some that I have not lived up to the principles of health reform as I have advocated them with my pen. But I can say that so far as my knowledge goes, I have not departed from those principles. Those who have eaten at my table know that I have not placed flesh meats before them.

When through overwork, care, and anxiety your father became very feeble in health, one and another said to me, "Give him some meat." Wearied with their importunities, I finally bought a piece of what was supposed to be a young lamb, cooked some of it, and gave him a little of the broth. Afterward, as I was cutting up the remainder of this meat, I found in the tissues a disgusting-looking tumor. I can assure you that I had nothing more to do with that piece of meat, but burned it up.

There was in our family at one time a cook who sometimes ate meat, though she was told not to provide meat for our table. One day she bought some liver. I asked her if she had examined it carefully. She replied that she had not, but thought it was all right. However I insisted on examining it; and when we looked at it carefully, we found that it was a rotten mass. Then I said to her, "Jenny, do you not see that you are poisoning your blood by the use of the flesh of dead animals?" This incident seemed to impress her at the time.

It is many years since I have had meat on my table at home. We never use tea or coffee. Occasionally I have used red clover blossom tea for a warm drink, but few of my family drink any fluid at our meals. <The table is provided with> cream instead of butter, even though we have company present. I have not used butter for many years.

Yet we do not have an impoverished diet. We have an abundance of dried and canned fruit. If our own fruit crop is short, we buy some in the market. Sister Gray sends me the seedless grapes, and these stewed make a very appetizing dish. We raise our own loganberries and use them freely. Strawberries do not grow well in this locality, but from our neighbors we purchase blackberries, raspberries, apples, and pears. We have also an abundance of tomatoes. We also raise a fine variety of sweet corn and dry a large amount for use during the winter months. Near by us is a food factory, where we can supply ourselves with the grain preparations.

We endeavor to use good judgment in determining what combinations of food best agree with us. It is our duty to act wisely in regard to our habits of eating, to be temperate, and to learn to reason from cause to effect. If we will do our part, then the Lord will do His part in preserving our brain/nerve power.

For more than forty years I have eaten but two meals a day. And if I have a specially important work to do, I limit the quantity of food that I take. I regard it as my duty to refuse to place in my stomach any food that I have reason to believe will create disorder. My mind must be sanctified to God, and I must guard carefully against any habit that would tend to lessen my powers of intellect. I am now in my eighty-first year, and I can bear testimony that we do not, as a family, hunger for the flesh pots of Egypt. I have known something of the benefits to be received by living up to the principles of health reform. I consider it a privilege as well as a duty to be a health reformer.

Yet I am sorry that there are many of our people who do not strictly follow the light on health reform. Those who in their habits transgress the principles of health, and do not heed the light that the Lord has given, will surely suffer the consequences.

I write you these details, that you may know how to answer any who may question my manner of eating.

I labor hard and long in my writing. I can seldom sleep later than four o'clock, and many days I am up earlier than this. For the past few weeks I have had but little sleep; for I have felt a great burden to write out the truths that the Lord has presented before me. I know not how long the Lord may continue to spare my life; but I am still committing to paper the things that the Lord has given me.

When I awake early in the morning, I arise, build a fire in the fireplace, often putting on large chunks of wood that are as heavy as I can lift. Then I take as comfortable a position as possible and begin my writing. This morning I began writing at four o'clock.

During my last journey to Southern California, I bore a straight testimony in various places. When I stood on my feet before a congregation, the Lord took away all sense of weariness and gave me a clear, distinct voice to communicate the words of light and truth. The Word of God is very precious to me. I am thankful that I can present its truths in clear lines in speech and in writing. My mind is clear on Bible subjects, the subjects that the people need at this time.

I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice that I have never lost the use of my right arm. Ever since the Lord strengthened me to write, I have always been able to hold my pen with a firm hand. I consider this one of the special blessings of God to me. And I consider that one reason why I have been able to do so much work, both in speaking and in writing, is because I am strictly temperate in my eating. If several varieties of food are placed before me, I endeavor to choose only those that I know will agree. Thus I am enabled to preserve clear mental faculties. I refuse to place in my stomach knowingly anything that will set up fermentation. This is the duty of all health reformers. We must reason from cause to effect. It is our duty to be temperate in all things.

I must now leave these words with you. Let the Lord Jesus be your instructor. The words that fell from the lips of the Son of God are exceedingly precious. Let no man interpose himself between you and your Redeemer. Take the words of Christ, and be exceedingly glad that you can obtain counsel from lips that never err, and from a heart that will respond to every sincere desire of His children.

There must be no contention as to who shall be the greatest. Let no man succeed in discouraging you; for you are bought with the price of Christ's precious blood. Cling to the Mighty One. Be true to Him who paid the ransom price for your soul, that you might have eternal life. Have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Be uplifted by the words that He speaks to you in the Scriptures. Be of good courage in the Lord.

With much love.

Lt 52, 1908

Corliss, J. O.

St. Helena, California

January 28, 1908

Elder John O. Corliss

My dear Brother:

I am commissioned to give you a message regarding your work during the past year; for the Lord has not accepted it in all respects. The warnings given me for you at San Jose and since that time have not been

accepted by you. You have chosen to follow your own ideas rather than the instruction the Lord has given.

You know that for many years I have had the interest for you and your work that a mother feels for the welfare and prosperity of a son. And now I ask, Why do you not humble your heart before God and for Christ's sake consider carefully your course of action? There is in you a spirit which the Lord cannot acknowledge as pure, and obedient, and holy.

The action of the Conference Committee some time ago in placing several hundred dollars in your hands, in addition to your salary, was not an act that was ordered by the Lord; and it brought perplexity and questioning.

You are receiving pay from the conference as a shepherd of the flock. As such you are to consider that you are to labor faithfully and humbly for the spiritual welfare of the church. You are to discern what is essential truth and give it to the people.

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of man, but in the power of God." [1 Corinthians 2:1-5.]

And again he writes: "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God; in the sight of God speak we in Christ." [2 Corinthians 2:14-17.]

Every man who realizes his responsibility as a worker together with God will demonstrate in his words and works that he does not belittle the sacred office he bears as guardian of the flock of God. He will be circumspect in his deportment; he will use his capabilities with tact and skill in the work of winning souls. He will have a zeal according to knowledge. And the church has a right to expect this of the minister of God. Those who claim to be doing the work of God in the earth are to be as a sweet savor of Christ in every place. But unless we represent the meekness of Christ, and become true witnesses of the great Teacher, we set before the church an example that God cannot acknowledge in the day when every case shall be decided by the Judge of all the earth.

There are many churches that need to awake from sleep and arouse to a new life that will be shown in acts from which our fellow men can take knowledge that we have been born again. Our lives are to become sacred, consecrated lives, because we reflect the spirit of Christ in words and works. We cannot afford to live lives of selfishness. Consider the words of Paul, "We are not as many which corrupt the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." [Verse 17.] Oh, how much time has been lost by teachers of the gospel in pretension—in deceiving their own souls and in deceiving others.

“Do we begin again to commend ourselves?” the apostle asks. “Or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you. Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistles of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God: not in tables of stone, but in the fleshly tables of the heart.

“And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything of ourselves: but our efficiency is of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stone, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away; how shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory which excelleth. For if that which is done away is glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: but not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: but their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” [2 Corinthians 3:1-18.]

These words have been given me as a message for you and for Elder Knox. The fourth chapter of Second Corinthians also has precious lessons for every believing soul. Take every word of this blessed instruction to your individual selves. You both need them; for to some extent you have lost your bearings. If you will take time to consider that which is of eternal interest to yourselves, if you will humble your own hearts before God, you will not remain in your present condition of deficiency in those things that God requires of the teachers of His church.

My brethren, study the instruction of Christ. You have need to be taught of the One who is holy, harmless, undefiled. Unless you and every minister and physician shall follow His teachings, you can never be a blessing to any church, nor can you enter in through the gates to the city of God.

My burden of soul for you has been very great. I have an intense interest in your spiritual welfare. You need to place yourselves under the molding influence of the Spirit of God.

Lt 54, 1908

Message for Elder Knox

St. Helena, California

January 21, 1908

The Lord has given me a message for Elder Knox: The Lord would have a change in the men who are bearing responsibilities in the California Conference; a different spiritual atmosphere is needed.

Much light has been given regarding the changes that the Lord would have brought about in the conference. The testimonies I have borne under the influence of the Holy Spirit in Oakland, in the place where our meetings were held, if diligently heeded, would have wrought the necessary changes. Now God bids me say, At the beginning of this year the administration should change. There is too much at stake in this great and important work to allow the message sent by the Lord to go unheeded.

Instruction was given to me that when a message is sent by God, and a change is made in accordance with that message, it is because the Spirit of the Lord impels men to act. Mercy and righteousness have their foundation in the Word of God, and this Word forbids that any arbitrary power be exercised by man over his fellow man. Those who seek counsel of God in meekness of heart, presenting their petitions in the name of their Mediator, will receive grace and guidance. "The meek will He guide in judgment; and the meek will He teach His way." [Psalm 25:9.] But the unbelieving and rebellious can have no share in the blessings that the humble receiver will receive.

Not in numbers, not in bodily strength, lies the security of the believer, but in faith in Jesus Christ. We have come to a point in our experience when everything that savors of a domineering power is to be put away from among us. In the name of the Lord, I call upon our ministers to prepare the way of the Lord and to make His paths straight.

"O Lord, Thou art my God," the prophet Isaiah exclaimed; "I will exalt Thee; I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. For Thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people glorify Thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear Thee. For Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in His distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

"And in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away all tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord: we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation. For in this mountain shall the hand of the Lord rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under Him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill. And He shall spread forth His hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and He shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall He bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust." [Isaiah 25:1-12.]

All God's counsels to His covenant people are faithfulness and truth. Mercy and righteousness have their foundation in an understanding and obedience to the will of the Lord. There is a great work to be done

in California; but there must be a change in the administration. The Lord has not accepted in all its features the work that has been done in the last few years. Only the strictest obedience to the requirements of God will the Lord accept from men who stand in the places of highest responsibility in our conferences.

Message after message has been borne to some of the churches in California during the past two years. It is the design of God that these messages shall stand firm to the accomplishment of the work that He has declared in them shall be done. If the teachers of truth had stood firm to the counsels of the Lord, great victories for the truth would have been gained. It would have been made manifest through the churches that God was working through the people who claim to keep His commandments. Their united representation of the will of God would have been an assurance to unbelievers that here was a people who vindicated the Word of the Lord in every respect. The signs of their connection with heaven would have been clearly displayed, and hundreds would have been brought to a knowledge of the truth.

God appointed that His people should be bound together in the bonds of sacred union. But a man-ruling power came gradually into our ranks. Men were appointed to be rulers over their fellow men—men whose ways were not the ways of the Lord and whose works were not His works. God has never decreed that man should thus be made amenable to his fellow man, or that one brother should dictate to another concerning individual duty. He has never bidden any man accept the words and experience of a fellow worker and to follow the judgment of a man-ruling power.

One of the ways in which the Lord has punished nations in the past for perversity and disobedience to His commands has been to place them in subjection to other nations and powers, making them dependent on human agencies instead of upon the arm of the Lord. The result has been feebleness and often discord and confusion. Similar will be the results in the Christian experience of those who make flesh their arm and depart from the strength of God.

I am instructed to say to Seventh-day Adventists the world over, God has called us as a people to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time. Satan has taken advantage of the inclination of the human mind, to cause a dominating power to be exercised, so that those who would cannot follow the leadings of the Lord without being brought to task by men. But God wants us to learn that His Spirit is to be the chief counselor of His people. I am instructed to say in the name of the God of Israel, Everything that savors of a domineering power is to be set aside. The Lord of hosts is to be the ruler of the people He has chosen. Those who believe the truth are to have the privilege of counseling with their brethren in the faith, of praying with them when difficulties and trials and sorrows come. As fellow workers they are to be a help one to another. But I have been instructed to oppose the spirit that would lead men to exercise authority over their fellow men in their spiritual experiences.

The light given me of the Lord is, Break every yoke. There must now be brought into the conference workers who have a sound spiritual experience, workers who, when the question is asked, "Watchman, what of the night?" will respond, "The morning cometh; and also the night." The morning comes to the people of God who rely upon His Word and follow His counsels: but the night comes to those who walk and work in human wisdom. "If ye will inquire, inquire, return, come." [Isaiah 21:11, 12.]

Decided changes should be made in the spiritual conditions of the California Conference. I now advise that Elder Haskell and his wife, who have had a wide experience in our cause, be chosen to serve the

work in this field, and that they be provided with helpers who will assist them in carrying the work in right lines. Special efforts must now be made to drive away the spiritual fog, and to bring in a clearer and purer atmosphere; and this must be done by the working of the Holy Spirit. The fog of unbelief and uncertainty has hid the Sun of righteousness from many of His people. The seeds of doubt that have been sown in minds have taken so deep root that some may never again clearly discern the truth as it is in Jesus. We would do great wrong to allow the work to be carried on in the same manner in the future.

I am instructed to advise that Elder Haskell come in and unite with reliable men in carrying the responsibilities of the California Conference. Let every vestige of man-ruling power, which has engendered unbelief and strife, be now removed; and let many prayers ascend to heaven that the pillar of cloud shall lead this people. Let the truth be magnified.

There should be among us many more true-hearted men who appreciate the truth in its loveliness and who, because they appropriate the sanctifying grace of Christ, and walk humbly with God, have clear spiritual eyesight—men who will become educators of the people, gathering the divine rays of light to reflect on the pathway which we travel.

In the place of hovering over the churches, our ministers should carry a burden for souls unwarned by the messages of Revelation fourteen. Every tongue should be sanctified to teach the truth of the Bible. The apostle Paul's instruction to Titus was, "Speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in the faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things: that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. ...

"For the grace of God which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." [Titus 2:1-5, 11-15.]

Those who put on the garments of authority, and not the garments of righteousness, know not what is the nature of Christ's authority.

For Brother and Sister Haskell, I have this message: The Lord will surely sustain you as you speak in demonstration of the Spirit. Look unto Jesus who is the author and finisher of your faith. May the Lord greatly bless you and help you to be a blessing to Elder Knox, to Elder Corliss, and to all your fellow laborers in the ministry.

To our brethren and sisters throughout the conference, I would say, Be a help and comfort to those who are bearing the burdens of the work.

To those who have long been in forbidden paths, I would say, "Take heed, 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." [Hebrews 3:12, 13.]

I desire to see you learning the lessons of obedience and humility as God's little children. Do not think that we desire to hurt you, for we do not; we pray for the salvation of your souls.

"So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, today have I begotten Thee. As He saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience through the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." [Hebrews 5:5-9.] Here are stated the only conditions. True obedience will soften and subdue the hearts of all who will be saved in God's appointed way.

Now, my brethren, I have written this to you that you might understand that the Lord cannot accept your labors unless you work the works of God. He desires you to become His little children, willing to learn every lesson He has for you to learn. The Lord cannot save you if you entertain the idea that you can lift up or cast down as you please.

"Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, as a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; but Christ as a son over His own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their hearts; and they have not known My ways." [Hebrews 3:5-10.]

It is only the narrowness of our vision that prevents us from discerning God's loving-kindness in the discipline to which He subjects His church, as well as in the great blessings which He provides. In all times of distress and confusion, God is a sure refuge to His people. In the shadow of His protection they may safely keep His way. In the affliction designed to purify them, the power of the gospel is to be their consolation. In His sure Word they have a fortress.

"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. ...

"Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength; for He bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, He layeth it low, even to the ground; He bringeth it even to the dust. The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. The way of the just is uprightness: Thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just. Yea, in the way of Thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for Thee; the desire of our soul is to Thy name, and to the remembrance of Thee.

"With my soul have I desired Thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek Thee early: for when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the earth will learn righteousness. Let favor be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord." [Isaiah 26:1, 2, 4-10.]

Sometimes God leaves His people for a season, that they may learn the lesson of dependence upon Him. Oh, what lessons the church has had for its enlightenment!

“Hear, ye that are afar off, what I have done; and ye that are near, acknowledge My might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrite. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.”
[Isaiah 33:13-17.]

Lt 56, 1908

Knox, W. T.

St. Helena, California

January 28, 1908

Elder W. T. Knox

Dear Brother:

I am instructed to say to you that in many respects your experience and the experience of Elder Corliss are not that which God approves. The Lord has not been glorified in your administration, and a different administration should now be brought in. The position of president of a conference calls for a man of deep discernment. And no conference should bear the impress of one man's mind and one man's judgment. The men who stand at the head of this work should have a molding influence on the churches that is in harmony with the Spirit of Christ. When Jesus is abiding in the heart by faith, the spirit of self will not arise to lead men away from holy principles.

The present condition of the conference over which you have had charge is not a condition favorable to Christian growth. You are not in a condition spiritually to help the churches. I have been shown that for more than two years, while you have held positions of great influence in the conference, your labors have not in all things been pleasing to God. Not all of your work in Oakland and Berkeley was of a character to properly represent the truth for this time. The spirit you have at times entertained the Lord does not acknowledge.

I am instructed to say to you that a different administration must now come into the California Conference. And to you I must say, that unless you learn lessons of Christ, seeking Him with brokenness of heart, there will be no place for you in the work. Had the work in California been carried by men who were daily being taught of God, it would be two or three years in advance of where it is.

I have felt deeply concerned for the churches in California, and I was relieved when it was suggested that for a time Elder Haskell help to carry the responsibilities of this conference. Elder Haskell is a man of influence and has had an experience that goes back to the early days of the message. His interests were closely connected with those of the pioneers in this cause in their early labors and conflicts. Our seasons of prayer together were blessed of God, and light was given us at those times that is now shining forth in clear, bright rays. Elder Haskell has had a knowledge of present truth from the beginning. He knows how to keep minds fresh, regarding the events of our history as a people, and to teach those points of faith that have been present truth to us from the rise of the message to this time.

The financial burdens of the conference should be borne by those who will bear their responsibilities in humility and the fear of God. I believe when this matter is presented to faithful, diligent burden-bearers, they will take up this part of the work.

Surely the time has come when the California Conference should have a new ministration. We advise that you no longer carry the burdens you have been bearing in this conference, and that Elder Haskell unite with faithful helpers in carrying the responsibilities that pertain to the spiritual welfare of the people. The California Conference should have a president who will make the Lord his Counselor and Stronghold, his Front Guard and Rearward, and who will work in harmony with the testimonies that God sends through His chosen agencies.

Lt 58, 1908

Burden, Brother and Sister [J. A.]

St. Helena, California

January 12, 1908

Elder J. A. Burden

Loma Linda, California

Dear Brother and Sister Burden:

I have just written a short letter to Elder Reaser. When a man exalts himself as Elder Reaser has done, he is in great peril. He is in danger of losing his soul; and the enemy will endeavor to take advantage of his influence, and his capabilities, and use them to deceive others and lead them into false paths.

But I have been shown that if Elder Reaser will humble his heart, and make a decided change in his attitude toward the work and toward his brethren, then we should come close to him to help him. It will not help him to treat him coldly. Let us not risk the chance of losing his soul, but let us help and strengthen him, and forgive as Christ forgives.

Brother Reaser needs help. If he sees the changes he should make, and casts away the false confidence he has had, putting his trust in the One who gave His life for men, he can have power to overcome.

Elder Reaser is seeking to keep the better world in view, and he wants us to trust him. How tenderly my heart went out toward him as I read his letters. I desire to help him over this hard place. I believe that if we can tenderly help him at this time, that he will respond to our efforts in his behalf. I feel that we should not make it known to the churches that we feared he would have to resign his position. I would not take a step that would mar his life record. Let us try to help him to put his heart and soul and strength on the Lord's side, for the upbuilding of His church.

I would not willingly do anything that would show a spirit of coldness or lack of Christian forgiveness. I have told our brother where he has erred, and that the Lord was grieved with his course of action. We have many dangers to encounter in our Christian experience, but that which seems to me would be the most serious error just now would be to withdraw from one who needs our help, while struggling to get on safe footing.

I have felt a deep yearning for the soul of Brother Reaser, and the mere thought that he may retain his position as president of the conference, and work in unison with his brethren, fills me with thankfulness. I shall rejoice greatly if he need not pass through the embarrassment of being separated from the work.

I have sought no counsel in this matter, but the Lord's; and He has shown me that Brother Reaser, with the help and sympathy of his brethren, and working unitedly with them, can serve another year. Brethren Cottrell and Reaser should blend in their work and give you the help you must have in your sanitarium work. This the Lord calls them to do.

Brother Reaser will have many difficulties to overcome; for he has misjudged the way in which the work of soul-winning should be done. He will need now, more than ever before, faithful, sympathizing friends—those who will help him to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. He will be enabled to do this if he will allow his heart to be worked by the Holy Spirit of God. And we are to watch, not only this soul, but other souls that may have been in the wrong way, and help them to place their feet in the right way. With the help of his brethren, Brother Reaser may learn his lesson and find the path that Jesus traveled and become a representative of Him.

Let Brother Reaser help you in every possible way, and seek to strengthen him in every right purpose. Tell him the Lord says, "Be not discouraged; for I am thy God." [Isaiah 41:10.] When I think of any other course being taken, I am filled with sorrow. Christ would have us united in Christian fellowship—a tie more binding than the ties of human kinship. Let us take our stand on a higher platform. Christ has pledged Himself to work for us if we will take hold of Him by faith.

Jesus does not willingly give sorrow to a single soul. Let us learn of Him how to manifest a tender affection. His promises will never fail; in Him we have an unchanging friend. Let us now take hold to glorify, not self, but Christ; then the light of His presence will shine upon us, illuminating all the way.

I am very desirous, Brother Burden, that you should help Elder Reaser wherever you can. As he shall come into right relation to God, you will be encouraged to help him in many ways. If Brother Reaser will come into harmony with the work, he can be a help to you and you to him. There are many who have received wrong impressions. There are many church members who need to feel the converting power of God upon mind and heart and character. There are many in Los Angeles who, if they would move out of the city and find homes in more retired places, would have an experience of a higher character. There is a great work to be done for the city of Los Angeles.

Lt 60, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

February 3, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I wish very much that you would write to me, even if you can find time for only a few lines.

I have been very busy since the meetings closed. I have had several visitors. I was much pleased to have some conversation with Elder Gilbert and his wife. What he told me of his work was very interesting. I believe that if he will hold on patiently, his work for the Jewish people will be successful. I greatly desired to help him with money in properly fitting up the place he has purchased. I wish the church at Fresno might be induced to make an offering to his work, that the Jews who accept Christ, and because of this are cut off from their people, may have a place of refuge. Elder Gilbert is using his God-given powers in a noble work. I pray that through his efforts many of the seed of Israel may be grafted into the true stock, Christ Jesus.

The apostle wrote to the Romans: "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: if by any means I might provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? For if the first fruits be holy, the lump is also holy. And if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

"Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off; and thou standest by faith. Be not high minded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest He also spare not thee. Behold therefore, the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity: but toward thee, goodness; if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

"And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree, which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature, into a good olive tree, how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery; lest ye be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." [Romans 11:13-25.]

I ask you to study this whole chapter carefully. There is a great work to be done for the Jewish people. In seeking to do this work Brother Gilbert has placed himself in a trying position, and at times his life has been endangered. But the Lord has wonderfully preserved him and has blessed his efforts in giving him converts to the faith. Now that he has purchased a farm where he can make a home for these converted Jews, I trust that our people in Fresno will help him in this work. I am in fullest sympathy with this work, and I desire to solicit an offering from the Fresno church for its support. I trust that no hindering influence will come in to turn their hearts from giving. Not only will this home serve as a refuge to those who accept Christ, but it will be a place where they will learn how to work for their own people.

I will leave this matter with you. I trust that no one will consider it his duty to hedge up the way.

Please write and let me know how matters are progressing. I have not relinquished my hope in the Lord that we shall see of His saving grace.

I need to hire five hundred dollars. If I could get this amount at a reasonable rate of interest, I should be glad. Will you see if there is any person who will make me this loan for a year or more. I need means in order to get my books into circulation.

May the Lord bless you, is my earnest prayer.

Lt 62, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

February 2, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser

257 South Hill St.

Los Angeles, California

Dear Brother:

I was much pleased to read your letter dated Jan. 31. It gave me encouragement, for I can see that the Lord is working with you.

I have just had an interview with Brother Gilbert, the converted Jew. He is looking much better in health than when I saw him last, and his wife looks well. He had much to say in the short time he was with me; and he spoke clearly and distinctly. He always has a very interesting history to relate. He certainly is doing a good work. I hope he will be able to raise money for the place he has just purchased. How thankful I would have been if I could have given him something for this enterprise; but I was unable to do this.

I am so thankful, Elder Reaser, that you are deciding to walk in the light as Christ is in the light. As the Lord's messengers, we need to walk in every ray of light that comes to us as a people. We must live in the light, holding on to the Man of Calvary who gave His life for the life of the world. Read the nineteenth chapter of Revelation. We are living amid the closing scenes of this earth's history. Should we who occupy the position of watchmen on the walls of Zion pass along without discerning the messages which every minister should be giving at this time, the result would be eternal loss. Many souls are quieted to sleep because the trumpet gives forth no certain sound.

My brother, "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day; and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, that ye may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And taking the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always, with all prayers and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." [Ephesians 6:10-18.]

Lt 64, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

February 4, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser

Dear Brother:

I have received and read your letter. I appreciate your statement that you felt I would be relieved by what you wrote. I thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice. You cannot know how greatly I am relieved and how gratefully I thank the Lord that the enemy has not been permitted to spoil the flock. He seeks an entrance at every possible point. O I am so thankful for the promise that if God's people will draw nigh to Him, God will draw nigh to them. If we will maintain the simplicity of our faith, the Lord will impart His grace. His encouragement is worth everything to us.

Words of encouragement spoken to the people of God will help them very much, and the hearts of those who speak these words will be softened and subdued by the sense of God's rich grace. Why should we express doubts? There is a whole heaven full of blessings awaiting our demand. Let us believe. Let us accept the blessed promises by faith. Let us believe that we receive the things for which we ask and express our gratitude to God for them.

The Lord is kind and thoughtful of us. Let us be kind and thoughtful for those with whom we associate. Precious Saviour full of grace, we need Thee.

I am comforted and encouraged by the assurances of those who are striving to do the will of God and become channels of light to others. Let us praise the Lord more than we have done. "Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth God." [See Psalm 50:23.] As we speak cheering words to the church members, we shall encourage in them gratitude of soul.

Help Brother Burden and his wife. Speak to them words of encouragement and cheer. Thus you will gain experience in keeping hearts joyful and in bringing blessing to many. In the past we have offered too little thanksgiving to God. Let us change this order of things.

The churches in Los Angeles need to unlearn their habits of criticism if they would be prepared to unite with the heavenly family. We none of us know what is before us in this future life; let us try to leave behind us an influence that will be a sweet savor of Christ.

Again I say to you, Speak encouraging words to the people. O you do not realize how much of comfort this will bring to yourself and to others. While we must not be unmindful of the need at times of speaking words of caution and reproof, we can let these words be mingled with grace and love. There are many souls who have trials that they do not speak of. Words of kindness and cheer will reach and comfort the hearts of such.

Lt 66, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

February 3, 1908

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am hoping to hear from you that the Lord is strengthening and guiding you. My mind has not changed that you should act a part in the work of this conference.

All have not the same work do in the cause of God. This truth the apostle plainly sets forth in his letter to the Corinthians. He says: "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying and strife, and division, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

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

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burnt, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God," the apostle continues, "and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." [1 Corinthians 3:1-17.]

Lt 68, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1908

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am very glad to receive letters from you. I am praying that the Spirit of the Lord will work on human hearts.

Brethren Knox and Corliss have been in the same places in California for the past three or four years, and it is desirable that a change should now be made. It is not often wise to keep workers in one place

for over two or three years, even if their services are acceptable. But the mold that has been given by these brethren in some of the places where they have labored has not been one that is acceptable to God. There is need that others come in who will change the order of things. If you can have united with you one or two influential men who walk humbly with God and render special help to the churches, a different condition may be brought about. God desires that His people shall be molded and fashioned after the divine similitude.

God is displeased when men are placed over the church who are not themselves under the divine guidance, whatever may be their knowledge of the truth. Satan takes every advantage of a lack of spiritual tact on the part of the workers. How can men who are not under discipline to God, and who cannot see their own deficiencies, give the right mould to the church? God does not accept the service of such. Because they do not see where they make mistakes, they continue to follow their natural tendencies.

The churches in Oakland and its suburbs need for their leaders men who have wisdom to discern how to help the church members and how to exert an influence that will give the right mold to the work. The necessities of these churches should have been realized long ago; but they have been allowed to exist, and now it is time that changes be brought in. The work in these important places cannot be left for circumstances to control. The believers need a different atmosphere to surround them; they need an education of a character that will give them an understanding of the gospel, not only in word, but in spirit and practice.

I will leave this matter with those who ought to be proper judges of what our churches need in example, in education, in the manifestation of kindness, in true, faithful watchcare, such as a faithful shepherd would give to his flock.

Great blindness has been manifested by those who have kept in positions of responsibility men who could not discern the effect of their words upon church members. Where there might have been united action, a wholesome influence exerted, a Christlike, God-fearing work accomplished for the salvation of souls, there has been deficiency and weakness. A much higher tone should have been given to the work, a more spiritual, healthful influence exerted. The Lord does not call to the position of shepherd those who do not carry a burden for the sheep of the flock. God says of such, "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." [Daniel 5:27.]

I would be pleased, Elder Haskell, if you and your wife could unite with the workers of California in guiding our people amid the changes and turmoil, the violence and crime that are on every side. Keep firm hold on the power of the One who sees and knows, and who will enable you to give the trumpet a certain sound. Work intelligently, work disinterestedly. But I need not tell you this. You cannot well do otherwise with the experience that you have had and your knowledge of the Word of God.

A definite work must be done; the trumpet must give a certain sound; for the Lord is giving evidence on all sides that His coming is near, much nearer than when we first believed. The work which I have outlined to be done for the churches of Oakland and its suburbs should also be done for our other churches throughout the conference. Fresno needs help. God calls for minute men who will be wide-awake and who will be faithful shepherds of the flock. There is great neglect in all our churches in meeting the spiritual needs of the people.

