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Lt 201, 1908

Belden, F. E.

St. Helena, California

June 1908

Frank Belden

My dear Nephew:

Once more I make my appeal to you. You are my sister's son—the child of one who unselfishly did the work of the Lord. Will you not now turn square about?

Genuine conversion from sin to righteousness is your only hope. Thus saith the Lord, "If he will seek Me with all his heart, confessing his sins, I will be found of him. But he will receive no help by lowering the standard of righteousness to meet his erratic ideas." When you yield up your own will and become converted, then there will be hope for you. When you fall on the rock and are broken, when genuine conversion takes place in your life, you will respond to the invitation of Christ. You will join your weakness to His strength, your ignorance to His wisdom, your unworthiness to His merit, your spiritual weakness to His enduring might, your poverty to His boundless wealth.

When you surrender all to God, and thus become one with Christ, He will use you to the glory of His name. When you do this, you will have the spirit of peace. But I am bidden to say to you that you are working decidedly against Christ. God cannot accept you unless you make a decided stand for truth.

At different times you have sent documents to me to read. I have read a few pages, and then God has declared to me that your time in writing these documents was lost. Your mind has become changed into the likeness of the evil agencies that have controlled it.

On one occasion, as I looked at the batch of MSS you had sent, the word of the Lord came to me, It is a mixture of such a character that no human mind could understand it. Frank Belden is serving his own unsanctified heart. He does not understand his own spirit, and he never will, unless he is converted. Unless he is born again, he will never be permitted to pass through the gates of the holy city. His whole mind and soul will have to be renewed before he can be perfect in righteousness. He has caused great perplexity to those who are trying to work in truth and righteousness. He can never untangle the perplexities he has made for others and for himself. If he would give himself to the Lord by covenant, God would let His light shine into his perplexed, confused mind.

Once more I say, When you give yourself to God, and wed your heart to Him who gave His life to you, you will become an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. You will become a sharer in His kingdom. If you continue in the faith, you have the promise, "Where I am there shall ye be also." [John 14:3.] You will have the indwelling of the spirit of peace. A thorough conversion will change your whole conception of truth. I am charged to say to you, Cease your continual controversy with God and His believing ones. When you really lay down your battle axe, and become meek and lowly, your heart will be joined to the heart of Christ. Your life will be joined by hidden links to His life. You will join yourself to the Lord by a perpetual covenant.

In writing this, I have relieved my soul. Break the bands with which Satan has bound you. This you must do before you can enter into covenant relation with God.

Lt 202, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

June 23, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am greatly interested in the work that is being done in Oakland. Continually there is kept before me the warning, The end of all things is at hand.

I feel an earnest interest that those who have been creating dissension and strife shall be convicted of their wrong and shall repent and be converted. Tell this to the people: "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you." [John 12:35.] Because the time is short, we need to follow diligently the King's business.

Two nights ago, in visions of the night, I seemed to be addressing a company of our people. This is what I was saying: I have a message for those who have been working to destroy the influence of the messages that the Lord has been giving to His servants. There are some who for years have been spreading their roots far, but their fruit bearing for Christ is represented by the barren fig tree. Christ is hungry for fruit, but coming to these representatives, He finds nothing but leaves.

The lesson of the barren fig tree is one that we should keep continually before us. It is not profession of righteousness that will meet the needs of the world today and fulfil the will of God for the human family. God is looking for fruit-bearing branches. "Feed My sheep with pure provender," is the Lord's command to those who stand as teachers of the gospel of salvation. He has made provision that the gospel's saving power shall be represented in all places.

I was shown that mistakes have been made that have left wrong impressions upon minds, because men were allowed to preside over important interests who were deficient of the saving grace of the gospel, who had not made its purity and simplicity a part of their lives, and who did not seek God often in humble, earnest prayer. Righteous, self-denying words were not considered by them to be a necessary part of Christian experience. They did not see the necessity of having the spirit of Christ and of emulating His example in their work of ministry.

I heard words of warning and entreaty spoken to young men, imploring them to make a full surrender and to obtain a thorough conversion. Ministers were exhorted to make decided changes. The Saviour was presented to me as standing before the congregation and addressing those who had stood to discourage and hinder others. The words were spoken, Break every yoke. You are years behind where you should be in the carrying out of the plan of redemption. Let each seek his orders from the One in

whom dwelleth truth and righteousness. Let all come into right relation to God, making thorough work of repentance. Let us press our case to the throne of grace. Let all seek for spiritual eyesight, that they may see where they have abused the mercies of God by reining up men to meet their finite ideas of duty, instead of allowing them to follow the directions of the Spirit of God. They cannot see the harm that has been done to the cause of God by so long following human judgment, because their spiritual eyesight is blinded. I pray that thorough conversions may now be experienced.

“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 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.