I call upon my brethren to wake up. For Christ's sake do not sleep now. There needs to be an arousing on all sides. Many of the believers in Fresno are asleep. They are not preparing their white garments in which to stand in the great day of the Lord. I give you the warning, Make ready. The world is sporting itself in its own wickedness. Let no heart be exercised unto covetousness. Those who have this light, if they will study the Word of God, need not be deceived. If they are humble and obedient to the Word of the Lord, they will walk in a plain path. But the Lord will not be trifled with. Christ is our Pattern. God wants us each to feel our deep need of Him and be converted daily to His service.

Lt 70, 1908

Cottrell, H. W.

St. Helena, California

February 5, 1908

Elder Cottrell

Mountain View, California

Dear Brother:

I have been shown the character of the influence of many of the professed believers in Alameda and Berkeley, and that the Lord is not well pleased with such a representation. The same men should not be placed over these churches as in the past, for their work has not been pleasing to God. It is not possible for them to exert the right influence, for they need the converting power of God upon their own hearts. They need that one teach them what constitutes a fitness for the work of a shepherd. They need to pursue a course very different from that which they have taken, if they would give the proper discipline to the church.

Neither of the brethren in charge of the churches in Alameda and Berkeley understands the needs of the church. I would be grateful to see the work being done for them that must be done if they are prepared to meet the Lord when He comes and hear from His lips the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [Matthew 25:23.] They must have an experience different from that which they have hitherto had. Self must be subdued by the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit; and this work will be accomplished for them if they will consecrate all their powers of mind and body to the Lord.

Elder Corliss needs to keep his spirit where it will be under the control of the Spirit of the Lord. I greatly desire to see him in a position where the Lord can work mightily through him. The subjects that he speaks upon he presents to the people with much reasoning; but he needs the Holy Spirit's power within to enable him to speak forth with power the wonderful truths of the Word of God.

The Lord will use Elder Knox, if he will obtain an experience of daily conversion to God. Both these men, if they would impress the hearts of the people with the truth, need the sanctifying power of the Spirit in their lives. And unless a different spirit takes possession of them than has controlled them in the past, they will never receive a welcome to the courts of God. I pray that these brethren may seek for the converting Spirit of God. When they humble themselves as little children, and receive the grace of Christ in their hearts, they will give evidence in their lives of the change that has taken place.

Lt 72, 1908

Reaser, G. W.; Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

February 6, 1908

Elders Reaser and Burden

257 South Hill St.

Los Angeles, California

Dear Brethren:

I was very glad to receive your letter telling of your experience in Los Angeles. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and praise His holy name. This is a good work and one which the Lord would have go forward in every conference. I am more thankful than I can express that Elder Reaser is coming out of the perilous darkness into the light.

There is a special work to be done in clearing away the malarial atmosphere that has been coming into our churches. There is only one way in which this work can be accomplished, and that is by leading the believers fully into the light. Let special meetings be held in the churches that shall be seasons of humbling the heart before God and of confession and cleansing of the soul. I pray that the believers in Southern California may improve this opportunity, and open the door of the heart to the Holy Spirit, that He may work through them without let or hindrance. If they will draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to them.

I am so thankful that this work has begun. Let it not cease until the whole conference shall feel the converting power of God. The Lord is waiting to be gracious to all who will take up the work of clearing the King's highway. It is a work which should have been done in Oakland, but which a man-ruling power has prevented from being accomplished.

I pray, Brother Reaser, that you may find an open door, that this may be made a pentecostal season in the churches. Encourage one another to put from the soul everything that would hinder the exercise of the grace of Christ. This precious privilege is now being presented, that all may receive the assurance of the grace and love of Christ. The Lord will be the hope and strength of His commandment-keeping people. Look for that grace that the Lord has in abundance for all who trust in Him. Believe, and receive the special assurances of His grace. The blessing of God is more precious than silver and gold.

It was the unbelief of Israel, revealed in their repeated murmurings, that led Moses to plead with God, "Show me Thy glory." [Exodus 33:18.] And in response the Lord set His servant in the cleft of a rock and caused all His glory to pass before him.

"And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that everyone that sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that every man rose up, and stood at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the

tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshiped, every man in his tent door. And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again unto the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

“And Moses said unto the Lord, See, Thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people, and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in My sight. Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight: and consider that this nation is Thy people. And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto Him, If Thy presence go not with me, carry me not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? Is it not in that Thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

“And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory. And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee, and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy to whom I will show mercy. And He said, Thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see My face and live. And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock; and it shall come to pass while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of a rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by.”
[Verses 7-22.]

There is need for professing Christians to act like Christians if they would maintain their connection with God. I ask you to study also the thirty-fourth chapter of Exodus.

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone, like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto Mt. Sinai, and present thyself there to Me in the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before the mount.

“And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the Lord descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

“And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. And he said, If now I have found grace in Thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray Thee, go among us: for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Thine inheritance.

“And He said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of

the Lord; for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. Observe that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: for thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God." [Verses 1-14.]

Lt 74, 1908

Harper, Walter

St. Helena, California

February 13, 1908

Mr. Walter Harper

Dear Brother:

I have received your letter and have read it with interest. I am constantly seeking to present before our people the great advantages to be gained by handling the books donated for the benefit of our schools and sanitariums.

A lively interest should be kept up in this campaign, for it is a work of seed sowing. I am pleased that you appreciate the books. Few understand as I do how much the writing of them cost me. I have a great desire that all shall know of the light contained in them. I would that many of the Lord's workmen would take upon themselves the burden of circulating the books, realizing as they do so that this is one of the Lord's ways of communicating light to those who are unacquainted with the truth. I pray that the Lord will bless you abundantly in the part you act in spreading the knowledge of the truth.

If you do not object, I will send this money to Loma Linda. They will appreciate this means and will use it to help a worthy student. All the means we can secure for the sanitarium and school from the sale of these two books will be needed at Loma Linda.

I am pleased to have you write me of your experiences in disposing of these and also of my larger books. I am thankful that you have such success in selling them. They contain the revelation of God to us and will bring blessing to those who purchase them. And what help their sale will bring to the school! I am so thankful that through your success and the success of others I can give this help to the cause. And the students also should have an experience in this work.

I am laboring continually to give the message the Lord has given me; and through these books God is speaking to those whom I cannot reach with my voice. I urge you to go forward in this work; it brings great relief to me to know that more light is coming to the people.

I am glad that your father is at Loma Linda. I am sure he will have good care; you need not worry about him.

I will continue to urge that Ministry of Healing and Christ's Object Lessons be brought to the notice of the people. These precious books must be circulated; for they fill a want which nothing else can supply. Explain the object of their gift to the cause, and labor for their circulation; but do not lower the price.

Our great burden should be to save souls. When we are successful in bringing souls to the truth, these in their turn will use their influence and means in giving the truth to others. Then let us use every means within our reach to carry forward the work. And the precious helps that God has given for the relief of our schools and sanitariums are not to be regarded with indifference.

Lt 75, 1908

Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

February 16, 1908

Elder Burden:

I have just read your letter, and I am not prepared to give you the advice you desire. I can take in what you are anxious to know, but I would be very careful in giving you advice on the points mentioned. I am really perplexed to know where you can find all the advantages that would be required to manage a school after the order you anticipate. I am not so sure that this burden should come so fully on the parties that manage the sanitarium. It would, I fear, bring upon you much greater responsibilities than you should have.

The sanitarium will increase in patronage, and it should be carried with an intellectual, sanctified strength of ability. Have you it, that you could rely upon? If there is in the school reliable assistance that would carry responsibilities in the fear of God, letting their light and knowledge reflect light under the sanctification of the Holy Spirit, with angels of God presiding in the grand matter of educating under discipline to God, then there is hope; but if not, it would bring perplexities to you that you should not have. If there were those who were conscientious learners to impart, and who in their working for others [would permit] the Holy Spirit's influence to come in and the Lord to have the right of way to rule, this would meet the necessities that are required, which are sound judgment and the help that the Lord alone can give.

As you write to W. C. White, your plan is a good plan, if you succeed in obtaining reliable men who are true to principle. This [the school?] is not to be near the sanitarium building. There would be confusion for the sick, and it would not work. If not, it would be an advantage in giving the benefits of obtaining a knowledge of Bible truth.

Then there is the opportunity to thoroughly work Redlands and the settlements that are in and around Redlands, which we desire shall become acquainted with the Word of the Lord. It is an advantage if in every place where there is a sanitarium we can have the blessing of God upon all that is set in operation in every line, and one can be a help to the other lines. All the business required, you can, in the name of the Lord, make a success. If the heavenly angels are your front guard and rereward, then you know you have the greatest advantage possible.

In all these business arrangements, let all seek counsel of God and unity of action. Loma Linda will be just the place to establish a far-reaching influence in educational lines that will give Southern California an influence among the influences now existing upon the temperance question. The large settlements, where there is need of reform, will have courage to advocate the right upon the temperance question, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union will have an opportunity to see and understand Bible

truth. We may give the last message of warning in the southern field to the many who shall come in as they have done for years.

Loma Linda has come into our possession for the purpose of giving the last message of warning to the churches and the unconcerned pleasure lovers. I see what this can mean to us all who have a work to do in seed sowing. It cuts off the excuse that has prevailed that Battle Creek is the center of education. But oh how important that every move shall bear the stamp of the heavenly in the place of the worldly! Washington is to be another center. And for the southern states, we may have a decided work done; the truth is to go to the southern section of America. The Lord's last message must go forth as a lamp that burneth. I am pleased with the idea of not presenting the highest wages, but that all shall have an eye single to the glory of God.

I am now writing in my room every morning long before daylight. I believe if we walk humbly with the Lord we shall see of His salvation. The end is near, and we have the last note of warning to give to a fallen world. The last message of mercy must go to thousands.

I will now stop writing to you, for there are letters I should write to Washington, D.C. I am being sustained now to prepare much matter to be used in the giving of the history of our work in the earlier stage of our experience. I thank the Lord that my right hand does not fail me. I can hold and fill my fountain pen as I ever could. May the Lord bless you in all your councils is my prayer.

Lt 76, 1908

Foss, Mary

St. Helena, California

January 1908

Mrs. Mary P. Foss

West Minot, Maine

My dear Sister:

I wish I could see you again, and that I might be in better health than when we last met. I often wonder if we shall ever meet again in this life.

My work in writing continues. My pen is in my hand from early morning until bedtime. I have great reason for thankfulness; for my hand is steady as I write out the many things given me for the people. And I am very pleasantly situated.

I think I have written you of my labors in San Francisco and Oakland. The destruction of San Francisco was almost complete, but the church that my husband and I and a few others built in the city was just outside the burned district and was but little injured. I realize the wickedness of the city of San Francisco and its great need. There are missionary workers from our ranks laboring there constantly, seeking to bring the people to obedience to the Word. Some are being converted to the truth; but many, many are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity. The daily papers are bringing to light the great wickedness that has been carried on in secret for years. And these revelations are but an illustration of the state of many of our cities.

Last August my granddaughter and her husband went to Washington to help in the work there and to obtain further education. He is a builder, and will engage in that line of work, and at the same time will get a fitting for the work of teaching. They will work their way through school.

Ella May White Robinson taught school for one year before her marriage and for one year after. But we needed her husband to help in my work, in reporting my discourses at the camp-meeting and at the different places where I should labor. So, although he is a successful teacher, we feel that we cannot spare him for that work just now. He often speaks in the churches.

W. C. White and his family live a short distance from my house. The office building is close to the house. We have several persons of capability employed there, preparing my writings for publication.

Last June I attended the camp-meeting which was held in St. Helena in a most beautiful location. My family camped on the ground. I enjoyed the time I spent there on that beautiful spot just out of the town. But even this taxation was too much for me. My appetite was not good; and although we had delicious fruits, I could not relish them. I felt much as I did when you visited me at Melrose.

I have not visited Melrose since that time, but would be pleased to do so and to see you again. A portion of the building has been destroyed by fire; but the insurance money received for it helped our workers there to build a nice commodious building in its place.

During the months of November and December, we were away in Southern California, where we visited Los Angeles, Loma Linda, Paradise Valley, Long Beach, Glendale, and other places. It was a long and wearisome journey, and I was worn with continual anxiety.

On one Sabbath I spoke to the church at San Diego. I spoke for one hour. The Lord gave me freedom. No one left the house during the service, and all listened intently. I spoke from the fifteenth chapter of John and the first verse: "I am the true Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman." I was surprised that I could speak with such strength and that I had such clearness of mind. I feel very grateful to God that He still gives me His testimony to bear to the people.

On another Sabbath I drove with Sara to Riverside, a town nine miles from Loma Linda. The mountain roads were good, and I greatly enjoyed the ride in the bracing air. At Riverside we found a full house. The church there is not large; and if the work is done at Riverside that God designs shall be done, our people there will have to enlarge their borders.

W. C. White and another minister were with me on the rostrum. I thought I would speak for only half an hour, and thus give opportunity for others to speak. I was glad to have them share my appointment.

The singing was excellent. Before we closed the meeting, I said I would like to pray. The Lord gave me the spirit of prayer. Then another hymn was sung, and the meeting was dismissed. Afterward I went the whole length of the church, shaking hands with the people and speaking to them words of encouragement.

My labors in Southern California taxed my strength to utmost. On the cars, on my homeward journey, I had a very precious experience. It was a season of perfect peace and trust and confidence in God. I felt so sensibly the peace of Christ in my heart, and the rest that His presence brings, that for a time I had no desire to sleep. The everlasting arms seemed to be around me, and I had the assurance in my soul that we should be kept from accident and harm. This was a blessed assurance to me.

All night I was restful and happy; and although in the morning we had to change cars, the peace of Christ remained with me. This peace and joy I wish to express, not only in words, but in my life. I realized the fulfilment of the precious promise, "At eventime it shall be light." [Zechariah 14:7.] "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." [Psalm 91:1.]

How is Ellen? I wish that I might see her. Perhaps I shall not do this again in this life, but let us, by obedience to the commandments of God, be fitting for a place in the royal family in the city of God. Those who meet in that place will know no more of partings.

"Behold, what manner of love that 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.]

It rests with us whether we shall be members of the Lord's family. Let us strive to be obedient to all the commandments of God. Let us search the Scriptures; for in them we have eternal life. "Every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as He is pure." [Verse 3.] What terrible loss we will experience if we fail of realizing this hope. But let us not talk of failure; but let us seek the Lord with a heart to obey His Word.

I ask you to read the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. This representation of the glories that await the saved should lead every believing soul to seek earnestly for eternal life. I pray that all my relatives may be found among God's commandment-keeping people and be numbered with the redeemed.

Lt 78, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

February 18, 1908

Mrs. Gotzian

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

San Diego, California

Dear Sister:

I was very pleased to receive your letter this morning.

For two months we have had gentle rains, also much cool weather, but no violent cold. During the past two weeks we have had a pleasant change to warm, sunshiny days. I have been able to ride out three or four times. While the rainy weather continued I could not go out, but I am taking advantage of these beautiful days.

I am writing continually. Very clear light was given me regarding the transfer of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I was instructed that it would be doing injustice to those who united to hold this property if it should be passed over to the conference under the terms stated. I was shown that it was to be the

property of those who had invested their means in it, that the work of the institution was to be carried in harmony with the instruction we have received for the management of our health institutions and that all should be in earnest in supporting it. When this institution is freed from embarrassment, we who have our means invested in it will have a day of rejoicing.

I am very thankful for the instruction that has come to me regarding the relation we sustain to God as His servants. We are to be under the rule of Christ, to work out the mind and will of God. We are to be kind and courteous to our fellow workers because they also are the property of Christ, bought with a price. The price which Christ paid to purchase our redemption we cannot estimate. He, the only begotten Son of God, gave His precious life that those who would believe in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life. When we comprehend more fully than we do this amazing sacrifice in our behalf, we will not be indifferent or ungrateful, but we will partake with Him of His self-denial and self-sacrifice. The Lord is to be our praise in this life and in the future eternal life. Let us strive for the crown of life that is to be given to every faithful soul. I love Jesus. I see in Him matchless charms. I will glorify His holy name.

I have carried heavy burdens ever since Los Angeles. The Lord has given me a plain testimony to bear to those who have felt that it was their office to dictate to and control God's heritage. The Lord will not always suffer His name to be reproached. The Lord invites His people, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." [James 1:5.] We should be glad and rejoice and take courage because of this precious promise.

Lt 80, 1908

Cummings, Brother and Sister [R. S.]

St. Helena, California

February 18, 1908

Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Cummings

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

San Diego, California

Dear Brother and Sister:

I was pleased to read in a letter from Sister Gotzian of the prosperity of the work at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. In my reply to her, I wrote that very clear light had been given me regarding the transfer of this institution. I was instructed that it would be doing injustice to those who had united to hold this property, if it should be passed over to the conference under the terms stated. I was shown that it was to be the property of those who had invested their means in it, that the work of the institution was to be carried in harmony with the instruction we have received for the management of our health institutions, and that all would be in earnest in supporting it.

The Paradise Valley Sanitarium has had a varied experience. It has had to encounter backsets which need not have been, had men of intelligence worked wisely and unselfishly. If men would work as God would have them do, we would not have to meet so many disappointments. I feel very grateful for the blessing of God that is now resting on the institution, and I am of good courage.

My brother and sister, do not fail or become discouraged. The enemy has tried hard to obtain the victory over the work of this sanitarium; but I urge you to encourage the workers, saying to them, "We are laborers together with God." [1 Corinthians 3:9.] By watchfulness and prayer—the prayer of faith—we shall learn the Lord's will concerning us. Our constant inquiry should be, "How can I best please my Lord and glorify my Saviour?"

I ask you to study the third chapter of First Corinthians. I often read this chapter; for it is full of sound instruction. How good the Lord is to give us such definite instruction. None need err if they will follow the teachings of the Lord.

The apostle writes: "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. For he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward according to his labor. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereupon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." [Verses 5-11.]

We should not be surprised that we are tested and tried. The devil is not dead; neither is he inactive. We must expect that he will work with every device to provoke the sons and daughters of God to retaliation. As long as we are on the battlefield, we will have to contend with satanic forces. We must prepare for the conflict by cherishing a spirit of prayer and learn the art of taking God at His word and trusting in Him as little children.

All who seek to serve God will at times be embarrassed by Satan's temptations. When these experiences come to you, do not talk of them in a discouraging way, but sing praises to God. "Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth God." [See Psalm 50:23.] Always strive to be cheerful. A cheerful countenance does good like a healing balm. By speaking cheering, hopeful words, you may make your own way and the way of others very bright.

You are both engaged in a good work. Never lose sight of the help provided in heavenly agencies. "Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." [1 Corinthians 6:20.] Put your whole trust in the Lord, and you will feel the working of His Holy Spirit in your midst. The Lord desires to see His will revealed in your lives; then He can make you channels of light to those connected with you.

As a physician you need to put your trust in Christ as the Mighty Healer. It is your privilege to pray with the patients, that the Lord may heal their diseases of body and mind. When the patients see that you have a living interest in the salvation of their souls, as well as in the healing of their physical diseases, they will take hold of the cord of faith and will accept Christ as their Saviour. This will be the experience of some who now have little hope. Through the exercise of faith and hope, many will be fully healed. Through the faithful ministration of the workers there, the Paradise Valley Sanitarium may become a medium of divine healing. Angels of God are very near to those who minister to suffering humanity.

I pray and believe that you both will be the blessing in the sanitarium that God desires you to be. Believe that the great Physician will come into your institution to exercise His healing power. I would like to be with you; but this cannot be at present, for my work of writing fully occupies my time. But I see you by

faith explaining the Scriptures in a simple way to the patients. I see angels close beside you. Remember that the work of healing will be made much more effectual if you will lead the sufferers to the One who is the Saviour of the soul as well as of the body.

I received in the mail today excellent letters from Elder Starr in Australia and from my friends at Loma Linda. I have spent the day in writing. I thank the Lord that He has given me strength to do so much work. I praise His holy name that He keeps me in health.

Lt 82, 1908

Physicians and Manager at Loma Linda

St. Helena, California

February 20, 1908

To the physicians and manager at Loma Linda, California

Dear Brethren:

My rest has been broken during the past night. I find myself considering the best course to be pursued toward our sanitariums and schools.

I have no clear light in regard to where Elder Owen should labor. There are so many places where educational talent is needed, that I would not dare to specify his duty unless God should give me special light concerning it.

We feel encouraged to believe that Elder Reaser has placed himself in right relation to the work, determined to labor harmoniously with his brethren. There are in Southern California a goodly number of men of experience. But more, you have assurance from the highest Authority: "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." [James 1:5.] "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is; for he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out her roots by the river; and shall not see when heat cometh; but her leaf shall be green, and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." [Jeremiah 17:7, 8.] The whole of the seventeenth chapter of Jeremiah, which records this precious promise, is worthy of our special study.

I am thankful, my brethren, that the Lord is your stronghold. Our safety lies in serving Him with humility of heart and in seeking Him in united prayer. If you will seek Him, earnestly desiring to know and to do His will, He will give to each of you wisdom to know how to place yourselves where you can accomplish the greatest good for His cause. In the working out of all your plans, seek the Lord for wisdom and grace. We need to be as teachable as little children. "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.]

In the calling and qualifying of Bezaleel and Aholiab for the work of the tabernacle, we are plainly taught who is the true source of wisdom. The Lord said to Moses, "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. ... And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; the tabernacle of the

congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, and the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, [and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture,] and the laver and his foot, and the cloths of service, and the holy garments of Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priests' office, and the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do." [Exodus 31:2, 3, 6-11.]

I dare not advise you in such large plans as you propose. You need to make the Lord your wisdom in these matters. I do not feel that you should plan for such large outlay of means without your having some certainty that you can meet your obligations. I would caution you against gathering a large load of indebtedness. There is the food factory to be completed and set in operation. I call your attention to this enterprise, that you may not lay more plans than you can well carry out.

You are men of varied talents, and you are right on the ground. The Lord will be your instructor in all matters if you will seek His counsel in faith. Study every step, and pray that the Lord may lead you. If He gives you light in this matter, then you can move with assurance. Now is the time for you to ask of the Lord wisdom and to submit your plans to Him. It is an excellent opportunity for you to receive an individual experience. Plan wisely; move guardedly; and the Lord will certainly be your helper.

I feel the deepest interest in the work at Loma Linda. The plans you suggest seem to be essential, but you need to assure yourselves that they can be safely carried. You should not make hasty moves that will involve heavy indebtedness.

The work which you propose will require wise businessmen and efficient physicians. If you had the talent and means to carry such responsibilities, we should be glad to see your plans carry. But the sanitarium must be your first consideration. May the Lord give you wisdom and grace to bear these responsibilities as He would have you. This institution must have all the talent that is needed to make it a success.

Clear light has been given that our educational institutions should be connected with our sanitariums wherever this is possible. The work of the two institutions is to blend. I am thankful that we have a school at Loma Linda. The educational talent of competent physicians is a necessity to the schools where medical missionary evangelists are to be trained for service. The students in the school are to be taught to be strict health reformers. The instruction given in regard to disease and its causes, and how to prevent disease, and the training given in the treatment of the sick, will prove an invaluable education, and one that the students in all our schools should have.

This blending of our schools and sanitariums will prove an advantage in many ways. Through the instruction given by the sanitarium, students will learn how to avoid forming careless intemperate habits in eating. Let the instruction be given in simple words. We have no need to use the many expressions used by worldly physicians which are so difficult to understand that they must be interpreted by the physician. These long names are often used to conceal the character of the drugs being used to combat disease. We do not need these.

Nature's simple remedies will aid in recovery without leaving the deadly aftereffects so often felt by those who use poisonous drugs. They destroy the power of the patient to help himself. This power the patients are to be taught to exercise by learning to eat simple, healthful foods, by refusing to overload

the stomach with a variety of foods at one meal. All these things should come into the education of the sick. Talks should be given, showing how to preserve health, how to shun sickness, how to rest when rest is needed.

There are many inventions which cost large sums of money which it is just as well should not come into our work. They are not what our students need. Let the education given be simple in its nature. In giving us His Son, the Father gave the most costly gift that heaven could bestow. This gift it is our privilege to use in our ministrations to the sick. Let Christ be your dependence. Commit every case to the great Healer; let Him guide in every operation. The prayer offered in sincerity and in faith will be heard. This will give confidence to the physicians and courage to the sufferer.

I have been instructed that we should lead the sick in our institutions to expect large things because of the faith of the physician in the great Healer who, in the years of His earthly ministry went through the towns and villages of the land and healed all who came to Him. None were turned empty away; He healed them all. Let the sick realize that, although unseen, Christ is present to bring relief and healing.

After His resurrection, Christ met with His disciples, and for forty days instructed them concerning their future work. On the day of His ascension, He met with the disciples in a mountain in Galilee, where He had appointed them. And He said to them, "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.] It is the privilege of every physician and every sufferer to believe this promise; it is life to all who believe.

Lt 84, 1908

Workman, Mabel White

St. Helena, California

March 3, 1908

Mrs. Wilfred Workman

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mabel:

I sent you a short letter a few days ago, promising to write you later. I will now fulfil my promise. I have not been able to sleep well for several months; but the last two nights I have slept till after four o'clock. I thank the Lord for this.

We are now preparing to leave home for two weeks to attend a Bible institute in Oakland. I am not in as good health as I could wish; the anxiety of the past few months has worn upon me; yet I feel better today. We will leave tomorrow morning. Elder Haskell will preside at the meeting. The conference has elected him president. A message was given me that the administration of Elders Knox and Corliss should come to an end, for God had been dishonored by their arbitrary ruling.

I have suffered much as I have seen erring human beings, who themselves needed to feel the converting power of God upon their hearts and minds, seeking to rule God's heritage. For three years this spirit has

been working in the leaders of the California Conference. When the Lord instructed me to point out this danger, I was compelled to speak for the honor of His cause. But when the message was given, I felt that I had done my part and could leave the rest with God.

We have excellent help for our home in Miss Hannaford, who came with us from Loma Linda. She takes hold of the work well, doing the washing and baking, and she does not consider the work hard. For the past two months we have had two extra members in our family, Brother and Sister Metcalfe Hare. We have enjoyed their visit, and they have made their stay with us a very helpful one. You may remember the old chairs that we purchased second hand. These have become much worn, and some of them we have been unable to use at all. Brother and Sister Hare and Sara have been busily at work recovering these chairs, and now they look as good as new.

Elder Reaser, of Southern California, has had a wonderful experience. He was given a very straight message, which he would not at first accept. But he is now standing on the right side, and his acceptance of the message sent is proving a help to others. I have just received a letter from him in regard to the son of Elder Santee, who for some time has been in a backslidden condition. As the result of meetings that have recently been held by Elder Reaser, this brother has taken a decided stand to engage in the work of the third angel's message.

Brother Reaser is prompt in letting me know any word of a religious awakening in Southern California; for he knows my deep interest in the work there. He remembers how thankful I was when he surrendered his strong will to God and was given grace to do the right. I thank God for every token of good.

The month of February has been bright and sunshiny, but now we are having rains. Today the weather has cleared a little, and the sun is shining. Ella Robinson does not look so well as I would like to see her. Her baby is a plump little fellow, and pretty.

I trust, my dear children, that you will not become discouraged. The Lord will give you precious victories if you will put your faith in Him. Seek to become one with Him. I pray that you may seek for His blessing, that He may make you a blessing to others. He will enable you to work out His righteous will if you will walk humbly with Him. You should constantly rejoice that you have such a precious, sympathizing Saviour. Take your perplexities to Him; for He is your sure Helper.

When you have anything that troubles you, let me know about it. Be free to tell me everything, and I will help where I can. What can I do to make you happy, Mabel? If you are not happy in the work that you are doing, go to Sister Kress, and advise with her. She will help you, I am sure.

The more we look to Jesus, and depend upon Him, the more fully will we realize the peace and comfort that the presence of His Spirit imparts. The Lord has given us rules for the guidance of all our ways, and we can certainly trust ourselves in His care. Let the word of God be your guide. Learn to do His will.

March 4

I have slept well during the night, resting better than I have done for many weeks. I have just eaten my simple breakfast, which I relished. Does your afflicted eye trouble you? My left eye, which has been afflicted for many years, I often have to bind up so that I shall not be tempted to use it. The great

Physician is answering my prayer that He will preserve my sight. I believe He will give me my eyes until my work in writing is accomplished.

In much love.

Lt 85, 1908

Campbell, M. N.

Oakland, California

March 13, 1908

Brother Campbell:

I was very thankful to receive the paper from Battle Creek, giving the account in reference to the lawsuit that has been in agitation for some time. The paper gives a full account of the matter, and the assurance now is that this matter is settled for good. I have thought it would come out in favor of the right, and that would close up the matter. I am so very much pleased in reference to this decision. Good is the Lord and greatly to be praised. For every victory gained, we will say, I thank the Lord that the enemy did not triumph. We need to walk very carefully before God and to praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice for every expression of the Lord toward us. Good is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

We have been here in Oakland over one week. This is the second Sabbath that is now drawing on. I have spoken four times since I have been in Oakland.

There have been influences at work to undermine the confidence of the churches in the testimonies, but there is a rebuke given to the leading men in office who were doing this work. I was instructed that Elder Haskell should come in as president of the conference, for this reason: he has an experience in the early development of the work, and the Lord would have a decided change now take place.

March 14

The Lord has strengthened me to speak to a very crowded house. Every compartment was used—turned into one large room. The Lord gave me strength of voice to speak distinctly and clearly upon the 58th chapter of Isaiah. I thank the Lord that I had strength of voice to speak, and clear ideas. I shall speak twice more: once in Berkeley in the new hall Sunday, and again in Oakland church Monday, and Tuesday will return to St. Helena.

The Lord will certainly be our helper and our God. We feel so thankful that all things are in the hands of God. If ever there was a time when the people of God should see eye to eye, it is now.

The Lord has been giving me light. I was given decided light, and it was in regard to the work that you were doing.

Lt 86, 1908

Knox, W. T.

St. Helena, California

February 7, 1908

Elder W. T. Knox

Mountain View, California

Dear Brother:

I am instructed to say to you, You are not to fail nor to be discouraged. We are living in the last days of this earth's history, and the end of the world is right upon us. The health of our churches has been enfeebled, and God demands that there be faithful, consecrated men placed in office, to do the solemn work of preparing a people to stand in the trying times that are just before us, when "the weak should be as David," and David "as the angel of the Lord." [Zechariah 12:8.]

I have been shown that you are not prepared yourself to do the work that is most needed among the churches. You have a decided work to do for your individual self in learning the way of the Lord. I would that you might see how you have dishonored God and bound about the work by the restrictions that you have sometimes laid upon God's servants. I have opposed from its first uprising the spirit that would forbid the Lord's servants from going when and where the Lord may direct. Little real good could result from the plan that the Lord's servants must not go to any place unless they first consult with the officials of the conference. This is a manmade invention, which leads men to trust in human beings instead of seeking the counsel of God. He will teach His children what they shall do and where they shall go.

I trust that the warning here given may not be lightly regarded. Let not men who have been so manifestly led astray as to seek to control God's heritage justify their course of action. Our people have had the warnings; I leave it now with them. In places where few have shown the zeal of true workers together with God, because the liberty of the workers was controlled by men in office, I am commanded to say, Break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free. The Lord by His messages is breaking this yoke from off the necks of His people. Let the missionary spirit now be freely exercised for the accomplishment of the great work to be done in preparing a people to meet wisely every issue that arises to oppose the work of God's commandment-keeping people.

To willing workers we should say, God has laid the powers of every converted soul under tribute to advance, not retard, His work. Practice self-denial, and may the Lord give you grace and efficiency for this work. Never allow any man to take the place that God should occupy in your experience.

Those who have deemed it necessary to form plans for independent action must change their views. A policy has been adopted in the conference in financial matters that has resulted in the saving of the means gathered into the conference; but the Lord has revealed to His servant that He does not accept all the plans and labors that have been put forth for the accumulation of funds, for as a result the conference has come out deficient in spiritual efficiency, in nobility of effort and purity of Christian experience.

A reformation is to take place in the life of the one for whom this message is sent. There must be no evasion of truth and righteousness. A decided change must take place in your experience. Christ expects a thorough reconversion, and He will accept nothing less. The life you have as a minister of the gospel pledged to God is to be used in working out the only plan whereby men must be saved. With God there are no plans for independent action. All should have in view the same life—a life that measures with the life of God. And the highest earthly aim of all must be that the whole earth may be filled with His glory.

Having participated in the disappointments, and the joys and successes of the overcomer here, we shall share the reward of the faithful in the great hereafter.

Study the conflicts and victories of Christ and the character of His teaching as found in Matthew four and five:

“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, 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. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God.” [Matthew 4:1-7.] Satan in quoting this Scripture left out the words, “And shall keep Thee in all Thy ways.” [Psalm 91:11.] He was tempting the Son of God to walk in ways that were not appointed by the Father.

“Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth Him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.” [Matthew 4:8-11.]

“And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: and He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light 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 5:1-16.]

The spirit of rulership that has been exercised has retarded the work of conversion of souls because it has restricted the religious liberty that God has given to His children. It has operated to hinder the work that should have followed all our camp-meetings and tent-meetings; and because of this the Lord has instructed me that He could no longer accept Elder Knox as a man fitted to deal with the sacred, spiritual interests of the California Conference. It is now much harder for you to bring your heart and mind into

conformity to the mind of Christ than it would have been had you followed the light given you at the close of the San Jose meeting. This you did not do, but you braced yourself against the message, and this your deportment since that time has declared louder than any words could have done.

Brother Knox, for years you have held positions of great responsibility, but you have not had a true understanding of the spiritual privileges and duties that were yours. Much light has been given you through the years of your administration; but you have not heeded or cherished the light. You have not done your part in giving clear, spiritual instruction to the flock of Christ. The youth should have been faithfully watched and cared for, lest they wander into by and forbidden paths.

Instruction has been given us that the camp-meetings should be made occasions for the education of our people, teaching them how to work for the salvation of men; but these lines of effort have been neglected because they have not been pleasing to you, because they are contrary to your inclinations.

The matter of increasing the tithe has been one of your special burdens; and this has been treated as though the accumulation of means was one of the great objects to be attained by the conference. But it is a worldly policy that leads men to gather up and save means, that they may have a good financial showing. The accumulation of funds is not the design of the work of the third angel's message. The fruit of righteousness is to be seen in the disposition of the means brought in.

I have been instructed that the appropriation of some of the means has not been just and righteous in the Lord's sight. Those who have had every advantage have not felt a burden for the souls perishing in their sins in foreign countries and in our own country.

The Lord now calls you to make your experience more decidedly spiritual. The salvation of your soul depends upon your changing some of your ideas regarding what is truth. Every truly converted worker will meet the demands of the Lord through His servant Malachi: "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. ... And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that My covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared Me, and was afraid before My name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with Me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts." [Malachi 2:1, 2, 4-7.]

Lt 88, 1908

Cottrell, H. W.; Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

February 16, 1908

Elders Cottrell and Haskell

Dear Brethren:

Since the Union Conference I have had many things to write regarding the past administration in the California Conference; and yet it is not all told. The testimony that I have had to bear is one that has rested upon me for two years. Many things regarding the work in California have been presented before me in a clear light as offensive to God; and notwithstanding all the meetings that have been held, all the appeals that have been made to the people, all the urgent instruction that now was the golden opportunity for the rapid spread of the third angel's message, the influence of men in responsible places has worked to retard the message. By their course of action these workers have given evidence that they needed to be reconverted, needed to become humble men who possessed the meekness of Christ.

Soon after my return from Australia the work began. I remember a meeting we held in a small room of the Signs office. What a meeting that was. I had a message to bear, and the angels of the Lord were present on that occasion. Their presence was apparent to us all. They reflected bright light to many minds, and we obtained a decided victory and precious assurances of help.

On several occasions the Lord made His presence known to us by preventing the carrying out of plans which would have placed unsanctified men in positions of responsibility in the publishing work. One night I was awakened at two o'clock. I had been instructed to write out a message regarding Brother C. H. Jones, saying that he should retain his position in the Pacific Press. All were surprised at that testimony, for plans had been laid that Brother Jones should be displaced. But I was shown that the men who would be chosen to take his place were not at all qualified to act in his position. I was shown that Brother Jones needed a work done for him that would bring blessings to him in his official work. He needed to come into close connection with God, to be clothed in the garments of Christ's righteousness, and to be girded with His strength. But when I looked to see the men that were thought to be better qualified for the work, I was shown that if these men were given influence, a work would be done in the publishing house similar to the work that has been done in this conference during the past three years—a work that would not bear fruit to the glory of God.

The spirit of contempt manifested for Elder Rice and his wife was a wicked and cruel thing which must never be repeated. The Spirit of the Lord has been with these workers, and through their efforts many souls have taken their stand for the truth. Brother and Sister Rice have been willing to put themselves to any inconvenience for the sake of the work of saving souls, and the Lord has vindicated their efforts. As long as they watch unto prayer, and labor in the spirit of the Master, His blessing will be upon their work.

Brother and Sister Rice would have reached many more souls had it not been for the false reports that have gone out concerning them, and which were circulated by professing believers. They have been slighted sometimes at the public meetings, and many have received impressions regarding them that were untrue. The angels of God have marked all these things, and they have recorded the actions of Brother and Sister Rice wherein they have been zealous workers in doing that which they saw was needed to be done. Their work has been done under discouragements created by men whom the Lord has reproved. God forbids that such presentations be made that would cause them to become dispirited.

I have a message for Brother and Sister Rice: Thus saith the Lord, Make God your trust, and He will bless you and vindicate your work. Work prudently, lest evil reports be circulated such as have gone out in the past. The Lord would have you devote yourselves faithfully to the work, and give no occasion for evil speeches. Those who in the past have spoken unkindly regarding you may still do so; but your trust must

be in the Lord. He has worked by His Holy Spirit to give you your hire, even souls for whom Christ has died. You have stood under unreasonable pressure for years; and sometimes you have erred; but the Lord witnessed your repentance and forgave your mistakes. The Lord will give you wisdom for your work. Stand as free as possible from censure. Give no semblance of excuse for evil reports to go out concerning you.

Advice to the Laborers

Wise counsel for church and conference officers is given by Peter in the following words:

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you.” [1 Peter 5:2-7.]

Let the experienced workers be educators, being themselves under the discipline of God. Let the young men feel it their privilege to study diligently and to carry every burden that their health and youth will allow. It was thus that Elijah educated the youth of Israel in the schools of the prophets; and young men today are to have a similar training. It is not possible to advise in every particular the part the youth should act. But they should be faithfully taught and counselled by the older laborers and taught to receive wisdom from Him who is the author and finisher of our faith. The Lord is waiting for our workers, young and old, to unite their forces harmoniously. They should “love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.” [1 Peter 3:8.] They should advise with one another, and pray with one another, and respect one another.

“I have written unto you, young men,” the apostle says, “because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one. ... But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth.” [1 John 2:14, 20, 21.]

And the apostle Paul writes, “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. ... Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore He saith, when He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all heaven, that He might fill all things.)

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up unto Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: that the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by

that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." [Ephesians 4:1-3, 7-16.]

The work must not be hindered as it has been and God's people discouraged by the undue exercise of human authority. These words of the apostle clearly reveal that there is given to God's servants a special work, to be done as the Spirit of God shall impress the heart and mind of the individual. <All have not the same form of work to do.> Let the workers lift the voice of rebuke against presumptuous rulership over God's heritage. We are safe only when we individually commit ourselves fully to works of righteousness. Then all, church members, and men of the world, will know where we stand. Our words and spirit will testify to the glory of God.

In no case should men handling sacred responsibilities so misrepresent the Lord's purpose concerning His work as to say arbitrarily to a fellow worker, You shall not do this; or, You must do that. By His Holy Spirit, the Lord impresses His workers to go to certain places and to do a certain work. He does not desire to have the human mind interpose itself to forbid any work that He has bidden shall be carried forward.

Those who walk in the light will be drawn by the Spirit of God toward that line of work which the Lord wishes them to do. They are to be encouraged to follow their convictions. I have been shown that if our workers had been encouraged to follow the leading of the Spirit of God, that many, at the close of our general meetings, would have gone forth under the Spirit's guidance to different places to labor for souls; and the result would have been a wide communication of light and truth to men and women who needed instruction in the Word. There are many workers who needed just such an experience as this; but they have not obtained this experience; because human agencies have interposed themselves between them and the Lord. Thus men have been counterworking the plans of God and the influences of the Holy Spirit and heavenly angels who are ordained of God to co-operate with His servants in their labors with Him in the gospel.

This spirit that has ruled in the past God has instructed me must never again appear. He has been dishonored, and the work has been hindered by men who were careful to secure high wages for themselves while they restricted the wages of others. It is time now that the work of God move forward after a decidedly different order. God has various lines of work to be carried, but for years a man-ruling power has counterworked His plans. It was because of this hindering influence that God instructed me to bear testimony against those in authority who were seeking to guide the experience of others while they themselves were not under the control of the Spirit of God. The Lord will judge those who seek to judge others; and those who disregard the reproofs He sends, He will leave to follow out their own human will and devisings.

Lt 90, 1908

Burden, J. A. and others bearing responsibilities at Loma Linda

St. Helena, California

March 24, 1908

Elder J. A. Burden and others bearing responsibilities at Loma Linda

Dear Brethren:

I feel a deep interest that careful study shall be given to the needs of our institutions at Loma Linda and that the right moves may be made. In the carrying forward of the work at this place, men of talent and of decided spirituality are needed.

We may, in the work of educating our nurses, reach a high standard in the knowledge of the true science of healing. That which is of most importance is that the students be taught how to truly represent the principles of health reform. Teach the students to pursue this line of study faithfully, combined with other essential lines of education. The grace of Jesus Christ will give wisdom to all who will follow the Lord's plan of true education.

Let the students follow closely the example of the One who purchased the human race with the costly price of His own life. Let them appeal to the Saviour and depend upon Him as the One who heals all manner of diseases. The Lord would have the workers make special efforts to point the sick and suffering to the great Physician who made the human body. He would have all become obedient children to the faith, that they may come with confidence and ask for bodily restoration. Many who come to our sanitariums will be blessed as they learn the truth concerning the Word of God, many who would never learn it through any other medium.

It is well that our training schools for Christian workers should be established near to our health institutions, that the students may be educated in the principles of healthful living. Institutions that send forth workers who are able to give a reason for their faith, and who have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul, are of great value.

I have clear instruction that wherever it is possible, schools should be established near to our sanitariums, that each institution may be a help to the other. But I dare not advise that steps be taken at this time to branch out so largely in the educational work at Loma Linda, that a large outlay of means will be required to erect new buildings. Our faithful workers at Loma Linda must not be overwhelmed with such great responsibilities that they will be in danger of becoming worn and discouraged.

I am charged to caution you against building extensively for the accommodation of students. It would not be wise to invest at this time so large a capital as would be required to equip a medical college that would properly qualify physicians to stand the test of the medical examinations of the different states.

A movement should not now be inaugurated that would add greatly to the investment upon the Loma Linda property. Already there is a large debt resting upon the institution, and discouragement and perplexity would follow if this indebtedness were to be greatly increased. As the work progresses, new improvements may be added from time to time as they are found necessary. An elevator should soon be installed in the main building. But there is need of strict economy. Let our brethren move cautiously and wisely and plan no larger than they can handle without being overburdened.

In the work of the school, maintain simplicity. No argument is so powerful as is success founded upon simplicity. And you may attain success in the education of students as medical missionaries without a medical school that can qualify physicians to compete with the physicians of the world.

Let the students be given a practical education. And the less dependent you are upon worldly methods of education, the better it will be for the students. Special instruction should be given in the art of treating the sick without the use of poisonous drugs, and in harmony with the light that God has given. Students should come forth from the school without having sacrificed the principles of health reform.

The education that meets the world's standard is to be less and less valued by those who are seeking for efficiency in carrying the medical missionary work in connection with the work of the third angel's message. They are to be educated from the standpoint of conscience; and as they conscientiously and faithfully follow right methods in their treatment of the sick, these methods will come to be recognized as preferable to the method of nursing to which many have become accustomed, which demands the use of poisonous drugs.

We should not at this time seek to compete with worldly medical schools. Should we do this, our chances of success would be small. We are not now prepared to carry out successfully the work of establishing large medical institutions of learning. Moreover should we follow the world's methods of medical practice, exacting the large fees that worldly physicians demand for their services, we would work away from Christ's plan for our ministry to the sick.

There should be at our sanitariums intelligent men and women who can instruct Christ's methods of ministry. Under the instruction of competent, consecrated teachers, the youth may become partakers of the divine nature and learn how to escape the corruptions that are in the world through lust. I have been shown that we should have many more women who can deal especially with the diseases of women, many more lady nurses who will treat the sick in a simple way and without the use of drugs.

There are many simple herbs which, if our nurses would learn the value of, they could use in the place of drugs and find very effective. Many times I have been applied to for advice as to what should be done in cases of sickness or accident; and I have mentioned some of these simple remedies, and they have proved helpful.

On one occasion a physician came to me in great distress. He had been called to attend a young woman who was dangerously ill. She had contracted fever while on the camp-ground and was taken to our school building near Melbourne, Australia. But she became so much worse that it was feared she could not live. The physician Dr. Merritt Kellogg came to me, and said, "Sister White, have you any light for me on this case? If relief cannot be given our sister, she can live but a few hours." I replied, "Send to a blacksmith's shop, and get some pulverized charcoal; make a poultice of it, and lay it over her stomach and side." The doctor hastened away to follow out my instructions. Soon he returned, saying, "Relief came in less than half an hour after the application of the poultices. She is now having the first natural sleep she has had for days."

I have ordered the same treatment for others who were suffering great pain, and it has brought relief and been the means of saving life. My mother had told me that snake bites and the sting of reptiles and poisonous insects could often be rendered harmless by the use of charcoal poultices. When working on the land at Avondale, Australia, the workmen would often bruise their hands and limbs, and this in many cases resulted in such severe inflammation that the worker would have to leave his work for some time. One came to me one day in this condition, with his hand tied in a sling. He was much troubled over the circumstance; for his help was needed in clearing the land. I said to him, "Go to the place where you have been burning the timber, and get me some charcoal from the eucalyptus tree, pulverize it, and I will dress your hand." This was done, and the next morning he reported that the pain was gone. Soon he was ready to return to his work.

I write these things that you may know that the Lord has not left us without the use of simple remedies which when used will not leave the system in the weakened condition in which the use of drugs so often

leaves it. We need well-trained nurses who can understand how to use the simple remedies that nature provides for restoration to health, and who can teach those who are ignorant of the laws of health how to use these simple but effective cures. He who created men and women has an interest in those who suffer. He has directed in the establishment of our sanitariums, and in the building up of schools close to our sanitariums, that they may become efficient mediums in training men and women for the work of ministering to suffering humanity. In the treatment of the sick, poisonous drugs need not be used. Alcohol or tobacco in any form must not be recommended, lest some soul be led to imbibe a taste for these evil things. There will be no excuse for the liquor dealers in that day when every man shall receive according to his works. Those who have destroyed life will by their own life have to pay the penalty. God's law is holy and just and good.

We have seen the poor wrecks of humanity come to our sanitariums to be cured of the liquor habit. We have seen those who have ruined their health by wrong habits of diet and by the use of flesh meats. This is why we need to lift up the voice like a trumpet and show "My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." [Isaiah 58:1.]

The Lord will judge according to their works those who are seeking to establish a law of the nations that will cause men to violate the law of God. In proportion to their guilt will be their punishment. The Lord would have us lift up the Sabbath of the Lord our God. We have a sacred work to do in opening blind eyes in regard to the day that the Lord has set apart and sanctified as the rest day of mankind. He declares, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." [Exodus 20:10.] He has placed His own signature upon that day that He has set apart to be observed as long as time shall last. We should have much to say upon this subject just now.

Let Seventh-day Adventist medical workers remember that the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Christ was the greatest Physician that ever trod the sin-cursed earth. The Lord would have His people come to Him for their power of healing. He will baptize them with His Holy Spirit and fit them for a service that will make them a blessing in restoring the spiritual and physical health of those who need healing.

Lt 91, 1908

Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

March 24, 1908

Dear Brother Burden:

I have had to call to mind the more direct words and the plans that should be followed. We have now to become perfectly united in plans and ways in Southern California. Years are not to be consumed in plans of physicians and in receiving diplomas or credentials. We are to make our schools near our sanitariums. And the education must be through thoroughly competent physicians and the treatments carried out by educated nurses.

You need a physician who is competent to stand as physician-in-chief to carry the work in medical lines and a lady, as Doctor White, to be physician-in-chief to attend to the women's necessities. A gentleman physician is needed to attend to the gentlemen and perform operations; but there is to be an order established in all our sanitariums that a gentleman physician should not attend the cases of childbirth,

and the delicate diseases that women are subject to are not to be under the examinations of men doctors. This is out of the Lord's order. There should be in our sanitariums a lady physician and her helper nurses to look after the confinement cases, and the lady physician is chief in this life and can call on her nurses and give them lessons in regard to the particular diseases of women.

[Letter incomplete.]

Lt 92, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

March 31, 1908

My dear son Edson:

I received your letter this morning. In reply I would say to you, When you have fully decided to come to St. Helena, you need not wait for any invitation. We shall be glad to welcome you at any time that you decide is best for you to come.

We expect that in a short time Brother Hare will be at Nashville. He thought best to spend a few days in Glendale and Loma Linda, and to visit his sons at College View and Stuart, Iowa, while on his way south. He left here about one week ago, after spending about three months with us. He has had much experience in the manufacture of health foods, gained in the food factory at Avondale. He had applied himself very diligently to his work there, and the change and rest have done him good. I believe Brother Hare will be able to take hold of the food work in the South and help in a time of emergency. But you will know what to do in this matter when you get to Nashville.

I think your decision to rest for a while is a sensible one. You will be very welcome here. We are having beautiful weather, and you and Emma can ride out together.

Brother Sutherland is with us and will remain for some days. He has been solicited by Sister Gotzian to attend to some business matters in connection with her property in Oregon. She needs help in this matter, or she may suffer loss. Brother Sutherland will visit her in Southern California and then return here for a week or two.

Willie goes south with Prof. Sutherland to attend a council in Los Angeles, April 5. He hopes to be back home by April 14.

I will not write a long letter at this time, as this must soon go in the mail. I will expect to hear from you just as soon as you decide what you will do. If you come, we will do our best to make you comfortable. Sara will gladly welcome Emma and yourself, and we will be glad to have you stay as long as you please. We have an excellent housekeeper who understands her work; and we all work together harmoniously.

Lt 94, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

March 29, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 457

Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I have received your letter, in which you speak of a plan for you to print and sell a large number of my book *Early Writings* brought out in a new style of binding.

In the past I have given my consent to your suggestions regarding this matter, but recently I have received such positive instruction regarding the necessity of unity that I dare not give my consent to your proposition.

The Lord would have every movement made by you or by me such that it will inspire confidence in us as being led by the Lord. I should be sorry to see you do anything that would tend to lessen your influence as a wise counselor. As missionary workers, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must seek to follow the example set by our Saviour in His ministry of love. We must manifest the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. May God help us that we may be a blessing to His people.

I would not wish to handle my books, nor to see you handle your books in a manner that would seem to throw discredit upon the publishing houses. We must manifest wisdom in this matter. To carry out the plans you suggest would, to many, seem that we were taking advantage of circumstances to benefit ourselves.

In your office as president of this conference, the Lord would have you do everything possible to bring about a spirit of unity. Let the idea of unity be the keynote of all your actions. This instruction has been given me for you, that not one move must be made that will create feelings of discord. Let every effort possible be made to harmonize with your brethren. This has been deeply impressed upon my mind by representations that the Lord has given me. You are standing in a position of influence, and there are some who, should they find occasion, would say that I made a mistake in advising the change in the administration of the California Conference.

Let your whole influence be cast to create a spirit of unity with the men who are carrying responsibilities in the publishing work. Then your words will have more influence.

You and I are being watched very critically. If we were to carry out plans that would create dissension, this might result in the loss of souls. Do not forget that many are watching to see some moves made that would seem to vindicate the wrong moves that have been made in this conference during the last few years. Let us labor earnestly to convince men that Christ came to our world to place man on vantage ground, that he might become a partaker of the divine nature.

The Lord would be pleased for you to modify your plans regarding the selling of books at low prices, lest you lead some to feel that our publishing houses were charging exorbitantly for their labor.

In your position of trust as president of the California Conference, you should take especial heed lest you give occasion for your self-sacrificing efforts to be regarded as a reflection upon the men connected

with our offices of publication. You are to come as close as possible to our leading brethren. It would be a great mistake to follow methods in the publication and sale of your books that would injure your influence. Therefore, I say that it would not be wise, my brother, to carry out plans that seem to some to be contrary to fair dealing in the sale of our books.

Therefore I cannot give my consent to have any of my books handled at the present time in the way you suggest. It would make upon the minds of some of our brethren an impression that would not be desirable. Even though the whole thirty thousand dollars of my indebtedness might be settled in the manner you propose, yet I could not give my consent.

Lt 96, 1908

Gilmore, Alexander

St. Helena, California

March 31, 1908

Alex Gilmore

515 Ellice St.

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Brother:

Elder E. A. Sutherland, in conversation with me, has given me a little of your history. I was pleased to know this and very thankful to hear of your conversion to the truth. You are older than I. On Nov. 26, 1907, I entered my eighty-first year.

In 1844 the Lord gave me a decided call to bear a message to His people. I was weak and feeble at that time; but when I stood upon my feet before the people, I was strengthened for my work and was enabled to speak in a clear, strong voice that could be heard by thousands. I was thought by many to be in consumption, but since that time I have visited Canada, Europe, and Australia. In this last place, I labored for almost nine years.

In 1881 I met with a great sorrow in the loss of my husband. On his deathbed I asked my husband if he would be pleased to have me carry on in new countries the missionary work that we had begun. He was too weak to speak, but he pressed my hand three times. This was the sign I wanted of him. Since the death of my husband, I have labored continually in the interests of the cause of God.

I have two sons living; both are ministers, and both are engaged in the work of publishing my books. I have sent you in today's mail copies of several of the Testimonies for the Church.

I would be pleased to see you face to face; but though we may never meet in this world, we will, if we are faithful in this life, meet in the New Jerusalem.

One week ago last Sabbath I spoke to the members of the Oakland church. There was a large congregation present, and the church building was filled. I had already spoken four times during the week to our people there; and as I looked over this large company, I feared that I might not have strength of voice to reach them all. But as soon as I stood upon my feet, the power of God came upon

me, and my voice was strong and clear. I was sustained in a remarkable manner, and for this I give glory to God. I spoke from the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah.

On Sunday, the following day, I rode three miles to Berkeley, a suburb of Oakland, and spoke to a company there from the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, verses 1-22.

As I have labored in different places, I have seen a great work to be done; and again and again I have hired money, on which I pay interest, in order to help in establishing the work in new places. And the work is going forward. In order to help in the establishment and support of our schools, I donated the manuscript of the book Christ's Object Lessons, asking that our brethren in the publishing house donate the labor required to get the book before the people. This they did. The books have been sold extensively, and this effort has brought in for the support of our educational work as much as three hundred thousand dollars.

In the same way I gave the book Ministry of Healing for the help of our sanitariums. I know that through the medium of our health institutions, many will be brought to a knowledge of the true Sabbath and will learn to honor God by keeping His commandments.

Now I have a request to make of you. Will you loan to me some of the money which the Lord has entrusted to you, that I may represent you in a work that you cannot do yourself? I have many writings that should come before the people; but before I can publish these books, I must have more means than I have at present. If you could lend me means for this work, I should feel very thankful. Should you be willing to do this, please let me know on what terms you would lend me several thousand dollars. If you are desirous of investing your means where it will accomplish a definite work in the advancement of the truth, I will use it in the publication of my books, and thus help in the opening of new fields, that those who sit in darkness may be brought into the light of this precious truth. We are nearing the close of this earth's history, and those of us to whom has been entrusted means should use the Lord's treasures in bringing the knowledge of the truth to those who are in error.

Now I ask you to consider my request. Will you not lay up your treasure where I have laid mine? I ask you to share with me in this work—a work in which you will be placing your money where it will bring large results. I want you to lay up in the heavens a treasure that faileth not, by using it in this world for the salvation of souls. When you come into the kingdom of your Father, you will then receive both principal and interest. I feel drawn out to urge you to consider this matter. I am devoting my whole soul to this work, and you can help me in it.

The Lord is soon to come, and I am charged with a message for the people. I have much matter prepared, and the people should have it. I have worked with all the capabilities that the Lord has graciously given me, that this precious matter might come before the people. Some of it is now ready for print. Can you not help us in doing this good work? From the press, the light is to go forth to all places. It is to be carried into new missionary fields. These books are to be translated into different languages, that every tongue and people may know the truth. The law of God is to be exalted as the gospel message for all nations and peoples. Please respond to this letter, and tell me if you will help in carrying forward this great and grand work.

Lt 98, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

April 1, 1908

Mrs. J. Gotzian

Dear Sister Gotzian:

It is my conviction that it would be for your best interests to ask Brother Sutherland to act as your business agent, and to take the burden of disposing of your property. I have full confidence in his ability to discern that which needs to be done. If you will place your business in his hands, I believe it will be wisely and honestly conducted to your advantage. Therefore I would advise that you give him your confidence and allow him to act for you.

The Lord would not have you in continual anxiety concerning your business affairs. If I were in your place, I would relieve myself of some of these burdens and recognize Brother Sutherland as one who will manage these matters so that I would not be a loser. Of course the property may remain under your supervision, but it would be better to place it in the hands of some one, as Brother Sutherland, who has demonstrated his ability as a capable financier and who is reliable. Unless you do have some such person as this to act for you, I fear that you will suffer loss.

You are at a distance from your property, and it would be inconvenient and expensive for you to be required frequently to make the long journey to Oregon in order to look after your interests there. I hope that you may, as you desire, be able soon to dispose of your property at a good price. Talk these matters over freely with Brother Sutherland. He is a man who, I believe, is true to the service of God and true to the interests of his brethren.

I would be greatly pleased to visit the Paradise Valley Sanitarium at this season of the year. But I have heavy burdens to bear here in preparing important matter that should be printed.

I am thankful that Brother and Sister Cummings are carrying the work so well. May the Lord bless them and keep them in health physically and spiritually. We need great steadfastness of purpose to walk and work after the Lord's planning.

Lt 100, 1908

Rasmussen, Sister

St. Helena, California

February 11, 1908

Mrs. Rasmussen

Dear Sister:

I wish I could come to Dakota; I would be pleased to see our people there. But this does not seem to be possible.

I am desirous of obtaining money; and I will come right to the point by asking you if you can loan me some at interest. I am greatly in need of means at this time and would be glad if you would let me have

five hundred or one thousand dollars until the books that are now being prepared for the press are ready for publication.

I see a great work to be done, and I greatly desire to see this work accomplished quickly. There are earnest efforts to be put forth in the cities that have not yet been entered with the message of present truth. To carry this work, as God intends it shall be done, will call for earnest prayers and faithful efforts on the part of our people. I want to do my part in getting before the people the books containing the messages God is sending to the world. If I secure the means needed at this time, the work can go forward. I shall be very thankful if you can do me this favor that I ask.

With this I send you a copy of my letter to Brother Terwilliger.

Lt 102, 1908

Terwilliger, Brother

St. Helena, California

February 11, 1908

My Brother Terwilliger:

Some time ago you sent me word that you thought you could let me have on interest quite a large sum of money. I was very thankful to receive this word from you, but later you were disappointed. Your expectations were not realized. Now if you cannot loan me money at present, can you direct me to other brethren or sisters in Dakota who have money to loan and would be willing to lend to me at a moderate rate of interest? Please inquire concerning this. I need more means for the publication of my books.