“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, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these 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 5:1-20.]

This fifth chapter of Matthew contains a soul-saving message to all who will receive it. Those who will be humble in spirit, and will receive these truths from the lips of Christ, will be converted, and the rebuke of God for the past wrongs will be removed.

“Let your light so shine before men,” the Saviour declared, “that they may see your good works.” These “good works” will be begun when the experience of repentance and conversion is brought into the life. Not until then can words and works “glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Unless we reveal the converting power of God in our lives, we cannot walk in safe paths. [Matthew 5:16.] It is not in saying we believe the truth, but by showing that we are changed in character, that we can make known to others the transforming power of the grace of God.

What is expected of the subjects of the kingdom of Christ? The answer is given by Christ Himself, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” [Verse 48.] No soul can enter into

the heavenly courts who does not have an understanding of God's requirements and who [does not] strive to be perfect even as God is perfect.

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

Let us obey these words of divine instruction. Let us labor to prevent souls from being snared by the wiles of Satan. Let us not consider it humiliating to confess the faults that the Lord has pointed out, but let us heed His words of warning and encouragement.

Lt 204, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

July 16, 1908

Elder S. H. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

There are some things I wish to bring before you. I have been perplexed to meet the current of unbelief that has so long been undermining the confidence of the people of God in the light He is giving through the testimonies.

In the night season, a representation was given me of ways by which we may strengthen the faith of our people. I was instructed that we must keep before their attention the lessons that God gave to Israel through their leader Moses. In the experience of Israel, every new move that was made was to be a carrying out of the principles given them by God during their forty years of wandering. Read the history of this people, just before they came into possession of Jericho.

The book of Deuteronomy is a most interesting book. We should rehearse more often the history of events that it contains. We do not dwell enough on these wonderful experiences. Moses was instructed to repeat over and over to Israel the history of their experiences—their failures and their victories.

I am referred to the history of our meetings and gatherings in Australia. At these camp-meetings the Lord laid the burden upon His servants to appreciate the light that was being given through the messages of His Spirit. Ministers and leading men were led to substantiate the testimonies the Lord gave for the instruction of His church. These words, spoken before large audiences, are to be republished; for there are many who need these strong arguments in order to help them to vindicate the light given by God to His people.

In our ministry of the Word, the Lord would have affirmative evidence given to the people. I have been reading the Bulletins of 1893 and 1897. They contain most decided testimony in the affirmative, testimony which if presented to the people will prove a power for the truth. The Spirit of the Lord was

upon these ministers as they bore their testimony before thousands of people. Please notice particularly Elder Jones' talks beginning on pages 5, 164, 178, 296, and 358 of the General Conference Bulletin for 1893; and his series on "The Spirit of Prophecy" in the Bulletin for 1897.

We are to take some of these discourses and republish them as soon as suitable plans for doing so can be made. They contain the most decided testimony that we can bring before the people at this time. Again and again the message comes to me, Repeat the messages that have been given under the dictation of the Spirit of God.

I have not yet recovered from my sickness. I have but little appetite, but have slept better the past two nights. I am much oppressed by the heat. While I write, my left eye is bound up, but this experience I have had many times before.

I will hasten off these lines to you that you may know how my mind is being exercised. I urge you again to read the Bulletins of 1893 and 1897. You will see how ably Elder A. T. Jones has handled the subject of the testimonies. The Lord, who saw the end from the beginning, gave to A. T. Jones, Dr. Kellogg, and several others a message at that time that was right to the point, and which would be a powerful witness to the testimonies that God had sent to His people. All we have to do is to present in our conferences the arguments of these men, given under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, and at a time when Mrs. White was in a far country. There are persons coming into the truth who know little or nothing of the experiences of Mrs. White, and these, unless enlightened, when placed in trying and responsible places, will reveal weakness. Here in these articles the objections to the testimonies are fully met. The blessing of the Lord attended the meetings where these discourses were given. The light given me is, Let these men who have given heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils read their own productions and see who has changed. Set these questions before the people in the affirmative. All who are newly come to the faith should have them.

Lt 206, 1908

Hirschmiller, Charles I.

St. Helena, California

July 14, 1908

Charles I. Hirschmiller

South Lancaster, Massachusetts

Dear Brother:

I have read your letter, and I would say to you, Look not at your sinful life; for there is no hope to be found in doing this. Look to your crucified Redeemer. He assumed human nature and was tempted in all points like man is tempted, that we might know how to meet the foe. He waits to impart to each member of the human family power to become a partaker of the divine nature, power to overcome the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Christ is your sin-pardoning Redeemer. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should

not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth in Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.” [John 3:14-18.]