The message of truth must go to our cities and towns as it has not yet gone. We must take hold in earnest. I was so pleased with the prospect of obtaining the means of which you wrote, and for the time my mind was relieved of its burden. But the Lord understands the situation; I will not murmur at His providences.

Some have wondered that I should be laboring under the embarrassment of debt. There are few who know the extent of our labors in new fields and the demands that have been made upon me for the advancement of the work in America, in Europe, and in Australia. In new fields there are many churches to be built and many new missionary enterprises to be started. Sometimes it is needful that we have the money right at the time when hearts are being stirred and the Spirit of God is making its impressions. This is the time to put forth earnest, faithful efforts for the upbuilding of the work.

In our early labors in this cause, my husband and I sought to know the movings of the Spirit of God upon hearts. We sought earnestly to improve the time and not let opportunities pass by unimproved. We felt that we must work earnestly to gather means, that the ministers who were preaching the message might be supported in their different fields of labor.

At first we believed that the Lord was coming in 1843 and thought that the Scriptures sustained us in this belief. But the time passed, and then came a great trial of our faith. After this the Lord sent to us the light regarding the fourth commandment and showed us the importance of keeping the seventh day. Many other important features of faith were revealed to us, which at first we had not understood. Then

we could see the great mercy of God in giving us a tarrying time. We needed to have a better understanding of many things. There was a great work yet to be done. The Scriptures were to be more fully investigated. The world was to be warned; the light was to shine forth in our cities. We felt the need of giving the warning message to places that had not been worked.

As laborers together with God, it is our duty to keep in mind that we are not left to be guided in the work by our human intelligence alone. Angels of God are waiting to do the Lord's bidding concerning us. Our duty is to work patiently, to be self-denying in the use of our means; to be content with simple food; to save wherever we can that our means may be invested in the cause of God.

In Australia as the work advanced, it became necessary to erect many simple houses of worship. We appointed tent-meetings and camp-meetings. Some who were unable to attend these meetings [unaided] I helped, so that they might go. Those were powerful camp-meetings; the light that shone forth from the Word of God touched and brought conviction to the hearts of many of the hearers. The truth that was preached was seen to be the truth of God.

We gave away many of our large and small books to families who were unable to buy them, asking them to read them and to lend them to their neighbors. In this way we set one family to work for neighboring families. They would come together and read the books aloud. As a result, conviction was brought to the hearts of some, and souls were converted.

Our tent-meetings were most effective in removing prejudice. Meetings were also held in different places in the open air. I spoke before many companies in the open fields under the shade of the trees, and the Spirit of the Lord made the word spoken effective to many who heard. In this way we were able to reach some who would not be persuaded to enter a church or hall.

Since the death of my husband, I have continued this kind of work with the help of my sons. Often I have had to invest means that it was hard to spare in order to make it possible to build a meetinghouse. I do not regret what I have done in investing means in the cause; rather I am thankful that I have been able to do this; but I must now hasten out my books in such a way that I shall be relieved of this load of indebtedness. My books must be sold, and from their sale I must pay my workers; I must continue to make gifts to some who are unable to purchase and who need the instruction they contain.

I have many more writings to come before the people; for I have kept a record of all my travels and labors. I am seldom able to sleep after four in the morning, and in the early hours I am writing constantly. I am thankful that the Lord gives me strength to do so much.

In all my labors by pen and voice I have sought to arouse church members to do the work God demands of His servants in the home, in the church, and in the neighborhood. Everywhere there is missionary work to be done; there are all classes of people to be labored for.

I felt it a privilege to make the gift of Christ's Object Lessons to the schools. Through the skill and faithfulness of those who have sold the books, this gift has helped to bring to the schools the sum of three hundred thousand dollars. Yet in comparison with what might have been accomplished, very little has yet been done in selling this book to outside parties. When I consider how little genuine interest has sometimes been manifested at our camp-meetings in the success of this enterprise, how little effort has been put forth to educate the students and workers in handling the book, I am urged to say that God is not in any way glorified by such an indifferent course.

And now I am bidden to say to our people: Try your skill in selling Ministry of Healing for the benefit of our sanitariums that have been fitted up at great expense for the treatment of the sick and suffering. The Spirit of God will send home the message of truth to hearts. If there is any class in the world who need the book Ministry of Healing, it is the sick. Then let no opportunity of reaching them be neglected. There is a valuable education to be obtained by those who scatter our publications like the leaves of autumn.

Lt 104, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

March 30, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have learned that at the time of the Oakland meeting another important meeting was held in St. Helena. This was a mistake; such a conflict in meetings should not be allowed to occur. One of these meetings, either that of Oakland or of St. Helena, might have been deferred until the work of the other had been completed. It was a mistake that they were held at the same time. Every such meeting is of importance.

I should have been in attendance at the St. Helena meeting; for I had words to speak to Elder Knox and to others. This would have been an opportune time for me to speak. You also were needed at that meeting. Had the meeting in St. Helena been deferred one week, you and Sister Haskell would have had the opportunity to attend—an opportunity which should have been improved.

I know that the Lord gave me special words to speak to the people in Oakland. I have never regretted the efforts I put forth there. We hope that there will be a blending together all along the line. We need to move very guardedly and study how to speak and act intelligently. Christ has a work for all to do, and we must do it in the love and fear of God.

I read from Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p. 29:

“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?” [Romans 8:32.]

“As this wonderful, priceless Gift was bestowed, the whole heavenly universe was mightily stirred, in an effort to understand God’s unfathomable love, stirred to awaken in human hearts a gratitude proportionate to the value of the Gift. Shall we, for whom Christ has given His life, halt between two opinions? Shall we return to God only a mite of the capabilities and powers lent us by Him? How can we do this while we know that He who was the commander of all heaven laid aside His royal robe and kingly crown, and, realizing the helplessness of the fallen race, came to this earth in human nature to make it possible for us to unite our humanity to His divinity? He became poor that we might come into

possession of the eternal treasure, 'a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.'" [2 Corinthians 4:17.]

Praise the Lord. We have everything to be thankful for, that He did not fail nor become discouraged.

I read further: "This is the mystery of godliness, the mystery that has inspired heavenly agencies so to minister through fallen humanity that in the world an intense interest will be aroused in the plan of salvation. This is the mystery that has stirred all heaven to unite with man in carrying out God's plan for the salvation of a ruined world."

Thank the Lord that to human agencies is committed the grand work of extending the triumphs of the cross. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the mark of the prize. Let us not fail nor be discouraged. I am glad you are in a position where you can be a help to so many. You must be doubly guarded, for you will meet with many perplexities. Keep your eyes uplifted. Do not by any careless action given occasion for others to misinterpret you. I have decided to take this counsel to myself.

Lt 106, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

April 2, 1908

Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have for the last week been driven early and late, with the necessity of writing on many different subjects to many people. I have therefore been unable to write you as fully as I have desired to do.

On making inquiries regarding the publication of Early Writings, I learn that our offices at Mountain View and at Washington have just brought out, and have in stock, a large edition of this book, and that they are selling a paper-covered edition for thirty-five cents. Under such circumstances therefore, it would seem unjust to them were we to endeavor to place on the market a smaller-sized book to be sold at a low price.

Notwithstanding a lifetime of hard labor, I find that I am embarrassed with a heavy indebtedness. I do not at present receive from the sale of my books as much money as I need to carry on my work and to meet the many calls for help that come to me. Frequently some one from whom I have borrowed calls for his money, and in order to secure the necessary means, I am obliged to borrow money at the bank, for which I must pay eight per cent interest.

The other day I received a loan of fifty dollars at four and a half per cent interest. Then I received word that Sister Starr was in need of money to pay for the board of her children while she had been engaged in doing medical missionary work. So, although I had previously paid two hundred dollars to help this family, I sent this extra fifty dollars to them as soon as I had received it.

Thus there seems to be a constant drawing upon me for money, while but very little comes in. Yet notwithstanding my great necessities, I would be unwilling to make any move that might appear to be unfair to our publishing houses.

I have, as you well know, invested means largely in the building of meetinghouses and in starting various enterprises in Australia. I have also given thousands of dollars of my royalty on books to help the work in Europe, and have then, at times, borrowed money with which to pay my own helpers.

At one time I received word that it was difficult to get means for the translation of some of my books in the European languages. I said, "I will give my royalties on these foreign books for this purpose." At another time a brother in Europe wrote to me, "I have a thousand dollars that is due you on the sale of your books. Could not you let us have a portion of this to help in the education of young men, and fitting them to engage in missionary work?" In reply I wrote, "Keep it all, if you can only train young men to go out and labor as missionaries. I will continue to pay interest on money, in order that I may give this to you as a donation." This is how Sister White is becoming rich. I have been laying up my treasure in heaven; and in this crisis, I will not draw back.

Now, Elder Haskell, I want you to understand that I appreciate your interest in the scattering of the truth through a wide sale of Early Writings. I thank the Lord that I know you will not misunderstand me. I thank you for your kindly interest in my behalf. But I will closely watch and pray earnestly that the Lord will remove from me this pressure of debt without my taking a course that might seem unfair to the publishing houses. I know that your offer comes from the sincerity of your soul, and may the Lord bless you for your desire to help me. But I dare not venture to risk the consequences of the step you propose.

It would not be best for you and me to unite our interests in a manner that might be misunderstood by some who knew that [I] advised that you be chosen as president of the California Conference. The Lord knows all about my situation, and He can bring relief in some other way. But let us preserve our influence as workers who are united with our brethren who are engaged in the Lord's work. I know that the office at Mountain View has had a hard time, and is in debt, and I should be very sorry to take a step that would tend to discourage our brethren there.

Representations that have been given me lead me to fear the plan of selling our books at too low a price. Many who would take advantage of these low prices might just as easily pay the full price. And some who buy the books for little would sell them to others who would have to pay the regular prices. Such a plan is bringing in an order of things that will not bring the best results. If you find worthy people who are not able to pay for a book, it is your privilege to present it to them. But you should hold your books at a price that will insure against a loss to the publishers. While it is right for you to appoint agents to canvass for your books, there should be a readjustment of the prices you ask for them.

On the same principle, because of the large expense in building and in maintaining sanitariums, we could not sanction the charging of such low rates that a loss would come to the institutions, even though some might urge this because a greater number of patients might thus be benefited. Such a method would bring in confusion.

The enemy is ever seeking to scatter briars and thorns among the precious wheat. Earnest labor is required to make a success of our efforts. While certain plans may seem to be wise, and while men may have the best of motives in following them, yet if these plans result in friction, it will be found that the good results that were sought will not appear.

I dare not under present conditions do otherwise than as I have stated. While for a time there might be an enthusiasm in presenting books at a great reduction, yet there are only a few who could do this kind

of work. And I cannot consent for you to do this in my behalf. We are both becoming old, and every move must bear the impress of the character of Christ. Not for a day must we venture to move unadvisedly. Looking unto Jesus constitutes real excellence of character. If we copy the pattern, we shall always be safe; for Christ will be revealed in personal ministry. Let us make no mistakes, for we are sowing for eternity.

We should blend with our publishing institutions in laying and carrying out plans that will be productive of healthful unity. All should seek to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all speak the same things. Let each serve with an eye single to the glory of God.

Every soul that is sanctified daily through the practice of the gospel principles will obtain the victory over sin. If, as disciples of Christ, we reflect His image, we shall receive what we ask for. We shall be fruitful. Peace like a river will flow to our souls, and from us to other souls. We are to labor that we may represent Christ in our words and disposition.

Let us practice the meekness and lowliness of Christ's life, and the seed we sow will grow. Sanctification of character is the work of a lifetime. Our opportunities will multiply as our experience enlarges; our knowledge will increase, and through Christ we shall become strong in bearing responsibilities. O precious privilege to co-operate with the heavenly and divine agencies!

Brother and Sister Haskell, if we keep our minds stayed upon Christ, He will come unto us as the rain, as the former and latter rain upon the earth. As the Sun of righteousness, He will arise with healing in His wings. We may grow as the lily, revive as the corn, and grow as the vine. By constantly looking to and patterning after Christ as our personal Saviour, we shall grow up into Him in all things. Our faith will grow, our conscience will be sanctified. We will more and more become like Christ in all our works and words. Thank God, we shall believe His Word. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." [Galatians 5:22, 23.]

Lt 108, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

April 6, 1908 [typed]

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I have received your sad letter. I am sorry for you and have asked the Lord to relieve you in this trying time. All you can do is to put yourselves in the hands of One who knows the situation, and can help your minds, and the ones that are bereaved. Put your trust in your Saviour, and do not have oversorrow; for it will do no good.

I shall feel very anxious for you to keep me informed in regard to the future of this very sad affair. I can only say, You can take the case to the Lord Jesus and commit your afflicted souls to the Lord to be guided by Him. Ask those who have faith to unite their prayers with yours in your home. This is a trial for you of great magnitude. I appreciate your deep affliction, but all I can say is, Take the matter to the Lord in prayer, and then believe that He can make the impressions on the minds of the relatives of the one who lost her life.

The affliction you suffer will be to a woman of your keen, sensitive nature almost more than you can bear. But you have a sympathizing Saviour, and He can make the impression upon the minds of the ones who are afflicted. The relatives of the one whose injuries were unto death must take in the situation and know your great sorrow. But look unto Jesus. He will comfort you. He will be your sympathizing Saviour. All you can do is to believe and trust in the Lord while you are filled with sorrow and your soul is bowed down with anguish. I know, and all acquainted with you know, that this unfortunate circumstance fills your soul with deep sorrow that cannot be expressed. Yet any other in your place might have done the same.

We can pray for you that you may be comforted by the grace of our heavenly Father. Look unto Jesus and trust in His grace to bring you through this severe ordeal without bringing upon you overmuch sorrow, which cannot restore the dead.

I will not distrust the Lord God of Israel, and all who know your true interest in all who are connected with you can but give you the deep sympathy that they should. Lay your burden upon the great burden-bearer, and believe, my dear afflicted sister, that the Lord Jesus will sustain you under this severe affliction.

I know that the friends and relatives of the child must feel this, but may the Lord give them that true tenderness of heart that will help you to bear up under the grief that you must feel. I will send this line, but send again tomorrow.

Lt 110, 1908

Kress, D. H.

St. Helena, California

April 8, 1908

Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Kress

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

Yesterday I sent you a few lines with a promise of more soon. Today I will try to write some, though I am feeling too poorly to do the work I desire to do. I was taken sick last night, and this morning feel unable to write at length.

My brother and sister, the Lord Jesus will certainly be your present help in every time of need. Commit your case to the One who will never disappoint you. Lay hold upon Jesus: He can give you relief. He knows how to apply the soothing balm.

You must keep a reserve of spiritual strength, in order to enable you to carry the heavy responsibilities that rest upon you. Your help is needed in the ministry, to speak words in season, words that will draw souls to Christ. Through you spiritual grace may flow, bringing restoration to the afflicted.

In all our sanitariums there needs to be a spiritual influence that shall be manifested in prayer and in a ministry that will be refreshing. Be careful that you do not become exhausted physically or mentally. It is not wise for one or two to be overburdened with responsibilities, where there are others who might share the burdens. May the Lord sustain you and uphold you. This He will do if you will trustingly confide

in Him. But do not become overwheated. As you labor for souls, the converting power of God will be with you. Invisible <agencies> are ready to make the right impression upon human minds. Bible truth will make impressions upon the sin-sick souls. Let those who speak of this truth use words that are too plain to be misunderstood. If you will speak helpful words to the sick, there are many who will afterward remember the Bible lessons given, and the Holy Spirit will impress them upon the mind.

You may also be a blessing to the students in the school. Keep the Bible truths shining brightly, and the Lord will guide you in speaking right words. Let it stand forth clearly that the world must be warned. The truth will exert a refining influence upon the mind and heart and soul of those for whom you labor.

I have earnestly desired that our whole church might come into a closer communion with God. How can I make it understood by believers that we as a people may find rest and peace in the Saviour? I am instructed that there must be an increase of that living faith that works by love. We may appropriate the words of the Scriptures; for their meaning may be understood.

May the Lord help you both and strengthen you in your affliction. I feel deeply over the terrible accident, but can only say, Put your trust fully in Him who alone can be your Helper. I know that you are suffering deeply, but hold fast to His hand, and He will sustain you.

Be not discouraged. The Lord will relieve your distressed souls. He has a work for you to do, and He will sustain you in it. The greater your trials, the more you need the Lord to behold and strengthen. God's purposes are to be accomplished through His people. We need the blessed Saviour every moment. Cling to the hand of Him who will lead you.

Lt 112, 1908

Knox, W. T.

St. Helena, California

April 10, 1908

Elder W. T. Knox

Mountain View, California

My dear Brother Knox:

I have just received your letter, for which I thank you.

It has been with great pain that I have felt urged to write to you as I have. Nothing but the knowledge that the Lord had given me a message for you could have led me to speak as plainly as I have done regarding your experience. I have now done my duty in giving you the message that God gave me for you; and if, as you say, you accept this message, you will see the necessity of changing your course of action. It is now your privilege to exert an influence that will counterwork your influence in some things in the past.

Now, my brother, do not link up with one who would lead you in a course of action to spoil your influence for good. Christ says, "Come unto Me ... learn of Me ... and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:28, 29.] You have in the past been learning some lessons that have been greatly to your injury, and to the injury of other souls.

“All power in heaven and earth” has been committed to Jesus Christ, that He might impart of this power to the persevering seeker after righteousness. [Matthew 28:18.] He is of God “made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.” [1 Corinthians 1:30.]

My brother, all the treasures of heaven are committed to every soul that will act faithfully as an instructor to minister in word and doctrine. Let there be an earnest seeking of the Lord in humility of soul that, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and with the spirituality and tenderness of Christ, your labors may be a success.

Those who minister in word and doctrine are imparting lessons to all with whom they associate. When standing before an assembly, whether there be few or many, the faithful minister will teach from the Word. It must be made plain that only by obedience can men be fitted for promotion to the higher grades in the courts above.

I have been instructed that yourself and your wife and daughter need a work done for you that is practical and thorough. You may be a blessing to each other in digging together for the gems of truth, as for hid treasures. Truth, Bible truth, stored in the mind is of the highest value for spiritual development. Christ is the great fountain head from whom all wisdom flows.

Brother and Sister Knox, seek the Lord daily for a deep religious experience. Unless you gain a practical knowledge of how to do the will of God, and unless you receive of His grace, you will fail in the great work of overcoming. But heavenly messengers are waiting constantly to help every one who calls upon the Lord for help. Therefore, I say to you in the name of the Lord, Advance, not in your own strength, but in the strength of Jesus. Press the battle to the gates.

Brother Knox, I beg of you to make thorough work. Then you will have that faith that works by love and purifies the soul. My desires and my prayers shall go with you.

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.” [Hebrews 13:20, 21.]

Lt 114, 1908

Irwin, Brother and Sister [G. A.]

St. Helena, California

April 15, 1908

Elder and Mrs. G. A. Irwin

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother and Sister Irwin:

A few days ago I wrote two letters to Brother and Sister Kress; but at that time I did not understand that it was Sister Irwin who was running the elevator at the time of the sad accident. It may seem a little strange to you that the one who needed the words of encouragement and comfort I wrote was not mentioned. I trust that you, Sister Irwin, will forgive this seeming oversight.

I wish now to express to you both my deep sympathy. I pray that the Lord may give to Sister Irwin His consolation. I know how deeply such a circumstance would grieve your tender mind and sympathetic heart; but all that you can do is to leave the case with the Lord. He understands, and He can comfort those who are closely related to the one who has lost her life. If you see them, tell them that we all sympathize deeply with them; and we pray that the Lord will help them to bear this grief. All we can do is to feel deeply sorry for them, and pray that the Lord will help them to carry their grief to Him in prayer. He can move upon the hearts of the afflicted. And we also must cling to the Lord and trust in Him.

Lt 116, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W.]

St. Helena, California

April 15, 1908

Mr. & Mrs. W. Workman

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

My dear Grandchildren:

We have read your letters with interest. I would be pleased to see you both, but I do not see much prospect of this; for I am continually at work with my writing. O how thankful I am to the Lord for clearness of mind. I praise Him continually for His goodness to me.

I sometimes wish that you were not so far away from us all. But let us not brood over this. Be of good courage, and have faith in the light that is shining upon us from the Word. While I would be pleased to have you close beside us, yet the decision we made to let you go to Washington we thought to be for your best interests; and I firmly believe that the Lord will let His blessing rest upon you there.

I have been writing all day. I thank the Lord for preserving my strength in my old age. I have had some severe trials to pass through, but I am determined not to fail nor to be discouraged.

If I were able I would send money to you; but the books that have been in preparation are not yet printed. Your father has been absent for eleven days, attending an important meeting in Los Angeles, but has now returned. All day he has been in council with Brother H. H. Hall, from Mountain View, and Professor Caviness and Brother Forga.

The two babies are nice, quiet children. Ella brings her baby down in his cab quite often. He is a pretty boy, as is also May White's baby. They are both proud of their boys and think them exceptionally good children. At the time you left us to go to Washington, we did not know how we were coming out in regard to a matron for our home; yet we believed that there must be someone who could fill the place. We have found an excellent housekeeper in Miss Hannaford, who came to Loma Linda from Nebraska. She is almost as tall as Miss Peck, is of good address, and is a good cook. And she is a sincere Christian. We live very simply and get along very pleasantly together. No unpleasant thing has occurred since she has been here. We are very thankful for this good help.

If I am able, next Sunday we shall take the trip long planned for into Lake County. Brother James, your father, and Sara and I will constitute the party. I believe there are some business matters there that Mr. Hurlbutt wants us to consider. Mrs. Hurlbutt sent for me some time ago, but I could not go then. Now, if the Lord will, we will go next Sunday, taking the two-seated, largest, covered carriage and the greys. I will trust in the Lord to give me strength. The weather is very dry for this time of the year, and we have been hoping for rain. Today the clouds have hung heavy over the mountains, and this morning a little rain fell. We are hoping that more will come.

The beautiful gold of ophir rose that climbs over the woodshed was never lovelier than it [is] this year. We tell all who come to pick all they want; and after all are supplied, we cannot tell that any have been taken. I thank the Lord for His care and His love.

Now, my dear children, I wish to say to you that your strength is in God. It would be surprising if you were not homesick at times; but be of good courage in the Lord.

A few weeks ago I attended a meeting held in Oakland. I spoke six times during the ten days I was there. I usually spoke at ten in the morning, following Elder Haskell's talk. He said that one would have supposed that I had been present at his hour and had heard his words, for I followed right along the same line that he had taken up. All seemed to be much pleased that I could speak to them at this time.

The meetings were held in the new church building on 25th Street. On Sabbath the meetinghouse was filled. All the rooms were thrown into one. As I looked at the crowd, I felt somewhat afraid that I might not be able to make all the people hear. I sent your father for a glass of water, but before it reached me, I was on my feet and speaking to the congregation. My voice was so clear and strong that I knew that the angels of God were sustaining me. The Holy Spirit witnessed to the word spoken. I thank the Lord for the power of His grace. I had not been well for some time, but on this occasion, in spite of physical weakness, the Lord gave evidence of His presence with me. And those present feel the power of the Holy Spirit.

I spoke from the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, and the Holy Spirit impressed the truth upon the hearts of the people. I thank the Lord for His goodness and His mercy and His rich grace bestowed. I felt that the Lord would give me strength to speak, and His power was upon me in rich measure. On the following day I drove to Berkeley, where an appointment was out for me to speak. The hall here was crowded to its utmost capacity. I spoke from the 60th chapter of Isaiah. The Lord again gave me His Holy Spirit, and angels of God were in our midst. As I presented the truths of this chapter, the blessing of the Lord rested upon me and upon those who listened. I thank the Lord for the grace given to me at this time. My trust is in Him. We need ever to cherish a spirit of trust in God and learn to wait patiently for Him. I have rejoiced in the privilege given me at this time to speak so often to the people of Oakland and Berkeley.

I am now writing on the subject of temperance, and am striving to present the great dangers that attend the placing in the stomach of a great variety of foods at one meal. We do ourselves much harm by indulging in such a practice. I have some things written for our people in Washington, which I will send as soon as they are copied. You do not give us much definite news about the workings of the school; but matters have been presented to me in the night season; and the instruction given I must send as soon as it can be gotten out.

I will say to you, Mabel, I am not surprised that you cannot confine yourself much to the study of books. You must not suppose that you can take all in that you desire. You have reason to be thankful that the Lord has graciously spared your life. At times we have been very anxious about you. But our prayers in your behalf were answered. We were charged by physicians that meat or butter should not come into your dietary, and these instructions we followed out. If by self-denial you can preserve your brain and nerve power, and your eyesight, a great victory will be gained.

My message to our schools is that they should be conducted in such a way that physical health shall be preserved. You have capabilities, Mabel, which we wish you to appreciate.

The end is near, and the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the earth. You and your husband are to give to the school a demonstration of Christian principle. You are capable of living the principles of the truth. In your eating, your dressing, your speech, give an illustration of the power of truth in the life. Whatever course others pursue, you are to follow the Word of God, giving a practical illustration of the simplicity of true godliness. Be cheerful. "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice." [Philippians 4:4.]

Lt 118, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Edson and Emma:

Last Sunday morning, between four and five o'clock, we started on our journey to Lake Co. We first drove to Calistoga, which is nine miles from St. Helena, and after passing through the town, began the ascent of a mountain road so narrow that it seemed impossible for two teams to pass on it. For a number of miles we traveled up this steep ascent, turning constantly to the left, on which side huge rocks towered above us. On our right lay a deep ravine. I had seen something of these great rocks on the journey from California to Michigan.

W. C. White drove with me in the single buggy, Brother James leading the way in the platform wagon, in which were Prof. E. A. Sutherland and Sara McEnterfer and the luggage.

After traveling many miles we came to a watering trough. Here we took out our provisions, laid rugs on the earth, spread our tablecloth, and ate breakfast.

For some weeks previous to this, I had been unable to ride for more than two hours at a time, and we doubted if I could endure so long a journey as this to Lake Co; but I stood it wonderfully well. I was surprised to find that as I journeyed, I seemed to gather strength. We had thought that we might have to put up at an hotel on my account; but this was not necessary. The fragrance of the pine and fir trees, and the breath of the pure atmosphere, seemed to give me new strength.

I was surprised to see the enormous height to which some of the pines and firs reached. The madrona and live oak trees were not so tall; but they spread their branches and leaves over a wide circumference. They too seemed to breathe out life-giving properties.

The last ten miles of our journey was less mountainous and rocky; but most of the way the wood scenery was delightful. By this time I began to feel quite weary, nevertheless I was able to reach our destination, which was the home of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt. Here we received a hearty welcome and were very thankful to rest. We retired early, for we had eaten our meals on the way, and had rested and fed our horses.

We were sorry to find that Mr. Hurlbutt is afflicted with partial paralysis and is obliged to walk on crutches. He promised that he would come to the St. Helena Sanitarium, where he can be prescribed for by Dr. Rand.

On the next day, Monday, we looked around the farm of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt. They have a large tract of land, on which are two houses and fine orchards. The lake is only a short drive from the house. On Tuesday we drove to the lake. On Monday we drove about twenty miles in all.

In the past Brother and Sister Hurlbutt have given a home to cast-out and orphan children; but this work has been broken up by the illness of the husband. These people have thought that they might establish an orphanage at their home; but they cannot without efficient help carry on such an enterprise. The Lord understands better than we do how to manage such important matters as the education and training of the youth. Wherever such schools are located, whether they be for white or colored people, they should always have connected with them wise, strong managers.

We could hope that sometime this place among the fir and hemlock, the birch and pine might become a place of resort for the sick and suffering. But if such should ever be, great changes would have to be made. With its beautiful lake, its pure atmosphere, and healthful altitude, this would make an excellent health resort.

On Tuesday morning, before we left the home, two of the workers on the Hurlbutt place, Brother D. R. McMains and Miss E. H. Batterson, were married—W. C. White performing the marriage ceremony. The newly married people will now take charge of the place.

I wish, my children, that you could have had the privilege of being with us on this journey. The blessing to be found in the invigorating atmosphere is better realized than described. All along the journey our eyes were greeted with the sight of beautiful trees laden with blossoms. It was a great delight to me to look upon the lilac-colored flowers growing in such profusion and to see the pure, clear streams flowing from the mountain ravines. The young pines were just putting out their beautiful new foliage. O it was so inspiring, so full of health, so free from the spoliation of man's devisings. I could not help wishing that a camp-meeting might be held in these forests among the towering trees and massive rocks.

On our way home we stopped for a few hours at the home of Brother Workman. We found everything about the house very neat and clean. Brother Workman has been in ill health for some time. For a while he took treatment at the St. Helena Sanitarium, but is now at home with his family. His wife is a very pleasant woman. There is one daughter about twenty-nine years old working as nurse at the sanitarium, another daughter of about eighteen helps the mother in the home. There is a son about fifteen years old

and a little girl of eleven. Mabel is married to the eldest son of the family, and another is bookkeeper at Healdsburg College.

Mabel and her husband are at Washington, where he is attending school and educating himself for a teacher and builder.

We would be pleased to have Emma with us this summer, and you also, Edson, whenever this is possible. With our horses we can drive wherever we please. In the heat of summer I shall go, with Sara to accompany me, to Lake View, and then I hope you will be able to go with me. There is a fine hotel soon to be opened a few miles from the house where we made our home. With the horses and carriages we have, we could make the journey in comfort; and you could be delighted with such scenery as I think you have never before seen. This is all I need to say on this subject, except to repeat that we have plenty of house room. If Emma's sister should accompany you, we will welcome her also.

I am planning to attend the camp-meeting at Lodi. We shall find rooms off the ground, so that I may not be wearied by many visitors. I shall remain at this meeting as long a time as my health will permit. I wish you also could be present. I am sure you could be made comfortable.

I learn from several that there is a great deal of sickness in Battle Creek just now. I feel that it is not a healthful place to live.

I will not write any more, for I expect to see you soon. And to a great degree my writing must be laid aside for a time, and I must rest.

We are nearing the close of this earth's history, and we need to place ourselves in right relation to our dear Saviour, who gave His life for us. We have not a moment to lose. We are fitting characters for eternity, preparing for habitation in that city that Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him. I do not want to miss gaining an entrance into the new Jerusalem, and I want Edson and Emma and Emma's sister to be there. All who will form characters after the divine similitude will receive a welcome to that holy place.

I hope you will think about what I have told you in this letter about my journey to Lake Co. I feel that the trip has done me good.

Lt 120, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

April 3, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Children Edson and Emma:

I have received and read Edson's letter. I am not surprised at your decision, but I am not pleased that Emma should go to Battle Creek. It makes me heartsick to think of her being in any way connected with Frank Belden. I do not feel that she can help her sister there, and for her own sake I am very sorry that

she should be there. I know Frank's position before God, but her sister cannot understand this; for she has not herself a true knowledge of the right way. Christ calls for all there is of us, heart and mind and strength. This is the consecration He demands of every soul.

It is a long time since I saw Emma, and I greatly desire to see you both. I pray that God may keep her. I do not believe that it is right for her to place herself where she must constantly hear Frank's tirades. In this age of earth's history, it is not right that we go into the company of one who has apostatized as Frank Belden has done. If Emma will come to us as we have invited, we will give her excellent attention. We should always try to place ourselves where we may have the companionship of those of like precious faith.

We cannot see why Emma should remain in Battle Creek. The climate is not healthy either in summer or winter.

We each need to know individually what the Spirit saith unto the churches, or we will fail and lose our bearings. Those who claim to believe the truth need to watch and pray, and to trust in the living Word. We each have a character to form after the divine similitude; we each need to be daily converted to God. We need to be deeply in earnest in preparing for the scenes that shall shortly take place. Our only hope is in forming a character that is after the divine similitude. The Lord will do much for His people if they will consecrate themselves willingly to Him.

A little time is yet granted us in which to prepare for the future life, and to meet the Lord when He shall come in the clouds of heaven with power and glory. Are we preparing to meet the Lord with joy?

Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned. We each need an individual knowledge of what the Lord requires of us. We cannot continue to do as we please and still be prepared to meet Him when He comes. Now is our time and opportunity to be gaining an experience in the things of God. I feel great grief for Frank Belden; but I cannot advise you, Emma, even for your sister's sake, to place yourself under his influence. He has made his choice; if ever he changes that choice, we shall know it by his actions. "None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live." [Ezekiel 33:16.] I ask you to study the 34th chapter of Ezekiel.

Whenever you feel that the time has come for you to leave Nashville, we will receive you gladly. We have quite a company of workers in the office who must be paid for their services. There is great need that my books now in preparation be published. I ask the Lord to help me understand my duty and to do it. I shall certainly make some changes.

We have able workers here, who, if you would unite with them, would prove good advisers, and would help to make your work easier. We have Brother Crisler, Dores Robinson, and Miss Steward, all of whom we prize as workers. I hope that as soon as you can get away, you will come to us. You need to be where you can have wise counselors. We do not want to delay, but to finish the work in the best possible manner.

Lt 122, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

April 26, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

Since I wrote to you I have been from home making a short visit to Lake Co. We left last Sunday, one week ago, leaving home at half-past four in the morning. I had been much overtaxed with writing and felt that I was getting quite used up.

Our party consisted of W. C. White, Prof. E. A. Sutherland, Sara, Brother James, and myself. I rode with Willie in our comfortable phaeton, Brother James leading the way in the platform wagon, in which the rest of our party were seated.

We drove to Calistoga and after passing through the town began the ascent of a mountain road that was very steep and narrow. For some weeks before this, I had been unable to ride for more than two hours at a time, and we doubted if I could take so long a journey as this to Lake Co.; but I stood it wonderfully well. The air was bracing and made fragrant by the budding pines and hemlocks and wild flowers. This seemed to have a healing influence on me, and I went the entire distance of fifty-two miles without having to break the journey, except as we stopped by the way to eat breakfast and dinner. We took our meals by a stream of water and very much enjoyed eating our health foods in the open air.

It was nearly night when we reached our destination, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbutt. They were pleased to see us and gave us a hearty welcome. We were sorry to find Mr. Hurlbutt having to get about by the aid of crutches. For three years he has been afflicted with rheumatism of the limbs and now is suffering from partial paralysis. He promised that he would come to the St. Helena Sanitarium, where he can be prescribed for by Dr. Rand.

I have read the short letters you have sent me in regard to attending the camp-meeting. I shall be glad to meet you there. Let us come in simplicity of true faith and with strong trust in the Lord God of Israel. Let us come in fullest confidence, believing that God will work out His will and purpose to His own name's glory.

I have wanted to write you more definitely concerning the matter of publishing of which you wrote me; but I have had many things presented to me which have engaged my thought and time. I cannot here give you my experiences; but the instruction that has been given to me has brought me great blessing.

I wrote you briefly concerning the publication of Early Writings, that I could not consent to the plan by which you proposed to help me out of debt. Counsel was given me by God recommending the steps that you and I should take in this emergency. What ever may be the loss, I would not have brought into the work at this time one experience that would unsettle minds or bring discouragement to our publishing houses. The fact that you, as president of the conference, were carrying out plans for my benefit would be turned against me by our enemies, and this would hurt the cause of God.

The Lord would not have you or me bring in an order of things that would give our enemies a chance to present either of us in a false light before the people. We should say as little as possible in regard to

striking out on our own individual responsibility. The use that might be made of any such course would bring discouragement to our publishing houses.

I cannot at this time present the matter to you as I would be pleased to do. The whole publishing fraternity is being placed in an unfavorable light before the people who feel that too large a price is charged for the work done at our houses. Those who have withdrawn from our ranks are making the most of this; through false statements they are making a mountain out of a molehill. You have some difficult and thorough work before you, and you will need the influence of the leading workers to sustain you in it. Therefore give them no occasion to feel that you are working against them.

This is a time when each movement should be made only after careful consideration. Many are ignorant of the true character of your work and will misinterpret your actions. And for myself, I prefer to go on as I have done, paying one thousand dollars' interest, rather than that any disturbing element should come into the work at this juncture. Our work is a most solemn and sacred one. Let nothing be done that will give occasion for it to be evil spoken of.

I have taken my stand firmly upon this subject. If there are those who are deprived of the books, because of the price charged, then let a contribution be taken up for the benefit of those who cannot buy for themselves. Our publishing houses themselves can help in this matter by making gifts for the benefit of those who, unaided, could not procure the books. Let us never, by word or act, cast the reflection upon our publishing houses that they are not reliable. A great principle is involved here.

We would have all respect paid to your long acquaintance with the work and to your years of experience which have made you one of the pillars of the church. And those who have had such experience need ever to bear in mind that they must move wisely in order to hold the high esteem which this knowledge and this experience bring them. I ask you to study carefully the first chapter of James. It will bring light and encouragement to you. Let us walk carefully and prayerfully before the Lord, and He will direct us in all our ways.

Lt 124, 1908

Irwin, C. W.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

Prof. C. W. Irwin

Cooranbong, N.S.W., Australia

Dear Brother:

I am so thankful to our heavenly Father that the reports coming from Avondale School are of such a cheering character. If there is one place above another in Australia that I would like to visit, it is Avondale. I would like to see the farm that has so wonderfully prospered. I can imagine, but only imperfectly, what an interesting place the school has become. Sometimes I am sorry that I cannot see the results of the efforts that have been put forth there. Only the Lord, I think, understands the deep interest I have in that place.

I am writing at this time to ask you to dispose for me of my lot of land on the Avondale estate. I left it, supposing that some day I should return to Australia; but I do not hope now to do this. The long journey on the water would not be so objectionable to me, if it were not for the noise created by the pleasure-loving and intemperate passengers.

But I am wandering from the subject of my letter. Please interest yourself in the matter of disposing of my lot of land, and let me have the proceeds of the sale. I am in need of means. Sometimes I am compelled to draw from the bank money on which I must pay as high as eight per cent interest.

Last Sunday morning, between four and five o'clock, we started on our journey to Lake County. We first drove to Calistoga, which is nine miles from St. Helena, and after passing through the town, began the ascent of a mountain road so narrow that it seemed impossible for two teams to pass on it. For a number of miles we traveled up this steep ascent, turning constantly to the left, on which side huge rocks towered above us. On our right lay a deep ravine. I had seen something of these huge rocks on the journey from California to Michigan.

W. C. White drove with me in the single buggy, Brother James leading the way on the platform wagon, in which were Professor E. A. Sutherland and Sara McEnterfer, and the luggage.

After traveling many miles we came to a watering trough. Here we took out our provision, laid rugs on the earth, spread our table cloth, and ate breakfast.

For some weeks previous to this, I had been unable to ride for more than two hours at a time, and we doubted if I could endure so long a journey as this to Lake County; but I stood it wonderfully well. I was surprised to find that as I journeyed I seemed to gather strength. We had thought that we might have to put up at an hotel on my account; but this was not necessary. The fragrance of the pine and fir trees, and the breath of the pure atmosphere, seemed to give me new strength.

I was surprised to see the enormous height to which some of the pines and firs reached. The madrona and live oak trees were not so tall; but they spread their branches and leaves over a wide circumference. They too seemed to breathe out life-giving properties.

The last ten miles of our journey was less mountainous and rocky; but most of the way the wood scenery was delightful. By this time I began to feel quite weary; nevertheless I was able to reach our destination, which was the home of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt! Here we received a hearty welcome and were very thankful to rest. We retired early, for we had eaten our meals on the way and had rested and fed our horses.

On the next day, Monday, we looked around the farm of Brother and Sister Hurlbutt. They have a large tract of land, on which are two houses and fine orchards. The lake is only a short drive from the house. On Tuesday we drove to the lake. On Monday we drove about twenty miles in all.

In the past, Brother and Sister Hurlbutt have given a home to cast-out and orphan children; but this work has been broken up by the illness of the husband. These people have thought that they might establish an orphanage at their home; but they are without efficient help to carry on such an enterprise. The Lord understands better than we do how to manage such important matters as the education and training of the youth. Wherever such schools are located, they should always have connected with them wise, strong managers.

We could hope that sometime this place among the fir and hemlock, the birch and pine, might become a place of resort for the sick and suffering. But if such should ever be, great changes would have to be made. With its beautiful lake, its pure atmosphere and healthful altitude, this would make an excellent health resort.

On Tuesday morning, before we left the home, two of the workers on the Hurlbutt place, Brother D. R. McMains and Miss E. H. Batterson, were married—W. C. White performing the marriage ceremony. The newly married people will now take charge of the place.

Lt 126, 1908

Simpson, Brother and Sister [W.]

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

Dear Brother and Sister Simpson:

I have read your letter carefully. I would say to you, Keep the Lord ever before you, and take counsel of the God of Israel.

On the night of January fifteen, I seemed to be in a meeting where the subject of conversation was the prospects of the Long Beach Sanitarium. I was instructed that there are many ways by which the people in that place may be reached. Tent-meetings could be held at Long Beach, and thus the people be called out to hear the truth for this time. And our literature in the form of papers and books and pamphlets could be put in their hands.

Since I was with you in Long Beach, I have been bearing the burdens that come with the work of speaking before large congregations. In the night season I seemed to be conversing with you on this wise: He who builds a house, which he desires to stand, should see that it has a good foundation. He must build wisely. He who puts on the armor for conflict should not boast as he who takes it off after a victory. You will do well to consider your work in all its bearings.

As workers in the cause of God, we all need to be constantly on guard. We cannot afford to make one careless step. There are many slippery places to pass over in our experience, and especially in this period of earth's history should we look well to our steps. We cannot afford to drift into sin, and thus offend the Lord. It is our privilege to ascend the mountain of God and to enter the holy city. My brother and sister, be careful how you climb. Satan is working to turn the footsteps of all who are seeking to walk in paths of righteousness. Follow faithfully the directions given you in your guidebook, the Word of God.

My brother Simpson, I am given a message for you. You have taken upon you great responsibilities. I pray that you may have grace given you to keep the way of the Lord. You and your wife need to depend wholly upon the Lord. I beg of you to look to Jesus and, with heart and mind and strength, seek to follow His counsel. Keep the guidebook always open; study the Word; for this is your chart and compass.

Lt 128, 1908

Hare, G. A.

Washington, D. C.

June 8, 1905

Dr. G. A. Hare

Fresno, California

Dear Brother,—

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

Your wife and children need your co-operation; each is to help the other. Your children need wise, tender, even discipline and training. Educate the elder to take some responsibility in the care of the younger members of the family. The whole universe is subject to law. Every tree and plant that grows is subject to law. If by imperfect treatment they are twisted and marred, they themselves testify to the abuse. So it is with our natural life. The laws of God for our being must be obeyed. If there is a diverging from these laws, given to preserve the human family from sin and injury, we reveal in our characters and persons the marks of our transgression.

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

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

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

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

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

There is another serious matter to be considered. Among Christian physicians there should ever be a striving for the maintenance of the highest order of true refinement and delicacy, a preservation of those barriers of reserve that should exist between men and women. The light given me of the Lord regarding this matter is that as far as possible lady physicians should have the care of lady patients and gentleman physicians the care of gentleman patients. Every physician should respect the delicacy of the patients. Delicate treatments should not be given by male physicians to women in our institutions. Never should a lady patient be alone with a gentleman physician, either for special examination or for treatment. Let physicians be faithful in preserving delicacy and modesty under all circumstances. In the giving of all those treatments be guarded; for great scandal may be created and the physician lose his reputation by the circulation of falsehoods that have a seeming foundation. Satan is a very busy agent in all such matters.

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

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

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

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

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

The Lord wants you to be cheerful and to have cheerful words for the sick. Let the Sun of righteousness shine forth in your features. Be very decided in your religious service. Make the Lord Jesus your

confidant. Make your aim a high one, and let your attainments be higher and higher still in the knowledge of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You must improve decidedly, if you would fill properly your position as physician. No haphazard work must be allowed. Set your standard high. Respect yourself, but counsel with your associate physician. In some matters you need to consult much with other minds and take their advice; if you would do this, you would be greatly helped.

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

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

Lt 130, 1908

Ford, Brother

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

September 24, 1907

Dear Brother Ford:

I received your letter stating that there has been a revival in the Nashville office, and that the blessing of the Lord came upon those who were seeking Him. I was much pleased with that letter. I hoped that the Lord had wrought for you in so thorough a manner that His converting power would be manifest in your life, and that you would carry forward the reformations that are essential. But the revelations that I have recently received show that your course of action needs yet to be reformed. In your treatment of some of your brethren, you have manifested not the Spirit of God, but the spirit of an unconverted man.

My brother, a different spirit must come upon you than has influenced you in the past. There was a time when I was given a message to bear to my son Edson. It was a decided message, and I greatly feared at the time that he was so perplexed and overtaxed at that time, that he would not comprehend its importance. But the Lord blessed him with an understanding heart, and he received the word that God sent to him; he passed through the ordeal; and God has not left him.

I am instructed to present to you these words of Paul, spoken by the Spirit, "I therefore the prisoner of the Lord beseech you to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called; with all lowliness and meekness, and long-suffering; forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace. There is one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." [Ephesians 4:1-6.]

My brother, you have a work to do in examining yourself and humbling your heart before God, and in keeping the way of the Lord. You are to purify your heart by obedience to the truth.

Lt 132, 1908

Brethren in Southern California

St. Helena, California

April 23, 1908

To the brethren in Southern California

Dear Brethren:

I am instructed to say to you, Let every soul earnestly seek the Lord. We all need to understand clearly what is our duty, that we may make no false moves. We need to hold fast the experiences which in the past the Lord has given us. I have a great desire to see success attend every movement we shall make.

There is a very precious work to be done in connection with the interests of the sanitarium and school at Loma Linda; and this will be done when we all work to that end. The Word of God is to be our lesson book. In the unity that is coming in among our people, we can see that God is working in our midst.

“Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.” Let us walk and work circumspectly. Let humble prayers go up to God, and let us seek Him with the whole heart. Then the Lord will open the way for us to lay wise plans. My brethren, speak to yourselves “in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things unto God.” [Ephesians 5:17, 19, 20.]

Ever bear in mind that heaven is interested in every question that agitates your mind in regard to your school and sanitarium. Both are to be strengthened. The Lord is our helper and our God; let us look to Him to open the way for the carrying out of our plans.

We must have a church at Loma Linda, that those in the sanitarium and school may have a suitable place in which to meet for worship; but this should not be an expensive building. We shall build a neat, modest, but roomy chapel, that will show that we believe we are living in the closing days of this earth’s history, in a time when many of the cities because of their sins will be cast down and their lofty buildings destroyed.

In our school at Loma Linda, many can be educated to work as missionaries in the cause of health and temperance. The best teachers are to be employed in this educational work—not men who esteem highly their own capabilities, but men who will walk circumspectly, depending wholly upon the Lord.

Small cottages will have to be built at little cost to accommodate the teachers and students; for these are to gain all the advantages possible from the lectures given at the sanitarium. This work should go forward as fast as means for it can be obtained.

If the teachers in medical lines will stand in their lot and place, we shall see a good work done. My soul is drawn out in earnest prayer to God that He will preserve the honest in heart from being led astray by those who are themselves in confusion and darkness.

Teachers are to be prepared for many lines of work. Schools are to be established in places where no efforts have been made. Missionaries are needed to go to other states where little work has been done. Truth, Bible truth, is to be presented in many places. Christ is represented as identifying Himself with all the needy upon earth when He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." [Matthew 25:40.]

All should put forth efforts to enlarge their experience. We are in a most critical situation; but Christ identifies Himself with our necessities. Christians are to learn daily of Christ. Spiritual sinew and muscle are now needed to work out right principles in every city and town and village. Varied talents are to be appreciated and cultivated, and with all we need true wisdom. We may not see our need of counseling with God; but the true Christian in every place will inquire what is the will of the Lord concerning his individual work.

All heaven is interested in the work of preparation to be done in our schools. Let the talent that is among us be combined wisely for the accomplishment of the greatest good. "Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." [1 Corinthians 3:9.] Then link up the powers that God has given for the doing of the special work He designs to have done. If self is kept humble, the transforming grace of Christ and His wisdom will blend heart to heart. Let us make our gifts and offerings with a single heart. Let us draw upon our talents, remembering that for this purpose they were given. To every man God has given his work; and He would have this work done intelligently. The Lord will make it possible for each to do a work that can be accepted by Him.

The Lord expects all, by acts of self-denial, to help in the upbuilding of His work. In the house of worship to be erected, and the additional school rooms that will be needed, let all be willing to do their best, willing to deny themselves the unnecessary expenditure for display, that they may have means to give to the cause of God. The work in promulgating the principles of health reform, which the Lord has outlined to us, must be accomplished. When we study the self-denial of Christ, and make His life our example, truth and righteousness will prevail among us. We will esteem as of highest value the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Lt 134, 1908

Nashville Church

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

September 24, 1907

To the Nashville Church:

I was instructed that the church militant is not the church triumphant. The light of truth must shine to the ends of the earth. More and more light will come to the one who follows the light God sends. The one who truly represents the character of Christ will not be self-important in his bearing. Christ will be looked to as the Head of the work.

A great work will be done through men who have a living connection with God; there will be an onward and upward movement. The attention of statesmen is being called to the condition of the colored people, and by some the national laws are being studied in the light of Bible requirements. Ere long we are to have a closer view of the conflict that is before us. The workers in our institutions, the members

of our churches should now be cleansing from their lives every wrong principle, that they may be prepared to meet the emergency when it comes.

I copy from (Testimonies for the Church 8:34): “The message must be given to the thousands of foreigners in these cities in the home field. I cannot understand why our people have so little burden to take up the work that the Lord has for years been keeping before me—the work of giving the message of present truth in the southern states. Few have felt that upon them rested the responsibility of taking hold of this work. Our people have failed to enter new territory and to work the cities in the South. Over and over again the Lord has presented the needs of this field, without any special results. I have sometimes felt that I could no longer bear the burden of this work. I thought that, if men should continue to neglect this work, I would let matters drift, and pray that the Lord would have mercy upon the ignorant and those who are out of the way.”

The cities of the South have been long neglected. Light that has been given me in the past has been repeated, concerning the work to be done in New Orleans, in Memphis, and other cities. Yet how little has been done. I encouraged Brother Washburn to feel that if the call came for him to engage in ministerial work for these needy cities, he should regard it as the call of the Lord to him.

Brother Staines has purchased land near to Nashville, where he is erecting a school for the colored people. This will answer the present needs until the way is made more plain. It would not be wise to start too many enterprises at one time, and then find ourselves unable to carry them successfully. The Huntsville school must be finished, and students from that place fitted to take hold of the work of educating their own people.

It is not merely the American people, but those of other nationalities who must be reached. The Lord has laid responsibilities on all who know the truth to work for those who are out of the way. Volunteers should be called for who will go forth and by practical work get an education that will make them true missionaries. Christ sent out His disciples two and two; and as they labored for the spiritual uplifting of the people, their own temporal necessities were supplied. Those who go forth to labor in Christ’s name in these days will be provided for by the same power. Let none, by word or act, hedge up the way of any who desire to go forth into the field. The Lord has a controversy with His people, because, with all the light they have had, with all the messages of warning and encouragement, they have not done one-hundredth part of the work that God expected of them.

The Lord will not be satisfied with anything short of entire consecration. He expects those who claim to be His children to come out from the world and be separate—separate in their principles, in their characters, in their pursuits. True children of the heavenly King will never condescend to take advantage of a brother. Why should they, when they have such prospects for the future held out before them!

Lt 136, 1908

Starr, J. A.

“Camp Ground,” Lodi, California

May 5, 1908

Mr. J. A. Starr

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

National City, California

My dear Brother:

Last night I seemed to be conversing with you and repeating to you the words of the Lord. You seemed to be listless and hopeless, and I said to you, The Lord is willing to answer your prayers if you will believe in Him. His Word is sure, a never failing Word. Accept His promises as your surety. The Word of God is for you.

You have a work to do for your individual self. You realize your weakness, and at times you see light in His light. It is your privilege to resist the temptations of Satan and to fight the good fight of faith. There is light and assurance for you in Christ Jesus. His sufficiency is to be your confidence. It is your privilege to have the strength of the One who has bought you with a price. Then unite your weakness with His strength, your ignorance with His efficiency. United with God and heavenly angels, you have reason to take courage and to enjoy peace of mind.

In God is your strength. He will impart power to you if you will believe His Word. Look to Christ. Believe in Him; He is your health and your sufficiency. Lay hold upon this assurance. The Saviour has promised to walk beside you, and in Him is life-giving power. Cling firmly to Him; do not let go your hold. He promises, "Let him take hold of My strength and make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." [Isaiah 27:5.]

When others took advantage of you, and permitted you to suffer the loss of means, you said, The law of God forbids that a man go to law with his brother; and you would not have recourse to the law. In this time of trial, you made the Word of God your counselor. Who gave you strength to do this? It was the Spirit of God working with your mind that impressed you not to go contrary to His Word. You were given power to resist temptation.

There stands in the books of heaven a page written for you and your wife which records temptations resisted when you were made tempting offers as far as this world is concerned, if you would unite with those who were not of our faith. You felt that you dared not venture to run this risk. Who gave you wisdom to avoid the trap laid by Satan for your feet? Christ gave you the needed strength. The Lord is still to be your light and your wisdom.

At times you feel pressed down as a cart beneath sheaves. At such times, let not Satan speak through you to your wife. When you allow your tongue to utter perverse things, you grieve the Lord. You should never give expression to thoughts such as you have spoken to your wife. Your life is not your own to do with as you please. The apostle says, "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price." [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.] Therefore give no expression to thoughts that grieve the Holy Spirit of God.

Do not again voice the temptation of Satan that you will end your life. Such words cause deep pain of soul to your wife. When Satan tempts you to say such things, pray to the Lord, and He will deliver you from the power of the enemy. You have reason to believe that in the past the Lord has had a special care of you and has guarded you from the power of evil. Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips, that they speak no guile. "Gird up the loins of your mind; be firm, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." "As He which hath called you is holy, so be ye

holy in all manner of conversation and godliness; because it is written, Be ye holy, for I am holy." [1 Peter 1:13, 15, 16.]

In God there is power; in Him there is strength for you, if you will take hold upon it. In a time of weakness God gave you strength to keep His Word. You need to bear this in mind and learn to cast your helpless soul upon the One who in the past has kept you by His power. The Lord has wrought wonderfully for His people in the past, and He will do this again. Marvelous things did He for His people in the wilderness. He divided the Red Sea and caused Israel to pass over. He made the waters to stand as an heap. In the day time He led them with a cloud and all the night with a light of fire. He clave the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink, as out of the great depths. He brought steams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

Read carefully the following words of David, recorded in (Psalm 89:8-19): "O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto Thee? or to Thy faithfulness round about Thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them. Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; Thou hast scattered Thine enemies with Thy strong arm. The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine; as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them. The north and the south Thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name.

"Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is Thy hand, and high is Thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For Thou art the glory of Thy strength; and in Thy favor our horn shall be exalted. For the Lord is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king. Then Thou spakest in vision to Thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help on one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people."

My brother, you have a part to act in this life. Do not hedge up your own way. It is your privilege to feel that you have a part to act in the work of the Lord. Do not give expression to unbelief, but strive for the mastery over yourself.

Begin now to work for yourself. I am instructed to say to you that what the Lord would have you do will doubtless bring weariness to brain and muscle, but let not this discourage you. Take physical exercise, that the muscles of your body may be brought into use. As you try to exercise, your muscles will at first become easily tired. When you feel tired, rest; and after you have rested, take hold again. You must use the muscles of your body if you would have your brain clear and healthy.

You have no reason to think that you are worthless. You have understanding and intelligence. Speak encouragingly to your children. You can help them with their studies. You can be a help to both wife and children if you will. Seek to glorify God in your words and acts, and you will bring blessing to your family.

Look up, my brother. Jesus loves you. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit by failing to recognize that the Lord lives. Your life has been graciously spared that you may co-operate with God. The Lord does not want the word He is speaking to you to fail to come to pass. He loves you, and He wants you to believe that He is able to heal you.

I am glad that you are with Brother and Sister Cummings. You might be a real help to them if you would. Will you not come just now to the Lord and give yourself to Him, and let it be seen that He has not

spoken in vain? How much of blessing this would bring to Brother and Sister Cummings, to yourself, and to your dear wife and children. I know that you can be and do all that the Lord has said concerning you, and you can disappoint the enemy. Cast yourself upon the One who has given His life that you might live.

The Lord has given me this light especially for you, that you may be helped. You turned to me, and said, Sister White (if I am permitted to call you this), Has the Lord all this interest in me? I feel that I have lost my bearings. I am drifting without oar or rudder or compass. Will the Lord help me? I replied, Certainly He will help you. The Lord is very pitiful, and He would have you receive His blessing.

Brother Starr, do not let the enemy have his way. He presents difficulties before you, because he knows that if you obtain the victory, your works will praise the Lord. It is your high privilege to triumph in God and bring glory to His name. Let not Satan bear you down.

I call to mind one experience in my life when I was thrown into despair. My husband was brought to the point of death with the cholera. In my distress I caught hold of him, drew him off the bed, and held him up before the Lord in prayer. People were dying from this disease all about us, but the Lord broke the spell that was upon my husband, and he was healed. The Lord will heal you if you will take hold of His strength and believe.

Exercise faith before your dear children. Let your words and actions before them be such as to bring help and blessing to them. Cast away the temptations of the enemy, and have faith in God. It is possible for you to come out of this terrible experience with a new song in your mouth. What a triumph this would be. "O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth." [Psalm 96:1.] I hold you up before God in the arms of my faith.

Lt 138, 1908

Cummings, Brother and Sister [R. S.]

Lodi, California

May 6, 1908

Dr. R. S. Cummings

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

National City, California

Dear Brother and Sister Cummings:

I thank you for your letter. I have a deep interest in your work in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I am praying for you, and I believe that you will continue to have success. "The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people shall see His glory." [Psalm 97:6.] Satan would be pleased to see his plans for the defeat of the work at Paradise Valley succeed; but, my brother, the Lord will vindicate the right.

I have faith to believe that the Lord will work for Brother Starr. I am praying that a change may come to him and that he may be led to praise the Lord for deliverance. I am so thankful that you sympathize with this afflicted brother and that you are doing a good work for his dear children. This brings relief to both

father and mother in their affliction. The Lord will bless you for this, and I know that your efforts will not be in vain. Do not fail nor become discouraged.

I came to Lodi to attend the camp-meeting, leaving home last Friday morning in company with my son W. C. White and Minnie Hawkins, my copyist. Dr. Starr also accompanied us. Sara McEnterfer and Dores Robinson went on the day before to find a place and to prepare for our coming. We had a trying journey; for although the distance was short, we had to do much waiting at the stations where we changed cars. But I am thankful that no accident or harm of any kind befell us. I feel safe in putting my trust wholly in the Lord.

On Sabbath we had a strange day. In the night a strong wind began to blow, and this continued through the following day with occasional heavy showers. Elder Haskell spoke in the forenoon and I in the afternoon. As soon as my discourse was ended, I was hurried into a carriage and taken to my stopping place.

I feel a deep interest in this camp-meeting. This is a comparatively new settlement, and a good number of our people are making homes here. The homes that are being built are usually one-story cottages, erected with taste and neatness. There is no great display. There is a work to be done in this place. I pray that the Lord will let His Spirit come upon those who are assembled and imbue them for labor.

There is a desire on the part of some to establish a normal school at this place. They need a schoolhouse larger than that now occupied by the church school; and it is proper that they should have this. We trust that the Lord will give success to the establishment of His work in this town. We want the name of the Lord to be magnified. We desire so much to see the work of the Lord move forward harmoniously. We are God's peculiar people, chosen of Him and precious. Let us each stand in our lot and place, acting in harmony with the Spirit of God.

It has been presented to me that ere long a thorough work will be done for the places surrounding San Diego which have not yet had the message of warning. But the success of our efforts will always depend upon the purity of our faith. The knowledge we have of the resorts in Southern California lays our people under solemn responsibility to give the truth for this time in clear, distinct lines. Wherever a church is established, the members should feel the responsibility resting upon them to give the warning to souls about them. What a grand work would be done if every man and woman who professes to believe the truth would put forth earnest, untiring efforts to bring the light of truth to those who are in darkness, supply with leaves from the tree of life those who are perishing for the bread of life.

Lt 140, 1908

White, J. E.

Lodi, California

May 6, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

My dear son Edson:

I have just received and read your letter in regard to the proposed sanitarium for the colored people. For some time I have expected that something of this sort would come; for when I was so distressed in regard to the little rented building that was being used for a sanitarium when I was last in Nashville, a building was presented to me in the night season that answered to the description of this place recently found.

When the matter was considered of turning the building now used for a publishing house into a sanitarium for the colored people, I thought that possibly that might do; but I could obtain no clear light concerning it. When the letters came describing the property that the brethren now have in mind, it seemed to me to correspond to the pattern of the building which I saw.

I would advise our people to secure this property and then encourage all to do their best to have it well equipped for the treatment of the colored people. If all will move conscientiously and practice self-denial, this enterprise can be carried on successfully.

The colored people have not had the advantages that they should have had, and this has pained my heart. And yet I could not encourage Elder Washburn to take hold of the work of erecting a new building, for I could not see where the funds for such a work were to come from. The plans regarding this place that you have written about seem sensible; I am glad the building can be secured at so reasonable a price.

I quote from your letter: "If a sanitarium was established at Nashville, one of the main features of it should be that of a training school in which the colored workers could come in and in a few weeks or months obtain such knowledge of common, simple treatments as would enable them to relieve the distress of their own people, which is so common everywhere in the South. Every school teacher, every Bible worker, sent out by the Southern Missionary Society, should understand the simple principles of proper diet and the methods of simple treatments."

I agree with all you say regarding the treatment of the sick and the diet question. This work of training laborers has been presented to me as just the work that needs now to be done. The very best class of helpers, those who have intelligence, should be secured, that the colored people may now have the advantages of which they have been so long deprived.

I trust this movement will be carried on without delay. I have no doubt but that means necessary can be secured. There is to be a far larger dependence upon God. The Saviour is ever present to relieve suffering humanity. Let faith and works blend. The efficiency of the great Healer will make the consecrated, faithful, and intelligent worker a power in the cause.

In the instruction given to those who shall come in to receive a training, let theory be blended with faith in the mighty Healer, and let there be given a genuine knowledge of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Ever give to God the glory for the work of healing that is done. The faith that will look to Christ as One who is able and willing to make His loving kindness known, will bring blessing to the sick. Every simple, natural means used for the restoration to health without the use of drugs will be made a testimony to the power of the great Healer. The reason why more decided victories are not gained in the work of ministering to the suffering is because the human agent feels competent to do the work, and therefore he leaves out of his work the great power that is essential in every case.

“And the prayer of faith shall save the sick.” [James 5:15.] After you have given the treatment, you have a right to ask Jesus to impart healing power. You have a right to claim the promise. When treatments are given to the sick, let prayers be offered that God will make the efforts successful. We need far more humility, more living faith in the Lord Jesus.

I am so thankful to our heavenly Father for the plain and positive declarations in His Word concerning the Sabbath. The Sabbath commandment is to be repeated over and over again. Let us not be foolish in our experience, but let us seek to bring others to see the truth as we see it and to have a deep religious experience. This we cannot do unless we have a deep knowledge of God for ourselves.

There must be a drawing together on the part of the workers. The promise is, “Where two or three are agreed as touching anything, it shall be done.” [See Matthew 18:19, 20.] How many there are who ask the question, Am I my brother’s keeper? Said the angel, Yea, thou art thy brother’s keeper. To every professing Christian the words are spoken, Suffer not thy brother to be left unwarned; cherish a spirit of kindness and love toward the erring. When a man commits a wrong, it is often because spiritual blindness is upon him; he is deceived and deluded. Treat him not as an enemy. The Lord has bought him with a price. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” [John 3:16.] The soul who accepts the sacrifice of Christ in his behalf is pledged to have a special care for his brother who is erring.

I have been shown that among those who accept present truth, there are many whose dispositions and characters need converting. Every one who claims to be a Christian should examine himself and see if he is as kind and considerate of his fellow beings as he desires his fellow beings to be of him. When this is done, there will be a showing that is after the divine similitude.

The Lord is honored by our acts of mercy, by the exercise of thoughtful consideration for the unfortunate and distressed. The widow and the fatherless need more than our charity. They need sympathy and watchcare and a helping hand to place them where they can learn to help themselves. All deeds done for those who need help are done to Christ. In our study to know how to help the unfortunate, we should study the way in which Christ worked. He did not refuse to work for those who made mistakes; His works of mercy were done for every class, the righteous and the unrighteous. For all alike He healed disease and gave lessons of instruction.

Those who claim to believe in Christ are to represent Christ in deeds of kindness and mercy. Such will never know until the day of judgment what good they have done in seeking to follow the example of the Saviour. In heaven a book is written for those who interest themselves in the needs of their fellow beings, a book whose record will be revealed in that day when every man will be judged according to the deeds written therein. God will repay every act of injustice done to the poor. Those who manifest indifference or disregard for the unfortunate must not expect to receive the blessing of Him who declared, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.” [Matthew 25:40.]

We are of different minds and capabilities. One man cannot carry the responsibility of correcting all other minds that do not coincide with his. The carrying out of such a plan would spoil the work of God. He places the workers in association with one another, that each may help the other. None should draw themselves apart because their fellow workers who are conscientiously acting their part are not following out their exact plans. The Lord brings different minds and characters together, that He may

bring unity out of diversity. The Saviour in His labors had to deal with all classes of men and all characters, and His life was the daily lesson book of those with whom He came in contact. Let us bear this in mind. The Lord is testing us individually; our motives are being held under close examination. In the past there has been too much trust in argument. As the truths of the Word are taught, let the evangelist and the physician remember that he has a part to act in bringing about the fulfilment of that Word. If they will work in faith and humble dependence upon God, many will be led to accept the evidence of the Word and to obey a Thus saith the Lord.

I have written these words that they may suggest to you ways in which you may help others to act wisely. Now is our time and opportunity to work out God's plans in the earth.

Lt 142, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

Lodi, California

May 10, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Edson and Emma:

We were pleased indeed, when the needs of the Huntsville school were presented at the Lodi camp-meeting, to see the people take hold in earnest and give their pledges to the amount of \$1,100. This was not the only call that was made for means at this meeting. A large number of our books and papers were taken by our people. The outlook for means was not very encouraging, we thought, at the beginning of the meeting. There was little appearance of wealth in the place. The homes of our people were small, one-story cottages. But the people had a mind to work, and money was raised for several lines of work.

The meeting was a very harmonious one, and for this we thank the Lord. Sister Haskell, Sister Bainbridge, Dr. Maria L. Edwards, and Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr gave instruction in health and temperance lines, and some members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union worked with them. From beginning to close a genuine work went forward. This is the first camp-meeting that has been held in Lodi, and the impression made upon the community was good.

Elder Haskell and his wife carried their responsibilities wisely. Elder Haskell could speak positively in regard to the testimonies of the Spirit of prophecy and of the work that God had accomplished through them. It was pleasing to see the spirit of liberality that existed and the willingness to help in many lines of work. We hope that a true report of the work done here will be given in our papers. Many books were sold, and this will mean that light will shine to believers and unbelievers.

One day during the meeting Brother Hansen, a member of the Lodi church, took me to ride through the orchards and vineyards that lie around the town of Lodi. Sara and Minnie Hawkins accompanied me. He had a carriage similar to our large carriage, with easy, cushioned seats. We rode for fifteen miles upon a perfect road. The country is very level. We enjoyed this very much, but it was my last ride in that place.

The wife of this brother is one of the teachers in the Lodi church school. Brother and Sister Hansen are both anxious to go to the southern field. They have no children and I think are in good circumstances. We encouraged them to go. The parents on both sides will feel this move, but they are all believers, and I think the change could be made. I hope they will be able to go to Nashville and do the work they are both anxious to do. They seem to be whole-hearted people.

I wish to express myself as in full harmony with the establishing of the food factory where there is so much that can be utilized in the line of machinery to advance the work. This is as it should be. I am glad that Brother Hare and his wife are with you. We enjoyed their visit with us; they were a help to us.

I am also glad that the work can be carried forward decidedly in Madison and Huntsville. If the Lord sees that there is a spirit to unify, if all will work in faith under the supervision of God, truth will bear away the victory.

I am much pleased with the proposal to purchase the building you have in view for the sanitarium for the colored people. This is something that has been needed for years. If this work can be carried forward in right lines, and the work of the food factory is carried forward successfully, we may expect to see great and encouraging changes. Let the different phases of the work be conducted in a way that will bring glory to God. I shall be relieved of a great burden when I know that Brother and Sister Hare are to bring their experience in to help in this work. Let every worker look to God for guidance.

I would say to our brethren who anticipate having a part in these interests, Have courage in the Lord. Let us move under the guidance of His Spirit. Let many prayers go up to the throne of God for the success of the work. The prayer of faith will accomplish much, yes, everything.

Those who have to do with the locating of our schools and sanitariums are to remember the warning, Move out of the cities. The workers in our sanitariums are to bear in mind what should be the character and aims of our educational institutions. We are ever to remember that we are working for the restoration of man. The nurses are to be trained to use natural methods for the relief of physical suffering, never forgetting that it is their aim to restore the moral image of God in man. This is true missionary work, a work that has been needed for years.

Christ is the pattern for the self-denying missionary. He came to earth to show us how to live and labor, how to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. Draw nigh to God day by day, that you may learn the lessons needful to prepare you for the future immortal life. Make no mistake here. Be sure to secure your life insurance policy for eternal life in the city of God. Soon all our large cities will be visited with the judgments of God.

I feel sorry that you have to leave your home, which you have described to me, but which I have never seen. But when the food factory is opened and there is a better showing than there has been, you may feel like making the change to some place where you can be a genuine help.

Lt 144, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

May 15, 1908 [typed]

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear children Edson and Emma:

I received your letters and have read them with interest. I am thankful that the Lord is working with your heart and mind and that He is giving you a healthful, wholesome experience. I am very thankful also that your mind is relieved. May the Lord carry you forward step by step up the ladder, giving you an experience that is after the divine similitude.

Edson, time now is short, and I am very anxious that you and Emma shall advance round after round of the ladder heavenward. Trials you will have, but pray and believe, and receive the rich blessings of heavenly grace. Consecrate mind and heart. Draw nigh to God daily, and you will obtain rest and fulness of peace. Do not miss one opportunity of obtaining a better understanding of the Word of God, and of His will concerning you, that you may both know how to work intelligently.

You have souls to save or to lose. I know the atmosphere at Battle Creek to be an objectionable one as regards physical and spiritual health. It has been a grief to me that it should have been Emma's plan to go there. I could not recommend her to take such a step. She cannot save the soul of her sister; Hattie must learn to comply with the requirements of the Word of God. I am sorry that Emma should think of going there. I fear that she will regret it; for neither Frank nor his wife can be a help to her spiritually.

If ever there was a time when Emma needed to place herself in an atmosphere that is pure and spiritual, that time is now. This is a time when we must make our calling and election sure. I cannot see why Emma should turn from the invitations I have given her to come to my home and prefer to go to Battle Creek. It is the health of her soul that I am so deeply interested in. I know that association with Frank Belden can be of no help to her in this line. Unless Frank shall make decided changes, he will certainly lose his soul.

I repeat what I have said before. If Emma will come to us, we will do all in our power to make her stay here a pleasant one. I have horses and carriages, and we can take her out whenever she may want to go. She can have the services of the most skilful physician at the sanitarium, and I will pay all her expenses. In Dr. Rand she can find the best possible help. I am willing to do all in my power to help Emma. I have reached the place where I feel that I must stop my work of writing to a great degree and take more outdoor exercise. I should ride out every day.

Lt 146, 1908

Bree, Maggie Hare

Lodi, California

May 9, 1908

Mrs. Harold G. Bree

Whangarata, N.Z.

Dear Sister Maggie:

I will write you only a few lines at this time. I am sending with this a copy of a letter I have written to Dr. E. R. Caro. You understand the circumstances of this family, for you were with us when Dr. Caro's

mother and wife and children, in response to our invitation, came to occupy the cottage close by us. There was no other place to which they could go, and we made them as comfortable as we could. They remained with us over a year, and we supplied their needs, supposing that when Dr. Caro should come to his senses, he would return to his family. In the action he has taken in stealing the children, Dr. Caro has acted like one insane. I send you a copy of a letter to Sister Caro, that you may understand how I regard the situation.

We are now at Lodi, attending the camp-meeting. The meeting is drawing to a close, and we expect to leave here Sunday morning. We are leaving the grounds a little before the meeting closes, hoping to meet some of the brethren who are looking for a site for the Healdsburg school. The lot of land that the brethren have in mind is near Sebastopol. Professor Reed is very anxious that Willie and I shall see the place and give advice as to whether we should settle the school there.

Yesterday one of the brethren of the Lodi church took Sara and Minnie and me in his carriage to look at the orchards and vineyards about this town. The country is very level, and almost as far as the eye could reach stretched beautiful orchards and well-kept vineyards.

We have had an interesting meeting at Lodi. I have spoken several times. There is a good outside interest. A number of our people are settling in and about Lodi. The church numbers about one hundred and fifty.

I would be pleased to see you once more. We hope to hear of Sister M. Caro through the daughter Edith, who is at Mill Valley. I understand that she has seen the children, but we have received little definite information besides this. Edith worries constantly in regard to her children, and she has grown very thin. I feel very sad over her case. I know that the father has not judgment to manage his children aright; he will let them do as they please.

Lt 148, 1908

Caro, E. R.

Lodi, California

May 12, 1908

Dr. E. R. Caro

Auckland, N.Z.

My Brother:

I was so sick after you took the children that for nights I was unable to sleep. Scene after scene was presented before me, where falsehoods were being uttered by you. Satan worked upon your mind to do this wicked thing. I knew that he must have the control of your mind, and I knew that unless you changed your attitude, you were a lost man. I pray that you will come to see yourself as you are.

We are all prisoners of hope. We need to study constantly the plan of salvation. God saw that after the fall man had no power within himself that could keep him from sin, and provision was made whereby he could have help. "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 wonderful in counsel is our Helper.

The Son of God left the heavenly courts and gave His own life for the propitiation of sin, that all men might hear the message of deliverance from the bondage of sin.

A voice is heard, saying, "Whosoever will, let him come." [Revelation 22:17; John 7:37.] Christ clothed His divinity with humanity that He might say to every soul, Flee to the stronghold, ye prisoner of hope. Turn not to human agencies, but to Christ; He is the hope of His people. The Son of God came to declare that although the agencies of evil had created rebellion in heaven, and sin had entered the universe of God, yet Christ and the Father would redeem the fallen race. Laying aside His kingly crown and royal robe, He gave Himself to the human family, to pass through test and trial, and to demonstrate to every son and daughter of Adam that it is possible through faith in Him to resist the devices of Satan. Tempted in all points as man is tempted, Christ overcame through the power of divinity. He seeks to teach men and women that they may overcome through the same power.

Dr. Caro, you need the great Physician to deal with your case. Him you cannot contaminate with your falsehoods. You have acted like a man bereft of reason. God has no place in your plans. It was the cruelty born of insanity that caused you to frame the lies you have circulated regarding your wife. Before you can be truly wise, you must repent and be converted. Before you can be truly wise, you must realize your dependence upon God and learn to give up your unjust and cruel plans.

To know oneself is to have great knowledge. The man who rightly estimates self will let the Lord mold and fashion him and discipline his mind. He will have an earnest desire to possess a firm trust in God; but this will not take the place of efforts for self-improvement. He who realizes his deficiencies will spare no pains to reach the highest possible standard of physical, mental, and moral excellence.

No one who will be satisfied with a low standard should have the responsibility of the training of the youth. The true teacher will try by precept and example to win souls to Christ. He will receive the truth in the love of it, allowing it to cleanse his own heart and mold and fashion his character after the divine similitude. You, Dr. Caro, need to receive the truth in the love of it. You need to fall on the Rock Christ Jesus and be broken. You need to become humble in spirit. It is the duty of every teacher and every father to cleanse the soul from everything that is untrue.

You are not qualified to give a right training to your children. You will indulge them, allow them to have their own way, and spoil their faith in you and in their mother. Their mother is the true guardian of these children. Should they be left to your guidance, they would both be ruined. The mother has good judgment in the management of her children; she is discreet in her instruction. Your mother is the better judge as to which of you is best qualified to bring up these children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Were you to have the training of your children while you remain in your present condition, you would ruin their health and spoil their souls. You are not qualified for such a work, for your own mind is not under the influence of the Spirit of God. You need to humble your heart before the Lord. Satan has been your adviser for a long time, and an active power in your life for the accomplishment of an evil work. Now is your time, now is your opportunity to break with the enemy and place yourself under the full control of the Spirit of God.

I pray that you will repent and be converted. What a course you have pursued! What a lot of falsehoods you have circulated that you might make the actions of your wife appear in the most objectionable light.

But your wife has acted the part of a Christian in this time of trial and affliction. The love of God received into the heart has been a working agency in her life.

I have written letters to you, inviting you to come to my home. We have been assured that your wife would have forgiven you if you had come to her and united with her in finding your bearings. You wrote me that you were sick, and I said everything I could to urge you to come to us. Your actions were such that you could not be surprised that we should suppose that you had partially lost your reason. I wrote you that you could take treatment at the sanitarium that is close beside us. I did not charge you with any design to do an evil work. Everything connected with that transaction is written in the books of heaven; and unless you repent and become converted, that account will come up before you at the judgment to exclude you from the city of God.

I feel deeply grieved for your mother.

Lt 150, 1908

Caro, M.

Lodi, California

May 9, 1908

Dr. M. Caro

Auckland, N.Z.

Dear Sister Caro:

Letters have been received from individuals in Australia that demand that a decided statement be made by those who can speak in behalf of the wife of Dr. E. R. Caro.

In August 1906, Dr. Caro's wife came to San Francisco to meet her husband. The doctor's mother, feeling that she could not allow her to travel with the three children alone, accompanied her, which was a wise thing to do. But when the Sisters Caro arrived at San Francisco, the doctor was not there to meet them, and no trace of his whereabouts could be found. The distress of his mother was very great; for she supposed her son was lying sick in some part of the city and was unable to reach them. Every conceivable means was tried to find the doctor, but in vain.

We felt deeply the humiliation and distress of Sister Caro, and we tried to share her burden as far as this was possible. We are very thankful that we could help in this time of perplexity and trial.

For over a year Edith Caro lived in a little cottage a few steps from my door. In the care she gave her children, Sister Caro revealed herself to be a kind and faithful mother. She did not permit her children to rule her, but she ruled them firmly and cared for them kindly. When they did wrong she corrected them, but not harshly. She was a faithful mother, and her children loved her. She taught the eldest daughter to be helpful and to find amusement for the little ones. Sister Caro showed herself to be a wise mother in requiring obedience from her children; for this was the only way she could make them happy and teach them to obey God.

Under no circumstances would Sister Caro leave her children, unless they could be with someone whom she could thoroughly trust. A few times only did she consent to attend the Sabbath services on the hillside, choosing rather to stay at home and be with her children.

I believe that it was in the providence of God that Sister Caro was near me in this experience, that I might testify to her kindness and faithfulness as a mother, and that the falsehoods of the doctor might not be received as truth. I can bear positive testimony that she is a woman who loves the Lord and who is striving to keep His commandments. She gave evidence that she was a child of God and was seeking to serve Him in truth and righteousness. The Bible and the Testimonies were her books of study.

Although the house in which she lived was small, it was kept tidy. When Sister Edith Caro could get sewing to do, that could be done without neglecting her children, she was ready to do it. She was always willing to earn what she could. Dr. M. Caro, the grandmother of the children, whenever she could do so, obtained work as a midwife or nurse, and thus earned means to help support the family.

Dr. E. R. Caro had written to me during this time, telling me that he was sick and was seeking to regain his health. I wrote to him several times inviting him to come to our home. I told him we had horses and carriages, and he could ride out with his family. We would do all in our power to help him to get well. But the man did not accept my offer. In my letters to him I did not make one complaint in regard to the support of his family. We gave them freely of that which our land produced and were thankful that we could do this.

The means that Dr. Caro now and then sent me was always placed in the hands of his mother, and also his letters, with the exception of one or two which were sent under restriction that they should not be shown to anyone. These I sealed up; but it may become necessary to make their contents known. The doctor has taken such a course that we cannot tell when he is speaking the truth and when cruel falsehood.

Later the family moved to the city of Oakland, where his wife hoped to get employment as a masseuse. His mother went to Loma Linda to get preparation for the work of Bible teacher. On the afternoon that the children were taken, a fictitious call was made for Sister Caro to give treatment to a woman in a distant part of the city. She answered the call, leaving her children in the care of Brother Rice's family, where they were living. She was so thankful that here was an opportunity to earn something for the support of herself and her children. But when she reached the place mentioned in the message, she could find no address like that given her. After some search and inquiry she returned home to find that her husband had called at Brother Rice's during her absence and had taken the two children.

When the news reached me, I was like one stunned. Sister Caro was so broken-hearted by her loss that for a time it seemed that she would die. We feel deeply grieved over the action of the doctor, and that he should regard as a virtue the deed he has done. Why did he not consider the mother's agony of heart at the loss of her little ones? Could he suppose that she would remain passive, ignorant of the welfare of her children? And did he not understand that for this wicked thing he will have to give account to the Judge of all the earth? Did he suppose that God would permit such cruelty to go unpunished? Nay; these children are the Lord's property, bought with the price of the Son of God. Did Dr. Caro suppose that his children, even though they were separated from their mother for years, would forget her loving care for them, her prayers for them at their bedside, and the lessons taught them by her from the Word of God?

O that the Lord would make the doctor realize what he has done and deliver him from the satanic workings of the enemy!

Lt 152, 1908

Hall, L. M.

St. Helena, California

May 12, 1908

Mrs. L. M. Hall

Barbour Street

Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Sister:

I wish I could see you. How long do you think you will remain in Battle Creek?

I have recently made a journey to Lake County, and I stood it much better than I expected. I will enclose with this an account of our trip. If it were possible I would like to secure a little place where I can go at times from the pressure of the work here. Especially would I enjoy such a place in the hot season of the year. I was much pleased with the scenery on the way to Lakeport.

On our return journey we spent a few hours at the home of Brother Workman who has rented a fruit farm in a valley among the mountains ten miles back from Kellogg. Mr. Workman has been sick, but in this place among the mountains he can support himself.

The eldest son of this Brother Workman is Mabel's husband. They are still in Washington, working their way through school. Mabel cannot apply herself to study so closely as her husband; her eyes will not permit it.

We have just returned from attending the camp-meeting at Lodi. The meeting was a very harmonious one, and for this we thank the Lord. Sister Haskell, Sister Bainbridge, Dr. Maria L. Edwards, and Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr gave instruction in health and temperance lines, and some members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union worked with them. From beginning to close a genuine work went forward. This is the first camp-meeting that has been held in Lodi, and the impression made upon the community was good.

Elder Haskell and his wife carried their responsibilities wisely. Elder Haskell could speak positively in regard to the testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy and of the work that God had accomplished through them. It was pleasing to see the spirit of liberality that existed and the willingness to help in many lines of work. We hope that a true report of the work done here will be given in our papers. Many books were sold, and this will mean that light will shine to believers and unbelievers.

One day during the meeting, Brother Hansen, a member of the Lodi church, took me to ride through the orchards and vineyards that lie around the town of Lodi. Sara and Minnie Hawkins accompanied me. He had a carriage similar to our large carriage, with easy cushioned seats. We rode for fifteen miles upon a perfect road. The country is very level. We enjoyed this very much, but it was my last ride in that place.

I have a request to make of you. Could you not have some of the children at the Home gather clover blossoms for me? I will pay them for doing this. I understand that at the Orphans' Home there are fields of clover.

With love.

Lt 154, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

May 19, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I will write only a few lines to you this morning. I have had quite a serious time since I came from Lodi. I took cold and have been quite seriously afflicted.

I have been told that it is announced that I am to speak to the school at Healdsburg next Sabbath. I shall put my trust in the Lord. He is my strength and my wisdom.

I would like to have you tell me which of the two places the brethren have in view, as a possible location for the school, you think to have the best advantages. W. C. White favors the place at Santa Rosa, and this is much less in price. Please tell me how you view the matter. I am expected to look at the place next Friday. I shall be on the ground about noon of that day.

I will be glad to have you respond at once to this, and let me know which of the two sites you think the most suitable.

Lt 156, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [Metcalf]

St. Helena, California

May 14, 1908

Mr. Metcalfe Hare

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I am pleased that you can be for a time in Nashville, to get an understanding of the work there, and to render some help in the setting in operation of the food factory. You understand the health food

business and can move intelligently and economically; for you and Sister Hare both understand the light that has been given upon health reform. And you can be a great blessing to the people in that place; they will respect your experience. Let us each seek to know in our own experience the meekness and lowliness of Christ who gave His life for a world that was seared and marred by the curse.

I shall be pleased to hear from you. I trust that you may be a blessing to our people in Nashville. Much light has been given for our people in that place, and this instruction has been repeated over and over again. Earnest efforts have been put forth by the Lord's servants for Nashville; they have toiled early and late to see the work advance. I hope to see these efforts crowned with success. May the Lord give you wisdom and grace to help to perfect the work that has been begun under great difficulties. Be of good courage in the Lord.

Higher education is a constant unfolding of the intelligence in regard to the truth. It embraces the training of the physical, mental, and moral powers. True education means the inculcation of ideas that will enable us to give to others a knowledge of the Creator and the Redeemer. Let us remember that our Saviour was a constant worker. O how I long for the wickedness of the wicked to come to an end. May the Lord strengthen and bless you, and help you to perfect a character in the likeness of the divine pattern. Christ is our example; and He is without spot or blemish. Dwell upon this thought. Humanity must become like Him through obedience to His will.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time.

"Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." [1 Peter 1:3-9.]

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy, in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

"And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." [Verses 13-20.]

This whole chapter is worthy of our earnest study. It places before us the standard that the Lord requires each of us to reach. Present these thoughts as you seek to reach the people.

Lt 158, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

May 14, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Son Edson:

I would urge you to bear in mind that the Lord, He is God. Do not allow yourself to be thrown into perplexity. During His earthly life the Saviour ever had helpful words to speak to those who needed help. He was the helper of every soul who felt the need of His grace. He has not changed.

I sincerely wish that I could help you financially, but I have not yet succeeded in getting means to pay my workers and to settle my indebtedness at the bank. I am paying eight per cent interest on the money I have hired from the bank. I have just received small loans at six and four percent interest; but this will not settle my obligations. I will be greatly relieved when I can get my books into circulation.

I feel very thankful that the work of circulating Christ's Object Lessons is being taken hold of in Southern California and that so many of these books are being sold. Every dollar that this little book can bring in is needed for the support of our school work. And the same may be said of Ministry of Healing for our sanitariums. I am very thankful for this ingathering of means for our institutions.

I was much pleased with the camp-meeting in Lodi, of which I have already written you something. There was a strong wind blowing most of the time, and a few showers fell, but no damage was done. The results of the meeting were encouraging.

Valuable help was given by several of our sisters, who took a prominent part in the health and temperance work. These were Sister Bainbridge, Sister Haskell, Dr. Maria Edwards, and Dr. Lillis Wood-Starr. These workers made the meetings very interesting, and this relieved me somewhat from the work of speaking.

A special work was done for the youth by Elder Luther Warren, and at the close of the meeting a number were baptized.

We left Lodi Sunday morning, hoping to get to St. Helena that evening. But at Sacramento our train did not make connections with the St. Helena train, and we decided to go on to Oakland that evening. I was expecting to go to Sebastopol the following day to look at a prospective site for the Healdsburg school; but our cars were delayed so long that we did not reach Oakland until 9 p.m. I was very weary and suffered much with pain in my hip. We therefore concluded, instead of going to Sebastopol the next morning, to come directly home. Thus far I have [not] been able to make this journey to the proposed school site, but my strength is returning, and I hope to go to Healdsburg at the end of this week.

In all His habits of life, the Saviour gave an example of what God designs His church on earth to be. Tell this to the people. Christ desires to present His church before the Father without spot or blemish.

From His earliest years the Saviour's life was one of poverty. His childhood days were spent in toil. Working at the carpenter's bench, bearing the burdens that came to Him as a member of the family, He

often became weary. He lived in a corrupt age. Yet He was uncorrupted by the evil that surrounded Him, uninfluenced by the characters of those who were artificial and wicked. In the open fields and amid the scenes of nature, He found rest from toil and food for spiritual life. Looking beneath the surface, He gathered knowledge from the mysteries of nature that filled Him with peace and joy.

During the years of His public ministry, the Saviour was continually watched by crafty and hypocritical men. Spies were continually upon His track to catch something from His lips that they could use to create prejudice against Him. Again and again they tried to make Him appear guilty of wrong. There were occasions when they laid traps for Him by presenting to Him questions, the answers to which they hoped to use to cause His condemnation by the people. But at every attempt they were compelled to retire from the field confounded; their actions were revealed in their true light by the answers of Christ. The Saviour's discourses presented a power of truth to the multitudes who listened. Even the men who were sent to spy upon His actions were forced to return with the report to those who sent them, "Never man spake like this man." [John 7:46.] I am instructed to say to the Nashville church, Pray, pray. Let your conversation be with grace; for Christ is listening to the words you speak. Let compassion for one another be blended with all you say; then you will reveal the character of Christ. The manners of Christ were gentle and unassuming; as His followers we are to partake of His nature. We need to be daily learners of the great Teacher, that the atmosphere surrounding the soul may be filled with spiritual life.

The question has been asked by some, Has Sister White healed the sick? I answer, No, no; Sister White has often been called to pray for the sick, and to anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord Jesus; and with them she has claimed the fulfilment of the promise, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." [James 5:15.] No human power can save the sick, but through the prayer of faith the Mighty Healer has fulfilled His promise to those who have called upon His name. No human power can pardon sin or save the sinner; none can do this but Christ, the merciful physician of body and soul.

It has often been my privilege to pray with the sick. We should do this much more often than we do. If more prayer were offered in our sanitariums for the healing of the sick, the mighty power of the Healer would be seen. Many more would be strengthened and blessed, and many more acute sicknesses would be healed.

The power of Christ to stay disease has been revealed in the past in a remarkable manner. Before we were blessed with institutions where the sick could get help from suffering, by diligent treatment and earnest prayer in faith to God, we carried the most seemingly hopeless cases through successfully. Today the Lord invites the suffering ones to have faith in Him. Man's necessity is God's opportunity.

"And He went from thence, and came into His own country, and His disciples follow Him. And when the Sabbath day was come, He began to teach in the synagogue; and many hearing Him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto Him? that even such mighty works are wrought by His hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and of Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not His sisters here with us? And they were offended at Him. And Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And He could do there no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them." [Mark 6:1-5.]

With all our treatments given to the sick, simple fervent prayer should be offered for the blessing of healing. We are to point the sick to the compassionate Saviour, and His power to forgive and to heal.

Through His gracious providence they may be restored. Point the sufferers to their advocate in the heavenly courts. Tell them that Christ will heal the sick if they will repent and cease to transgress the laws of God. There is a Saviour who will reveal Himself in our sanitariums to save those who will submit themselves to Him. The suffering ones can unite with you in prayer, confessing their sin and receiving pardon.

Sister White has never claimed to heal the sick. It is Christ who has healed in every instance, as it was Christ who, in the days of His ministry, raised the dead to life. It is Christ who performs every mighty work through the ministry of His servants. This Christ is to be trusted and believed in. His blessing upon the means used for restoration to health will bring success. The mercy of Christ delights to manifest itself in behalf of suffering humanity. It is He who imparts the ministrations of healing to the sick, and physicians are to give to Him the glory for the wonderful works performed.

Lt 160, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [Metcalf]

St. Helena, California

May 13, 1908

Mr. Metcalfe Hare

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I cannot tell you how glad I was to hear that you were to look over the building at Edgefield, built for a health food factory. This building has been presented to me as having special advantages for the work for which it is designed. The experience you have had will enable you to take in these advantages, and I hope you will give the matter a fair judgment.

I have not felt that the men there who have had good experience in many other lines of work would be able to discern the advantages as I see them. I depend more upon your judgment than upon that of any other man in Nashville, because you have had an experience in this work that others have not. For this reason, Brother Hare, I wish you to write me yourself about this matter.

The proposition was made by some to sell the machinery and building separately, but I said, No; if once the machinery is sold, it will be much harder to dispose of the building.

I have not seen the machinery with my natural eyes, but only through the representations given me. While our brethren were speaking discouragingly of this enterprise, one stood up and spoke of its advantages. Its greatest advantages lay in its being so retired and yet having the cars so close that goods could be shipped with little expense. Thus while having all the advantages of easy transportation, the workers could have all the advantages of retirement, and to them this is a great consideration. No better atmosphere could be obtained in the city of Nashville.

I would have you consider every phase of this enterprise, and enter into the work of building it up on lines which are in harmony with the experience you have had in Cooranbong. I knew that it would not be wise to depend upon the judgment of those who have had no experience in this line of work. You

have had an experience that will make your judgment of value. After you have considered the situation, let me know your opinion regarding it. I have a special interest in this location.

I shall certainly encourage you, my brother, in taking hold of this work.

Light has been given me that Edson White, if he will carefully guard his health, may exert an influence that God will bless. But he should not leave Nashville because of discouragement.

Lt 162, 1908

Daniells, A. G.

St. Helena, California

March 29, 1908

Elder A. G. Daniells

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Daniells:

I received your letter from Chicago, stating the need of a meetinghouse in Takoma Park. It seems strange that the believers in Takoma Park have no suitable house of worship. I agree with you that provision should have been made for a good meetinghouse in view of the large number of our people who are living there.

There is a decided work to be done in Washington. But some of the brethren there, who should be far advanced in the understanding of spiritual things, are not working out the plan of God, but are following their own inventions. The converting power of God needs to take hold of the workers in the school, in the publishing house, and in the churches. The leaders in the work need to understand the deep, earnest work that must be done before heavenly agencies can make the impressions upon the minds of the youth that will lead them to come to the Lord with their human wills broken and seek Him in true repentance.

The responsible workers in our schools in Washington and other places need to bear in mind that there are thousands upon thousands in the cities who need help in many ways. Let the workers bring to mind the words of Christ, "Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid." "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted." [Matthew 5:14, 13.] The Lord Jesus is a miracle-working God; we must let Him be our dependence.

After Christ was received up into heaven and set at the right hand of His Father, His disciples went forth and preached the Word; and the record states that the Lord worked with them, confirming the word with signs following. Today the Lord is qualifying His servants to take up medical missionary work. He calls for men and women who are peaceable in spirit, who learn of Jesus and are willing to follow His instruction, who day by day wait upon the Lord to know His will, prepared to go where He bids them go and to take up the work which He requires.

Backsliding in Health Reform

I am instructed to bear a message to all our people on the subject of health reform; for many have backslidden from their former loyalty to health reform principles. The light God has given is being disregarded.

A true reformation needs to take place among the believers in Washington in the matter of healthful living. If the believers there will give themselves unreservedly to God, He will accept them. If they will adopt in the matter of eating and drinking the principles of temperance that the light of health reform has brought to us, they will be richly blessed. Those who have received instruction regarding the evils of the use of flesh meats, tea and coffee, and rich and unhealthful food preparations, and who are determined to make a covenant with God by sacrifice will not continue to indulge their appetites for foods which they know to be unhealthful. God demands that the appetites be cleansed, and self-denial be practiced in regard to those things which are not good. This is a work that will have to be done before His people can stand before Him a perfected people.

The Lord has given clear light regarding the nature of the food that is to compose our diet; He has instructed us concerning the effect of unhealthful food upon the disposition and character. Shall we respond to the counsels and cautions given? Who among our brethren will sign a pledge to dispense with flesh meats, tea, and coffee, and all injurious foods, and become health reformers in the fullest sense of the term?

If we could be benefited by indulging the desire for flesh meats, I would not make this appeal to you; but I know we cannot. They are injurious to the physical well-being, and we should learn to do without them.

In this experience of backsliding from the principles of reform, our people have been repeating the history of the children of Israel in the wilderness during their forty years of travel. Those who continue to follow their own course in this respect, eating and drinking as they please, will gradually grow careless of the instruction the Lord has given regarding other phases of the present truth; they will surely reap as they have sown.

I have been instructed that the students in our schools are not to be served with flesh foods or with food preparations that will cause disturbances of the stomach. Nothing that will serve to encourage a desire for stimulants should be placed on the tables.

I appeal to young and old, and to middle-aged. Deny your appetite of those things that are doing you injury. Serve the Lord by sacrifice. Let the good work begin at Washington, and go forth from there to other places. I know whereof I am writing. If a temperance pledge, providing for the abstinence from flesh foods, tea and coffee, and some other foods that are known to be injurious, were circulated through our ranks, a great and good work would be accomplished. I ask you at this time, Will you not circulate such a pledge? The means saved by such sacrifice, if used for the furtherance of the cause of God, would be blessed to the salvation of many souls.

Let the children have a part in this work. We are all members of the Lord's family; and the Lord would have His children, young and old, pledge themselves to deny appetite and save the means needed for the building of meetinghouses and the support of missionaries.

I am instructed to say to parents, Place yourselves, soul and spirit, on the Lord's side of this question. We need ever to bear in mind that in these days of probation we are on trial before the Lord of the

universe. Will you not give up indulgences that are doing you injury? Words of professions are cheap; let your acts of self-denial testify that you will be obedient to the demands God makes of His peculiar people. Then put into the treasury a portion of the means you save by your acts of self-denial, and there will be that with which to carry on the work of God.

There are many who feel that they cannot get along without flesh meats; but if these would place themselves on the Lord's side, resolved to obey His requirements in this matter, they would receive strength and wisdom as did Daniel and his fellows. They would find that the Lord would give them sound judgment; and they would be surprised to see how much could be saved for the cause of God by acts of self-denial. And the small sums gained by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the upbuilding of the cause than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for denial of self.

I am sure if you will begin in Washington to do this work of reform—in the school, in the printing office, and among all our working forces—the Lord will help you to present a pledge that will help the people to return from their backslidings on the question of health reform. And as you seek to carry out the will of the Lord in this particular, He will give you clearer understanding of what health reform will do for you.

I have heard from several as I travel that Sister White has changed her view in regard to the reform diet. I would have all understand that Sister White has the same testimony to bear on this subject that she has ever borne.

There are those among us who occupy important positions of trust, and who should have stood on a high platform in the matter of health reform, who have refused to follow the light, and their course has been displeasing to God. Let these now turn to the Lord, that their example may no longer be a temptation to others.

Because of the example set by influential men in the indulgence of appetite, the truth has not made the impression on hearts that it might have done. I appeal to you now to set an example in self-denial. Cut off every needless indulgence, that God may bless you with His approval and acceptance.

"If any man will come after Me," said Jesus, "let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." [Luke 9:23.] Let us follow the Saviour in His simplicity and self-denial. Let us lift up the Man of Calvary by word and by holy living. The Saviour comes very near to those who consecrate themselves to God. If ever there was a time when we needed the working of the Spirit of God upon our hearts and lives, it is now. Christ is speaking to us individually, saying, "I am He that holdeth thy right hand. I am He that liveth and was dead, and, behold, I am alive forever more." [Isaiah 41:13; Revelation 1:18.]

There is a decided message to be borne to our people upon the question of health reform. Let us come into line that our prayers be not hindered. God cannot be glorified in the lives of ministers who give up these principles of reform; but He will reveal Himself to every soul who will be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. We need now to arouse and in all our schools follow closely the light that God has given on this question. Let the teachers in our schools return from their backsliding and educate themselves in a knowledge of the principles of healthful living. Let the students be taught to live these principles.

Cooking schools are to be established at many of our gatherings. Meetings are to be held where the children can be taught principles of temperance and the value of self-denial. In the year 1908, we are to do all in our power to advance the work of God in every line.

Lt 164, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W. D.]

St. Helena, California

May 22, 1908

My dear Grandchildren:

I have just received and read Mabel's letter. While reading it, I wished I could be with you and spend one month at Takoma Park. But I cannot take such a journey unless I have clear light that this is the Lord's will.

I would be pleased to speak to the students in the school and to the workers in the sanitarium and the publishing house. I have a message for them. I know that in this year 1908 we have no time to lose. Every moment is precious. It should be our constant study to know how to form characters that will stand the test of the future.

Whatever our age, it is our precious privilege to be learners of the blessed teacher Christ Jesus. "Search the Scriptures," was His charge, "they are they which testify of Me." [John 5:39.] The lessons that Christ gave to His first disciples, teachers and students are to learn today and treasure up in their hearts. Let us encourage a spirit of earnest purpose and be determined to climb round after round of the ladder until we reach the heavenly courts.

The spiritual life can be kept vigorous only by much earnest prayer and the exercise of simple faith. Lay your individual case before the Lord, and believe Him fully. Receive in simple faith the light He sends you, that He may impart His Holy Spirit to give understanding of the requirements of His Word. We must relate ourselves so closely to the Lord that we can bear a living testimony to all with whom we associate.

We have no moments, dear children, to spend in indifference. Every one of us must give account of himself to God.

Lt 166, 1908

Prescott, W. W.

St. Helena, California

May 22, 1908

Elder W. W. Prescott

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I am awakened at twelve o'clock to write out the instruction that has been given me. In the night season I was addressing a company of people, and the charge was given, Wake up the watchmen to bear a decided testimony against every influence that would weaken the voice of the third angel's message. A special work is to be done in cleansing the mind and purifying the heart; for the end of all things is at hand. Let us arouse and present to the world the importance of a plain "Thus saith the Lord."

The words were spoken, I am the Light of the world. Kindle your soul's light from the wisdom of human agencies, and your light will go out in darkness. Seek My wisdom, and you will be guided by unerring counsel. This guidance it is the privilege of every child of God to have. Ask, and ye shall receive; but ask in faith believing. Ask for that which is in accordance with the word of God. Believing, ye shall receive.

Christ is the source of our strength. Let us study His teachings. In giving His only begotten Son to live in our world and to be subject to temptation that He might teach us how to overcome, the Father has made ample provision that we should not be taken captive by the enemy. Meeting the fallen foe, Christ overcame in behalf of humanity. He was tempted in all points like as we are, but He resisted in the strength of divinity, that He might be able to succor us when we are tempted.

Becoming partakers of His divine nature, we are to learn to discern the temptations of Satan and, in the strength of His grace, overcome the corruptions that are in the world through lust. He who was once a sinful human being may be refined and purified through the imparted merits of Christ and stand before his fellow men as a laborer together with God. To the earnest seeker after God, the divine nature will surely be imparted, the compassion of Christ will certainly be vouchsafe.

There are constant dangers besetting the pathway of God's servants, and these dangers we may learn to avoid. At times, Elder Prescott, you have come very near making shipwreck of your faith. Only the grace of God and the confidence you have had in the messages He has sent through the Spirit of prophecy have held you back. I was shown that although you have had many years of experience in the cause of God, you are still in danger of making grave mistakes.

You will be inclined to catch hold of some minor matter which you consider to be important and place great weight upon it. At such times Satan is waiting and watching for an opportunity to influence your mind, and through you to work upon many other minds, leading them to questioning and doubt. The Lord has not called you to such a work as this. Upon some questions silence will reveal a spirit of wisdom and discretion.

Satan is working with all his ingenuity to sidetrack souls. What shall we do? Let us believe that the Lord is willing to raise up and strengthen the weak.

You will find your greatest strength in dwelling upon that which is spiritual. Let sanctification of the truth of the Word of God be revealed in your life. Let this agency refine and ennoble the soul. The Lord would have His ministering servants walk humbly before Him. "Take My yoke upon you," He invites, "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.]

Lt 168, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

May 26, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Edgefield, Tennessee

My dear children Edson and Emma:

I wish I could be with you at this time to advise with you, and to counsel and encourage you. I do pray that the Lord will make your path of duty plain and help you to understand clearly the will of the Lord. May you have His strength and grace to help you. Do not fail nor become discouraged. The Lord has not left you. He is your helper, your front guard, and your rearward. I hope and pray that you will come out free from all entanglements.

I am not as well as I should like to be. I feel very weak, but the Lord has wonderfully preserved me, and I am very thankful for His tender care. I know in whom I have believed.

I am trying to obtain means, that I may help you; but I do not know that I shall succeed. At times I do not know what to do. I am so thankful that the Lord understands every phase of our experience. If we will follow the leadings of His Holy Spirit, we will not be left to fail or to become discouraged. Is not this a time to live so fully in the light of the Lord's countenance that we who receive so many favors of Him, so many rich blessings, may know how to treat those who are less favored?

I know by the representations given me that we are to work more disinterestedly for the colored people. We are to teach them how Christians should live by exemplifying in our own lives the Spirit of Christ. With all patience we are to lift up the Lord Jesus before them. Let us show that we have an interest in their souls. Because of this work, I do not urge you to leave the South until you know it to be your duty to do so. The Lord will guide all who will walk in His ways and cheerfully do their best. He will open ways before His faithful servants.

We need such teachers for the colored people as Sister Wilson was. How ready and willing she was to work! While men and women should be prepared to carry the truth into the highways of life, they should also be ready to carry the truth into the byways. The message of present truth must be carried to all classes. Men and women are to be trained to help the cause of God wherever they may be.

I have been shown that thousands will be called out to do their duty in various lines of labor. Time and patience and ability are demanded; for we are not only to make the people understand the truths of the Word, but we are to instruct these colored people how to become messengers of grace, how to lift up the Man of Calvary before their race.

O when shall we learn to pattern after the meekness and lowliness of Christ. We need to be imbued with the Holy Spirit if we would successfully reach the needy classes in the South. We can give them some work to do, and thus cultivate their ability. There are many ingenious minds among these people. Teach them faithfulness and diligence. Everything cannot be done by machinery. There is need of human thought and clear discernment to comprehend their needs. Our church members need to be imbued with a larger measure of the Holy Spirit. If they will seek for this, the grace and love of Christ will fit them for efficient work.

The instruction that is now being given to our students in the sale of books containing the truth for this time is fitting many to do an acceptable work. The people, understanding the object of the sale, give their orders more readily than they would under other circumstances.

The Lord has given to the southern field object lessons of different kinds. The education being given to the students at Madison which trains the youth to build, to cultivate the land, and to care for cattle and poultry will be of great advantage to them in the future. There is no better way of keeping the body in health than to follow the plan of training that the Madison school is carrying out. This is the same kind of work as we were instructed to do when we purchased the land for our school in Australia. The students had their hours for study and their hours for work on the land. They were taught to fell trees, to plant orchards, to cultivate the soil, and to erect buildings; and this training was a blessing to all who engaged in it.

The Lord in His providence has brought about the establishment of the Madison school through the efforts of Brethren Sutherland and Magan and a few faithful associates. Their labors have been performed under no ordinary circumstances. These men had an experience at Berrien Springs which was a severe one; but the Lord brought them safely through it and made it a means of blessing to them. They felt that they must go to the South and labor for this needy field. They went out not knowing whither they were going, and the Lord guided them to Madison, a beautiful place of four hundred acres. For a time the way for the establishment of the work seemed hedged up. The Lord led His servants through a trying experience; but He saw the end from the beginning. When some of their brethren expostulated and labored to discourage them, the Lord encouraged. And [in] the results of the efforts put forth at that place we can see that the Lord's blessing has rested upon their efforts.

The work that the laborers have accomplished at Madison has done more to give a correct knowledge of what an all-round education means than any other school that has been established by Seventh-day Adventists in America. The Lord has given these teachers in the South an education that is of highest value, and it is a training that God would be pleased to have all our youth receive.

The close confinement of students to mental work has cost the life of many precious youth. The Madison school, in its system of education, is showing that mental and physical powers, brain and muscle, must be equally taxed. The example that it has given in this respect is one that it would be well for all who engage in school work to emulate. If the physical and mental powers were equally taxed, there would be in our world far less of corruption of mind and far less feebleness of health.

Let the work done for the people of the South be done in a true missionary spirit. Let the Spirit of the Lord guide in your work of ministry. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ. Work faithfully for the Master, seeking to lead others to do earnest missionary work. Such a class of labor will develop tact and ingenuity and intellectual and moral adaptability. Let those who work in the South understand that it is not preaching alone that is needed. Self-sacrificing work is called for at every step. The example given by the teachers of truth is not to be one of self-indulgence. Christ was a missionary in the truest sense of the term. His whole life was one of self-denying acts. He traveled from place to place; and as He journeyed and wherever He stayed, He taught the people the message of the gospel, illustrating His lessons with the objects of nature that were all about Him.

Evans, I. H.

St. Helena, California

May 22, 1908

Elder I. H. Evans

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Evans:

As we consider the work that has been established at Takoma Park, we thank the Lord that One wonderful in counsel guided us to this location and prepared the way before us. The interests that have been established at Washington are weighty interests; the workers stationed there hold important positions and exert a wide influence. It is of great consequence that the men and women there reveal that in word and spirit and action they are in harmony with the divine Teacher. Divided sentiments are no honor to the cause of God. The Lord calls upon all who are located in that important center to be light-bearers to the world.

I have a message to give to those who for years have hindered the work in the South. It is now time to come into line. A species of selfishness has sometimes characterized your work, and this has provoked our enemies to institute lawsuits against us, when if a greater spirit of tenderness and unselfishness had been manifested, less excuse would have been given to rob the cause of God. Brother Evans, you are to consider that whatever your position, you are constantly to reflect light, blessed light. "The man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue. The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain." [2 Samuel 23:1-4.]

The Lord has not been honored by the position taken in the past by some of the leading men of the General Conference. The work has been too much restricted, and in consequence the world's night, which should have been made light by the bright shining of the truth for this time, has been left to its gloom.

Christ represents His people as those who are to dispel the darkness of this world. "Ye are the light of the world," He declares. "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law until all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:14-20.]

Had you possessed more of the true missionary spirit, men would have been encouraged to go out to the unworked fields of the South with this last warning message, and in Memphis and New Orleans and other cities many would have taken hold of the truth. If when an interest was awakened in any place, this interest had been followed up with diligent effort, many would have received the message of truth, and these would have used their means for the support of the work. But the cities have not been worked. The light has been hid under a bushel.

While we were endeavoring to build up the work in Australia, which we did under great difficulties, the hindering policy was a grief to us and a shame to the people who professed to hold this precious, sacred truth regarding the soon coming of the Lord. It has been under similar difficulties that the workers at Madison and Huntsville have labored to establish their work. Had a true spirit of unselfishness rested upon the men at the head of the work, the Madison enterprise would have had the support of the people, and the work there would have gone forward much more rapidly. Many more souls would now be in the field, giving the message in the cities of the southern field, and long ere this many of the cities of the South would have been faithfully worked.

The work that is to be done for the South must be done quickly. Soon the enemy will work more openly for the passing of Sunday laws, and then our work will have to be done under great difficulties. Let workers be sent to the southern field. This is an important part of the Lord's vineyard. In some of the large cities, representatives of all nationalities are to be found. When these are converted to the truth, they will labor for their own people, and thus the work will continually broaden.

Lt 172, 1908

Officers of the General Conference

St. Helena, California

May 26, 1908

To the officers of the General Conference

Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren:

I have read a very encouraging letter from Prof. P. T. Magan to Prof. E. A. Sutherland, regarding the recent council held in Washington. I am very thankful for the good report it brings regarding the council.

I was very thankful to hear of the efforts that are to be made in behalf of the Huntsville and Madison schools. They have long waited for the help they need, and an earnest effort should be made to redeem the time.

When I read the resolutions published in the Review, placing so many restrictions upon those who may be sent out to gather funds for the building up of institutions in needy and destitute fields, I was so sorry for the many restrictions. I can but feel sad; for unless the converting grace of God comes into the conferences, a course will be taken that will bring the displeasure of God upon them. We have had enough of the spirit of forbidding.

This morning I could not sleep after midnight. I awoke bearing this message to our leading men, Break every yoke that would hinder or limit the power of the third angel's message. The calls that have been made for large liberality, which have been responded to so nobly by our people, should lead to feelings of confidence and gratitude, rather than to the placing of yokes upon the necks of God's servants. Let your requirements ever be dictated by the Holy Spirit of God. When the officers of the General Conference allow such restrictions to be made, they give evidence that they need clearer spiritual eyesight, that the heavenly anointing is not upon them.

Representations have been made to me of a work that does not bear the divine credentials. The prohibitions that have bound about the labors of those who would go forth to warn the people in the cities of the soon-coming judgments should every one be removed. None are to be hindered from bearing the message of present truth to the world. Let the workers receive their directions from God. When the Holy Spirit impresses a believer to do a certain work for God, leave the matter with him and the Lord. I am instructed to say to you, Break every yoke that would prevent the message from going forth with power to the cities. This work of proclaiming the truth in the cities will take means, but it will also bring in means. A much greater work would have been done if men had not been so zealous to watch and hinder some who were seeking to obtain means from the people to carry forward the work of the Lord.

The Lord's mercy and love are misrepresented by a policy that would hinder the message of His grace from going to any part of the world. Is man to be a dictator to his fellow man? Is he to take the responsibility of saying, You shall not go to such a place? Let us rather say to those who desire to labor: It is your privilege to work for souls on every occasion and to make earnest request to God in their behalf. "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." [Colossians 3:17.] "Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are also called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." [Verses 14-16.] The Holy Spirit is working upon human minds. Those upon whom the Spirit lays the burden of labor, and who are of good report in the church, encourage them to enter new fields. Let the work of the Lord go forward with power. Let the people be encouraged to prepare the way of the Lord and to make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

The enemies of truth are working with all their unconsecrated powers to hinder the advance of the message. The churches of the world are being drugged with the opiates of error. The great deceiver is making determined efforts to becloud the understanding of the people. Let not those be discouraged who would go forth to warn a perishing world. The cause of God needs the labors of men who have faith, men who can pray and who can open the Scriptures in simplicity to the people. It is the simplicity of true godliness that will speak of the love of [God for] souls ready to perish.

God requires much more of the men at the head of the work than they give Him. Some give Him long sermons, but this He does not require. Workers are needed just now who will explain the Word of God in its simplicity. There is a fearful deception upon human minds. Even those who hold positions of trust are not all faithful. But do not allow yourselves to sleep. The light of truth must go forth as a lamp that burneth.

If our leaders realized the time of night, they could not leave our cities unwarned and be willing to do so little to change the present condition of things in the world. God requires that every soul who believes in Christ shall go forth and bear much fruit. He requires that they be in earnest in doing missionary work, faithful in their home life, in their student life, true to their church duties. Those who have pledged themselves by baptism to follow Christ, who have professed to put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, are to consider the words of the apostle Paul, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." [Verse 1.]

Let there be less sermonizing and more humbling of the soul in prayer for the divine presence among us. Our meetings should be seasons of humble seeking after God. O that we might sense our need of Christ and by living faith claim the promise of His presence.

There are some of our ministers who are true burden-bearers, whose hearts go out in prayer to God, and who weep between the porch and the altar, crying, "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach." [Joel 2:17.] There are a few who are in earnest. But there are many who have but little sense of their great need of divine blessing.

In visions of the night I was in a company where our ministers were assembled. A few were humbling themselves before God and confessing their sins. They were weeping and pleading with God to spare His people and to give not His heritage to reproach. But with many there was no special burden to get near to the Lord. I looked for the burden-bearers; but there were few who carried any genuine burden for souls. While some of the ministers were brokenly calling upon the Lord, and were weighed down as a cart beneath sheaves, the hearts of many were untouched. What kind of account will those have to give who stand in holy places of trust, and yet have little or no burden for the souls of the perishing!

There is need of a great reformation in our ranks. The ministers who are drawing pay from the conference need to ask themselves the question, Am I a faithful worker? Am I a spiritual help to the church? There are those who demand high wages for their labors, but who bring few souls into the truth to stand steadfast and true to its principles. It is time for our ministers to humble their hearts before the Lord and bear a straight convincing testimony to the people. It is time for them to labor earnestly to increase the membership of the churches, leading all to a thorough understanding of the truth for this time. The Lord wants living members in His church, men and women who will encourage one another in faithful service.

Lt 174, 1908

Gotzian, J.

May 28, 1908 [typed]

Mrs. J. Gotzian

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

National City, California

Dear Sister Gotzian:

I would like to spend some time in Paradise Valley. The warm weather of St. Helena is very trying to me. If I could be near enough to Paradise Valley so that I could speak to the workers there, I think I could be

some help to them. I am pleased to hear that the sanitarium is doing so well lately. The patronage is excellent.

When I see you again, you will have been to Madison. I hope you will stay there long enough to test the climate. I am glad that you are going. May the Lord go with you and bless you and strengthen you for the journey. Please write to me after you get there. Madison is a beautiful place; and if you can stand the climate, I am sure you will enjoy your visit there. I have the fullest confidence in Brethren Sutherland and Magan and their associate workers. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon them, is my prayer.

You will remember that we have had some conversation in the past about building a plain and simple house in some desirable locality at Paradise Valley. I cannot at present spare the means, for I am perplexed to know where to obtain the money necessary for the publication of my books. But it is certainly your privilege to have a home where you can live when you choose to do so. At present you have no place that you can call your own, and this does not seem to be right. I would be pleased to see you own a good horse and easy carriage, so that you could ride out when you wish to do so. I would like to be a partner with you in building the cottage and may be able to furnish the money later on.

It is your privilege to help with your means those who need help. You should be at liberty to place it where you think it will do the most good. I would not dare to advise you to place very large sums where they would be beyond your control. It seems to me that those who have had the use of your money for years, and who are now in prosperous circumstances, should be willing to let others who are in distressing circumstances be benefited by its use.

It is not the plan of God that you fasten your money largely in one institution; for emergencies will arise that call for financial help, and then if we cannot obtain this means, we shall be placed at great disadvantage. I would advise you, when in the future you loan a large sum of money, not to leave the impression with those to whom you lend that you will never call for it. We must move wisely and intelligently. May the Lord help in this matter, that you may obtain your means and place it where it is most needed and be enabled to place yourself in comfortable circumstances.

Lt 176, 1908

Gilmore, Alexander

St. Helena, California

May 24, 1908

Alex Gilmore

15 Ellice Street

Victoria, B.C.

Dear Brother:

I thank you for the means you have sent me. I was in great need of this in order to do the work the Lord would have me accomplish at the present time. The advancement of the cause in the Spanish fields creates a demand upon me to have Great Controversy and other books translated and published in that

language. When you can spare another thousand dollars for the advancement of the cause, it will be gladly received. God is honored when we return to Him of the means He entrusts to us.

All that the Lord has given me in trust I have invested in His cause. I see that the end is near and that there is a decided work to be done—a work in the accomplishment of which we have the privilege of being laborers together with God. Let us be wide awake to honor and glorify His name. Let us do all in our power to bring the truth before those who are perishing for the need of it.

I have tried in every possible way to give to the world the light the Lord has given me for the people. I am thankful for the help you have rendered. If in the future you can help still further, be sure that the means will be appropriated in such a way as to bring the truth before souls.

Since my husband died, I have worked to the utmost of my ability for the upbuilding of the cause of truth in new fields, and the establishment of centers from which the truth might go forth as a lamp that burneth. This work has been done at the cost of means and strength. But in the strength of God, and with His blessing resting upon us, we have been enabled to establish the truth in right lines in many places, including many places in Europe and Australia. Thousands of dollars have I invested for the establishment of schools and health institutions and churches in these places, but I have never regretted what I have done. I am only thankful that the Lord has spared my life to accomplish a work for Him.

With this I will send you a copy of an appeal to our ministers for deeper consecration.

Again I thank you for the money you have sent. I had been drawing from the bank money on which I was obliged to pay a high interest. If you have other means that you can spare, we shall be glad to receive it. In the future we shall be glad for all that we have done that has had a part in the upbuilding of the cause of God in the earth.

Lt 178, 1908

Scriver, Sister

St. Helena, California

May 24, 1908

Dear Sister Scriver:

You spoke to me a year ago of means which you would soon have to help the cause of God where it is most needed. I told my son to encourage you to help the Loma Linda Sanitarium by a loan. Now I will tell you of my own desire to hire some money for the prosecution of my work. I am in great need of means at the present time in order to hasten the work of getting my books before the people; and if you would help me in this work, I believe it would be well pleasing to God. I have several workers engaged with W. C. White in preparing these books for the press.

The latest demand upon me is for Great Controversy to be translated and published in Spanish. I ask you to help me, that I may accomplish the work that the Lord has represented to me should be done. I pray that the Spirit of the Lord may impress your mind to let me have means for the advancement of the work.

I am enclosing with this a copy of an appeal to our ministers for deeper consecration; in a few days I will mail you another manuscript relating to our duty to circulate our publications.

Lt 180, 1908

Irwin, G. A.; Hare. M.

St. Helena, California

May 26, 1908

G. A. Irwin and M. Hare

Dear Brn. Irwin and Hare:

I have been writing letters to the workers in Washington in regard to the position some have taken with reference to the work in Madison. Instead of having the hearty help and co-operation of their brethren, the workers at Madison have had much hindrance and discouragement. I have feared that his experiences in the establishment of the work at Madison would cost the life of Brother Sutherland. He had not the strength to carry so many burdens. I had serious fears that he would die. We prayed earnestly that the Lord would spare his life, and our prayers have been heard and answered.

We sincerely hope that the work of the food factory can be carried to a favorable issue, with the help of Brother Hare, and of the men who are willing to make some investment to see the work begun.

I would gladly be with you at this time if I could stand the journey, but I dare not travel. I am expected to attend the camp-meeting at Oakland next week, and I must save my strength for that. We pray that the Lord will guide you in all judgment and help you to decide wisely in regard to your future course. I believe that the Lord will give you clear light, and that you will walk in faith and assurance, doing the very things the Lord would have you do.

Last night a deep impression was made upon me regarding the spiritual needs of our ministers. There has been a spirit to bind about the work which the Lord has pointed out to be done, and the results of our efforts have been far from what they might have been. I have tried to present in a clear manner the grave loss that has been sustained by the exercise of a spirit that would make the human agent bend to human decrees. For years the work has been delayed and hindered, and now the word comes, Break every yoke. Let the men and women in responsible places help to make decided changes in the methods of conducting the work. The Lord is soon to come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us in our work if we would be prepared to meet the Lord when He appears.

There is great need of the Holy Spirit's influence in our midst. There must be an individual work done in the breaking of stubborn hearts. There needs to be deep heart-searching that will lead to confession of sin. Every sin must be confessed and blotted out before the judgment of the last day, for then the fate of every soul will be eternally sealed. O that the sinners would open their hearts and invite the Saviour in! The peril of the unconverted soul, who can describe it! Believers should at this time stand with softened, sanctified, broken hearts, every sin confessed in repentance that needeth not to be repented of. The Holy Spirit is waiting to kindle in the heart the love of God, that His praise may be spoken from lips that

are true, unselfish, clean, and honest. When holy principles guide the life, the soul will be beautiful in its simplicity.

Dr. S. P. Edwards, who has been sick at the sanitarium for some time, has just passed through a wonderful experience. Prayer was offered for him at the sanitarium, and he was anointed with oil. After several had prayed, Dr. Edwards says, he felt the power of God pass through his body, and he believes that he was healed. Two days later he and his wife visited me, and we talked over this experience and had a season of prayer. We felt the blessing of God rest upon us and received the assurance that our faith was accepted. A few days ago I was walking outdoors when I saw Dr. Edwards coming to meet me. I saw at once that there was a great change in him. There was a good healthy color in his face. He grasped my hand firmly, saying that he was much stronger. He has already gained several pounds.

How good the Lord is to those who obey Him and who rest in His promises. Dr. Edwards will render praise to the Lord for His loving-kindness toward him. He is the happiest man I have seen for a long time.

I shall attend the camp-meeting in Oakland, if the Lord wills. I expect the Lord to open the way before us, that we may see His grace revealed. We need the Holy Spirit upon those who shall assemble, to work upon the fallow ground of the heart. We trust that there will be a breaking of heart before God and an earnest seeking after Him.

I have much to say in regard to our yearly gatherings. O that all would seek the Lord and prepare for faithful service. Our camp-meetings have not been altogether what they might have been. We have not realized that at these times we have a special work to do for ourselves and for God.

Lt 182, 1908

Wessels, Brother and Sister [J. J.]

St. Helena, California

May 29, 1908

Mr. J. J. Wessels

Glendale, California

Dear Brother and Sister Wessels:

Yesterday I had a very busy day, writing from the early hours of the morning until almost eight o'clock. Besides this I had an interview with Elder Cottrell. And this morning I praise the Lord for an excellent night's rest and freedom from pain. I am more than thankful for the strength that the Lord is giving me. I praise the Lord for His great love expressed to me. He is indeed blessing me, and I mean to use my strength prudently.

I am not surprised at what you write me concerning Glendale. This institution, so near to a center of influence, ought to be appreciated. Our work is a reformatory one. Our knowledge must not be confined to that which textbooks give us. We need to have the converting power of God in our own hearts, then we shall understand how to work in Christ's lines.

I am very glad that you are at Glendale because of the school privileges that your children can have. The discipline that you can give them will be of the highest advantage. In the home there is diligent work for

father and mother. By persevering efforts at home, the evils found in the schools may be largely corrected.

The object of true education is that the younger members of the Lord's family may be trained in accordance with our faith and prepared for a home in the family above. Satan has used the most ingenious methods to weave his plans and principles into the work of the schools, and thus gain a strong hold on the minds of the children and youth. You will have to watch and pray and believe, and receive grace from the Lord to bring your children to Christ. Teach them the love of God. Teach them to fear Him and keep His commandments. Most earnest labor must constantly be given to impart the knowledge of saving grace and to bring the character into conformity to the divine similitude. Purity of soul is worth more than any other thing. It will run like a thread of gold through all the life.

Prepare the minds and hearts of your children for the higher school in the courts above. If you and your dear children can obtain a fitness for citizenship in the kingdom of God, what a great victory will be gained. Be of good courage in the Lord. We may expect large things of Him. Let us glorify His name upon the earth.

I expect to be at the camp-meeting held at Los Angeles, and I hope to see you both there. I meant to have written a letter to Mother Wessels, but I cannot do this now. I will say to her in this, Be of good courage in the Lord. I am glad you can be with your son and his family. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name." [Psalm 103:1.] Let us praise God's name, that His mercy endureth forever.

Lt 184, 1908

Hurlbutt, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

June 2, 1908

Mr. and Mrs. Hurlbutt

Lakeport, Lake Co., California

Dear Brother and Sister Hurlbutt:

I have been shown that you cannot properly carry on the work you have endeavored to do at Lakeport. You cannot give to the youth under your care the education that they need to fit them to meet successfully life's battles.

You believe in health reform, but you are in danger of placing before those under your care a poverty-stricken diet. The young appreciate good food, and we should not set before them tasteless dishes. It is not wise to prepare food in such large quantities that it must be left over to appear again and again on the table. It is wisdom to cook only a limited portion, for in warm weather food soon becomes sour, and in this condition it is unfit to enter the human stomach.

Your husband needs a liberal diet, and one that is wholesome and nourishing. Do not allow health reform to become health deform. If you will come up on to a higher level, you can be a light to shine amid the darkness that is about you. I write you these things because you are in danger of making

mistakes, and I desire that you shall work wisely for the health of the members of your family. No member of your family has spoken of this matter to me, but scenes have been presented to me in which I have been shown that the food you place upon your table is not always palatable.

The Lord has entrusted you with a legacy, Sister Hurlbutt, and you are in danger of misapplying this gift. The Lord is the owner of this means; He wants to teach you that it is not His will that it be tied up in lands and property.

Angels of heaven would have no such representations as now appear. God would have you take no burdens that you cannot carry, and thus leave the impression upon minds that a work has been left half done. Desperate efforts will be made by the enemies of truth to prejudice the minds of the people against God's commandment-keeping people and their work. If your school should come to be spoken of as a Seventh-day Adventist School for orphans and outcasts, the people would be led to take this as a sample of our other schools. They would measure all our schools by the habits and customs of this. Your work here would be pointed to as a sample of the work of Seventh-day Adventists. Thus wrong impressions would go forth, and in the minds and hearts of some a strong prejudice would be created against the cause of present truth. The Lord would have His commandment-keeping people make a different showing for the truth than has been made in the past. If ever a school is established at Lakeport, there must be no haphazard work done in it.

In the night season I seemed to be in a meeting where we were gathered for counsel. One was present who gave this instruction for you: The world is God's great moral vineyard. In the cities and country places there is an important work to be done. Let it be done in such a way that no reproach will be brought to the cause of truth.

In His efforts to reach the people of His day, Christ took up His position at the lakeside or in the great thoroughfares of travel, and there He preached the message of the gospel. There are workers in the world today who can labor in similar lines, and these must be sustained in their efforts. We are bearing to the people a world-wide message. It is to be given to every city and town and village. The little settlements in the mountains ought to be diligently worked, that present truth may be brought to souls who are looking for more light. It is a privilege to use a portion of the means the Lord has lent you in helping forward this good work. It is also your privilege to let those about you see that a work of reform is going forward in your own lives.

I believe that at some time, in some favorable part of Lake County, we shall hold a camp-meeting. I greatly desire that this shall be, that the light may shine forth to all the towns and settlements. But you must act your part for the spread of the truth. The light must shine in the byways and the hedges.

In the parable of the sower, the Saviour gave an illustration of His own work and the work of His servants. The seed sown fell upon all kinds of soil. So we are to sow the seeds of truth. We are bidden to cast it "beside all waters." [Isaiah 32:20.]

The night on which I slept for the first time in your house the Lord presented many things before me. I was shown that Mr. Hurlbutt should take his position decidedly for that which he knows to be truth. This he must do before he can truly glorify God.

I am instructed to say to Mr. Hurlbutt, It is time for you to come into the ark of safety. Noah preached for one hundred and twenty years to the antediluvians; and some appreciated the messages he gave,

but many did not. Of all those inhabitants of the old world, only eight received the message and were saved. Yet that message had to be given; and by its rejection of truth, the world was condemned. Our message to the world is to be a savor of life unto life to those who receive it. To those who spurn it, it is a message of condemnation.

My brother, take a decided stand for the truth. You understand what is truth, but you have so long halted, that you are loth now to take hold. In the representation given to me, the messenger turned to you and said, Now, just now, is your opportunity. Humble your heart before the Lord, and take your position as a keeper of His commandments. Then your light will shine forth. Then you will take more pleasure in advocating the truth than you have heretofore taken in showing your farm with its fine fields and orchards. Set your light on a candlestick, where it may give light to all that are in the house.

God will accept you if you will accept the message He sends. Give yourself to Christ. This is your only hope of salvation. If you will do this, the assurance of the disciple John may be yours, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." [John 1:12.]

Submit your will to the will of God, and you will grow in grace, and will gain a rich experience. You will have a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. The fruits of the Spirit will be seen in your life, the efficiency of the Spirit will be revealed in your works. Christ is a sympathetic, compassionate Redeemer. Now, just now, place yourself on His side. He will receive you. The blessing of God is worth everything to you. I urge you to step out in faith and receive it.

Lt 186, 1908

Stafford, M. G.

Melrose, California

June 13, 1908

Mr. M. G. Stafford

Dear Sir:

I have carefully read your three-page letter, dated June 11, 1908, in which you write:

"I was shown by the Comforter that I was manifestly declared to be the Son of God, one with Jesus, and the Father."

"And that probation would end next March the 20th, and that we will have till the tenth of March to get out of the cities; and as it was when Nineveh was about to be destroyed, they had to get down in sackcloth and ashes to save the city, so now to save ourselves we must put on the poor man's uniform suit of blue drilling clothes."

"The dress must be plain, and no coat for women, a plain apron, no hat, hair combed down plain, a shawl for covering on shoulders or head. Men must put off fine shirts, cuffs, and collars, quit shaving, and not cut the hair off."

This with the other portions of your letter in explanation of the above, I have read; and this is my answer to you:

Truly I say unto you, Your message is not in harmony with wisdom or truth. This burden you are carrying is not from the Lord, but is the result of weariness and weakness of mind. I advise you to lay down this burden, and to take counsel from your friends as to what you shall do to preserve your health, and to use what strength you have in the wisest manner.

There is a solemn message regarding the coming of the Lord to be given to many thousands of people who have not yet heard it. Therefore the time is not yet so near as you suppose.

You have requested to see me, but my time and strength are needed otherwise, and I do not wish to see you.

Lt 188, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

June 17, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have been very much burdened since leaving the camp-ground, and since I have arrived home, I have not slept well. In some respects the atmosphere here does not seem so good as that in Oakland. We have plenty of sunshine, but I found the bracing air at Melrose very beneficial. Yet I have not realized the exhaustion that I expected I would experience. I will not let go of the Mighty One, my Saviour. He is my strength, my front guard and my rearward.

When we got on to the car at Melrose, we found that we were without tickets; for Elder Sutherland, who had them, had missed the train. We reached home, however, without much inconvenience. Miss Hannaford and Ellis James, who had earned some money on the camp-ground by canvassing, were able to provide sufficient to get the tickets we needed.

I find plenty of work to do of such a character that I dare not leave it undone. My trust is in the Lord. The consideration of the matters relating to Sister Gotzian's money in the St. Helena Sanitarium has been a trial to me. The action of the sanitarium it has been hard for me to reconcile with the principles of true justice.

Last night I received instruction that made a deep impression upon my mind. If the men and women who claim to believe the truth would act in harmony with the truth, there would be decided changes made in all our churches. When we returned to this country from Australia, many things in the work seemed to be going in wrong lines. The Lord sent messages at that time regarding crooked things that needed to be made straight; but the messages were not heeded. There are many souls who, I am afraid, will never be rid of their religious delusions, but will perish in them. O how I long to see our church members clothed with their beautiful garments and prepared to go forth to meet the Bridegroom. I am in fear and trembling for many who have not yet on the wedding garment. They are like the blind; they

do not discern their dangers. Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. There are many who are expecting to sit down to the marriage supper of the Lamb who are unprepared for the coming of the King.

I would be glad if you would drop me a line, telling how the Melrose meeting closed. Be of good courage in the Lord, and He will strengthen and help you.

Lt 190, 1908

Simpson, Brother and Sister

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

June 15, 1908

Dear Brother and Sister Simpson:

I received Brother Simpson's letter today and was very pleased to hear from you. I think if we would communicate more frequently, we would find blessing in it.

Brother Simpson, I understand your temperament. You experienced a blessed conversion at the time of your daughter's illness and her wonderful recovery. This mercy was no small evidence to you that the Great Physician had a special care for you. It was a miracle wrought for you both, to arouse you to a higher sense of your obligation to serve and glorify His name.

The Great Physician has manifested His love for you; keep His grace ever before you. In simplicity of soul render thanksgiving and honor to Him. Love the Lord and trust wholly in Him; for He has wrought in your behalf. The evidence given you of the love of God for you is a token that is never to be forgotten. You can do a good work by rendering thanksgiving to the Lord.

The Lord would have you consecrate soul, body, and spirit to Him. Temptations will come to you, but you must grow up into Christ, your living Head. Do not hide your light under a bushel, but put it where it may give light to all that are in the house. The third angel's message contains the truth for this time. When you humble your heart before God, you will see light in His light, and then with clear voice you will proclaim the message, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus Christ." [Revelation 14:12.]

Let the truth of God abide in your heart by a living, holy faith. Bible truth must be comprehended before it can convict the conscience and convert the life. The remnant people of God must be a converted people. The presentation of this message is to result in the conversion and sanctification of souls. We are to feel the power of the Spirit of God in this movement. This is a wonderful, definite message; it means everything to the receiver; and it is to be proclaimed with a loud voice. We must have true, eternal faith that this message will go forth with increasing importance till the close of time.

The Lord has given me a message for you: You must plan wisely, manifesting in your words the spirit of the great Teacher, the kindness and tenderness of Christ. My brother, do not answer abruptly when addressed. Remember that Christ is your pattern in this. Be meek and lowly in heart, as He was. Let it be seen in your appearance and actions that you are bound up with Christ. Keep the door of your lips at all times. Use kindly words and simple language.

In the giving of this message, self must not swell into large importance. The message must come from lips that are sanctified and holy. Take deep views of Bible truth. Do not suppose that display and what the world calls style are necessary in order to reach the higher classes. The words and deportment must be of a godly sort in order to do this work.

All who are connected with our health institutions should live in such close connection with God that it can be seen that Christ is formed within, the hope of glory. Consistency is a jewel. Our faith must reach out after God and the Holy Spirit. Will you not give an example that is in harmony with the character of the work? You are to win souls to the truth. Be wise in your belief of the truth. Be watchful unto prayer. Wrestle with God in prayer, and then go forth to labor in the wisdom that He will bestow upon all who desire to learn of Him.

Lt 192, 1908

Lindsay, Harmon

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

June 16, 1908

Dear Brother Lindsay:

I am pleased that you are at Paradise Valley. If you will walk humbly with God, the blessing of the Lord will be with you. I trust that your experience will be a help to the workers at Paradise Valley. Great blessing is to be found in faithfully filling the lot and place where the Lord stations us.

"Many shall be purified and made white and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked"—the determinedly wicked—"shall understand; but the wise shall understand." [Daniel 12:10.] To live the truth before men will always involve a cross, for Satan is on the field of battle to work with all deceivableness of unrighteousness against the truth. The unwillingness on the part of wrongdoers to put away their evil works will result in the ruin of many souls; but the Lord will reward every faithful worker.

Stand in the humility and the strength of Christ. Satan is a mighty foe, and a host of evil angels are working to carry out his devisings. But if you will look unto Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith, all the synagogue of Satan can have no power to prevail against you. This last conflict of Satan is to be a decisive one, and only the grace of Christ will give you power to gain the victory. The wisdom of men is foolishness with God. The wisdom of God must be your strength.

I hope to meet you, when we come to the camp-meeting in Southern California. I say again, I am glad that you are in connection with the work of God at Paradise Valley. Be of good courage in the Lord. May He give you a large experience and use you to bless and to help the souls who come to the sanitarium.

There are many places to be worked, many churches to be warned. We need to consider carefully how we expend the Lord's means; but you have had experience on this point.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily, my Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you; everyone that defileth it shall surely be put to death. ... Six days may work be done, but in the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord." [Exodus 31:12-15.] We see in these words the

importance that is given to the seventh-day Sabbath. It is to be held as a heavenly memorial, and its observance is the sign of obedience and loyalty to God.

My brother, do not allow yourself to become depressed and discouraged. Do not believe all the reports you hear. Keep Christ ever before you, inquiring, Is this the way of the Lord? It behooves us to cultivate earnestly the things that are pure, and holy, and of good report.

Remember that your life belongs to God; He has bought it with the price of His blood. We are day by day to prepare to meet Him when He comes in the clouds of heaven. Be of good courage, and keep the Word of the Lord, which is Spirit and life. Let nothing hinder you from forming a character that the Lord can accept. Keep your eye upon the mark of the prize of your high calling. You have experienced trials; but looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith, you may take courage and endure a little longer. May the Lord keep you, is my prayer.

If you will allow the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit to come into your life, you will be a blessing to the workers at the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I have confidence that you and Brother and Sister Cummings will exert a precious, united influence in that institution. Be of good courage in the Lord, that you may enjoy the fulness of His grace.

Lt 194, 1908

Teachers in the Washington School

St. Helena, California

June 2, 1908

To the teachers in the Washington School:

I am instructed to say to our people in Washington, You are living far beneath your privileges. You are not meeting the requirements of God. The Lord is not pleased with your spiritual standing. As the truth of God is received into the heart in the love of it, it will be an active power in your lives for the sanctification of the entire being, quickening the soul and enlarging the heart and mind.

In the night season these words were spoken to me: Charge the teachers in our schools to prepare the students for what is coming upon the world. The Lord has been waiting long for our teachers to walk in the light He has sent them. There is need of a humbling of self, that Christ may restore the moral image of God in man. The character of the education given must be greatly changed before it can give the right mold to our institutions. It is only when intellectual and moral powers are combined for the attainment of education that the standard of the Word of God is reached.

These words were clearly and forcibly spoken: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." [James 5:16.] Press together, and love as brethren. Pray together. The Lord has paid the price of His own blood for the salvation of the world. He suffered every indignity that men could devise and Satan could invent in order to carry out the plan of salvation. Let not the teacher seek to exalt self, but let him see the necessity of learning of Christ daily and making Him the pattern. For teachers and students, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ should be the only example.

Bear in mind that the Lord will accept as teachers only those who will be gospel teachers. A great responsibility rests upon those who attempt the last gospel message. They are to be laborers together

with God in the training of human minds. The teacher who fails to keep the Bible standard always before him misses an opportunity of being a laborer together with God in giving to the mind the mold that is essential for a place in the heavenly courts.

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, and the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. And He shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord; and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, nor reprove after the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity the meek of the earth: and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins.” [Isaiah 11:1-5.]

“And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise Thee: though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song: He also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

“And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord, for He hath done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitants of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” [Isaiah 12:1-6.]

Lt 196, 1908

Daniells, A. G.

Sanitarium, California

June 20, 1908

Elder A. G. Daniells

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I have been reading letters from you concerning the Bible teacher needed at Union College.

I will say that Elder Owen is needed just where he is, and he is where the Lord would have him be. God has a work of special importance to be done in Southern California, and I know from the light given me that this work must now be perfected.

Loma Linda has been specified to me as a very important place, and one which demands the best Bible teacher we can supply. There are promising youth here who are to be qualified to fill important positions in the work. They should have the best class of instructors, and capable Bible teachers who understand the truths of the Word. The truth and righteousness revealed in the Word of God is to be the stronghold of our workers.

There has been given to me an outline of the work that must be done at Loma Linda, and I know that we must give to that place our best labors. The Lord wants the wisest talent there, for by means of our very

best educational talent we are to train our ministerial laborers. The work is to be carried after the Lord's order, and not according to the suppositions of men.

The Lord has given us a wonderful advantage in enabling us to secure Loma Linda for the establishment of the work in progress there. A school is to be built up at Loma Linda that will train Bible workers and missionary nurses for efficient service. The Lord calls for the best talents to be united at this center for the carrying on of the work as He has directed—not the talent that will demand the largest salary, but the talent that will place itself on the side of Christ to work in His lines.

We must have medical instructors who will teach the science of healing without the use of drugs. If physicians refuse to give their services unless they can be paid the highest wage, we shall not bribe them. We are to prepare a company of workers who will follow Christ's methods.

There has been a dearth of means for our educational work because we have neglected to follow fully the Lord's directions. The Lord now asks that energy and zeal be given to the carrying out of His methods. The books Christ's Object Lessons and Ministry of Healing are the Lord's specified agencies for the financial aid of our institutions. By following the plan that He has laid down, a continual work of education may be carried on. I pray that God may teach us to understand His ways and help us to learn daily of Christ.

Lt 198, 1908

Brethren in Oakland

St. Helena, California

June 16, 1908

To our brethren in Oakland:

I am very desirous that the work that is now being done in Oakland shall be regarded by the workers in and about Oakland in its true importance. It is a matter of greatest interest for them at this time. I read in some paper a statement that two large tents were to be pitched in East Oakland. I do not know what denomination was to engage in this tent effort; but I would urge our workers at Melrose to bind off the work of the camp-meeting there very firmly.

I urge those in charge of the meetings to keep a firm hold of the workers and to let the trumpet give a certain sound. Educate the people to bind themselves up with truth and righteousness. May the Lord let His Holy Spirit come so manifestly to His people that the light shall shine forth in clear, distinct rays, leading men and women to distinguish clearly between the false and the true.

Again and again I am instructed to charge our people with their individual responsibility to work, and believe, and pray. The reception of Bible truth will lead to continual self-denial; for self-indulgence can never be found in Christlike experience. Truly converted men and women will reveal the cross of Calvary in their daily actions. There are many Seventh-day Adventists who do not understand that to accept the cause of Christ means to accept His cross. The only evidence they give in their lives of their discipleship is in the name they bear. But the true Christian considers his stewardship a sacred thing. He does not lose his self-control, but perseveringly studies the Word and yields up his life to the service of Christ.

The word of encouragement is given, "Be not weary in well-doing," "always abounding in the work of the Lord." [2 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Corinthians 15:58.] There is a world to be saved, a work to be done that can only be accomplished by the proclamation of the gospel message. "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.] Should we not thank the Lord with heart and soul for His unspeakable Gift? Should we not be willing to devote every capability and talent to the work of representing Christ before the world?

In our efforts to make known the truth for this time, we have no need to stretch ourselves beyond ourselves. We do not need powers of oratory in order to be successful workers. Our teachings should be so simple that even the children can understand them. Let us tell in simple language the reasons for our observance of the seventh day. Let us point men and women to the Word of God and the instruction that He gave His ancient people regarding His requirements.

"And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now, therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine: And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

"And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord." [Exodus 19:3-8.]

With upraised hand the people here made a solemn covenant with the Lord; and they became His denominated people, pledged to obey all the commandments of the Lord. And the Lord said to Moses, "Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord." [Verse 9.]

"And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And Mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

"And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the Lord came down upon Mt. Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the Lord, sanctify themselves, lest the Lord break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai: for Thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the Lord said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the Lord, lest He break forth upon them." [Verses 16-24.] Then was the great work done of giving the ten commandments to Israel.

The influence of the prayer of faith is as far-reaching as eternity. The Lord will bless all who will seek Him with the whole heart, and who with humble souls and earnest purpose strive to follow the example of Christ. To those who thus seek to become partakers of the divine nature, the words are spoken, "Be not weary in well doing," "always abounding in the work of the Lord." [2 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Corinthians 15:58.] Let us beware lest self-sufficiency become mingled with our efforts to gain eternal life.

Let powerful appeals come at this time from those who fear and honor God. He who labors in faith and humility, holding fast to the promises of God, will prevail. The greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven will be given to the faithful, believing children of God.

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Churches Near Where Camp-Meetings Have Been Held

St. Helena, California

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To the churches near where camp-meetings have been held:

I am instructed to speak to our people regarding the duties that devolve upon them at the close of a camp-meeting. Thoughtful attention is to be given to all who are willing to be helped. There is visiting to be done. There are many who have long followed their own will and way, and these need to be helped to ascend the ladder heavenward. Mercy's voice is to be heard, inviting men and women to unite their interests to serve the Lord and to glorify His name.

The efforts begun at the camp-meeting to draw souls to the truth, you are to continue by individual, disinterested labor. Satan is at work with vigilance to efface the impressions that have been made there by the Holy Spirit of God. There are some who work earnestly during the camp-meeting; but they do not consider their need of continuing their labors when the camp-meeting is over, and these find many opportunities for the mind to be drawn away from heavenly things and centering upon worldly interests. We have need of wide-awake workers, who will endeavor to hold the interest that has been aroused, and who will seek to strengthen that interest by faithful, untiring effort.

We have many evidences that the Lord is waiting to be gracious to His blood-bought heritage. Mercy's voice has been calling sinners and backsliders to lay their burdens at the foot of the cross. Let our people unite to carry forward the good work begun at the camp-meeting. The salvation of souls is hanging in the balance. Let those who have the truth in heart and mind reveal the power of the truth.

I heard words spoken to some believers who have long been professed followers of Christ: Why are you so indifferent? Why do you not unite with those who have the burden of the work upon them? In working disinterestedly for others you will help your own souls. Converse with those who need help. Search the Scriptures with those who do not believe. Offer simple, earnest prayers in their behalf. Let none be indifferent. A word spoken in season, how good it is!

Why does indifference so soon overcome those who ought to be a help to men and women by leading them to understand the rich promises of God? In your faithful efforts you will have the co-operation of heavenly angels. Many who appear careless in regard to spiritual things are really not so; and if they are

approached in a spirit of wisdom and love, they will respond. Who will heartily engage in this work of drawing souls to Christ?

The Lord is dishonored by a spirit of indifference. With deep earnestness the words were spoken: You who have been backsliders in the church, come now, and make a covenant with God by sacrifice. Give up every idol. In response to the appeals of the Spirit of God, I heard heart-broken confessions. Surrenders were made, and voices were heard, saying, I will give up every idol if I may have the meekness of Christ in my heart and His love in my life.

To one party who had been working on the side of the enemy, these words were spoken: "And you hath He quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Jesus Christ." [Ephesians 2:1-7.]

If you will arouse yourselves from your spiritual stupor, participating humbly in the work of God, the Lord will give you tongue and utterance. As you arouse from your condition of lukewarmness, you will realize that the Spirit of God is fitting you to take part in His work. The words were spoken, Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of darkness. This is the only remedy for a condition of backsliding.

"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 the giving of thanks." [Ephesians 5:1-4.]

"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. ... Now therefore we are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom the building fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." [Ephesians 2:8-10, 19-22.]

There are few who understand the parable of the lost sheep, few who have learned the lesson that it teaches. Read this parable in the fifteenth chapter of Luke. The divine Teacher desires that all shall bring the teachings of this story into the daily life.

The Christian workers who go forth under the influence of the Spirit of God to proclaim the message of truth need the prayers of those who remain at home. Work and prayer will accomplish all that we desire. The spirit of self-exaltation which has for so long been exercised, and which hinders the

advancement of the message, must be put away by confession and humbling of soul. The Lord calls upon His professing people to humble the heart before Him, and to repent and be converted.

Time is short, much shorter than many comprehend. The end of all things is at hand. The work done at our camp-meetings should be of a character to meet the spiritual needs of the people. Christ will work upon every heart that is prepared to receive Him. The Lord, who sees the end from the beginning, would have us aroused to our responsibilities, and put forth earnest efforts to seek and to save the lost. We should be intensely in earnest in warning the people. The call comes, Wake up the watchmen; the morning cometh, and also the night. Let every Christian instrumentality unite its energies and capabilities under the direction of the great Teacher to give the warning message to those who have not heard it.