You can see from these Scriptures that it is no virtue in any one to be faithless. The Son of God came to save to the uttermost all who would come unto God by Him. Though your sins are as scarlet, yet if you will come to Christ, confessing your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive you your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Will you not exercise faith in the One upon whom the Lord has laid all power. “The Father judgeth no man; but hath committed all judgment unto the Son; that all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father, which hath sent Him.” “Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.” [John 5:22-24.]

For days I have been in a condition of weakness and suffering, but I am aroused to write and tell you that you have a full and complete Saviour. I am instructed to say to you, Look unto Jesus, who gave His precious life for you. You have a part to act. You must come to the Saviour just as you are; you must <come> believing His Word and claim His saving grace. This is your only remedy—believe in the sacrifice that has been made in your behalf.

My brother, if you will grasp the words of Christ, you will stand on vantage ground. Plant your hopes on the assurances of the Word. Whatever may be your faults, whatever sins you may have committed, you are to have more faith in the Word of God than in fasting or any other act you can perform. Accept a “Thus saith the Lord,” believing <His Word> simply and trusting it fully.

Do not depend on the state of your feelings for assurance that you are a child of God. You are to work out the sum of your belief. Bear in mind that the Lord Jesus is your efficiency. It is your privilege to become meek and lowly in heart as you study the life of Him who is the author and finisher of your faith.

Ever remember that God has a people prepared for His name. There are victories for you to gain, and these you are to have through your faith in Christ. When you feel discouraged, disappointed, go to God in prayer. Trust in Him, and do His will. All the fasting in the world will not take the place of simple trust in the Word of God. “Ask,” He says, “and ye shall receive.” [John 16:24.]

God is a very present help in time of need. If you will put your trust in Him, He will make His goodness pass before you; He will lead you by His counsel. His Holy Spirit, His providences, the teachings of His word—all will be agencies in instructing you and leading you in the way of the Lord. God’s promise to you is, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” [Hebrews 13:5.] Therefore you may say with humility, yet with firm confidence, This God is my God forever and ever.

I am instructed to say to you, Trust not in self, but trust in God. This is the measure by which we are judged in the sight of heaven—our faith in God. Seek earnestly to work the works of God. Ever maintain the simplicity of true godliness. “He that sinneth against Me,” God says, “wrongeth his own soul.” [Proverbs 8:36.] Study the Scriptures; for there is nothing that will so firmly establish your faith in God or your belief in His truth as this. If you will have faith in God, you cannot fail of coming out victorious.

Do not speak of trials and discouragements. Look away from these things to Christ. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. You are the purchase of His blood. Do not disappoint the One who gave His life that you might be an overcomer. He was tempted on every point that you and I can be tempted on; and in order to resist, He spent whole nights in prayer and communion with His Father. Christ did not leave this world until He had made it possible for every soul to live a life of perfect faith and obedience, to have a perfect character.

Christ has made it possible for you to practice His life. You have His precious words in the Bible; believe in them, carry out their teachings. Never doubt the Word of God. This Word, if received into your life, will refine and sanctify you and increase your usefulness. It is your privilege to help those who need help, to speak words of encouragement to those who need encouragement. Bear in mind that you are to show to the world the light of the glory of God.

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You are not called upon to fast forty days. The Lord bore that fast for you in the wilderness of temptation. There would be no virtue in such a fast; but there is virtue in the blood of Christ. Will you not believe that there is power in His sacrifice to purify and refine you, power in His grace to make you a laborer together with God?

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St. Helena, California

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Lt 210, 1908

Hibbard, E. J.

St. Helena, California

July 1, 1908

E. J. Hibbard

916 Laguna St.

San Francisco, California

Dear Brother Hibbard:

I have a message for you to give to our people. Do not work to awaken sympathy in behalf of Elder A. T. Jones; for he is not converted from the error of his course; he is determined still to follow his own way. He is even now making strenuous efforts, by his false representations, to prejudice minds against those who have stood firmly for the truth in Battle Creek. We thank God for the grace given to Brother Campbell to hold fast his faith in this trying crisis. Surely the Lord has been with him.

I bore a special message to A. T. Jones, warning him that unless he was on his guard, Dr. Kellogg would weave his web of deception about him. I gave him a letter to Dr. Kellogg, that he might read it to him. I told him that if he would let the Lord use him, he could help Dr. Kellogg. But I showed him that unless he held fast to God, before he was aware of it, Dr. Kellogg would enlist his sympathies and co-operation.

We had seen so much of the manifestation of self-confidence in A. T. Jones that we felt he would need to be on guard. A. T. Jones went through a special experience at the Fresno camp-meeting, which those present at that meeting will recollect. Many of the leading men in our conference felt that they could not have A. T. Jones serve any longer; that he must be released from the presidency of the conference, because he was not reliable. He would often take his own course and express his own ideas in ways that

were objectionable. This had become so frequent, that before we reached the Fresno camp-ground, committee meetings had been held in which the sentiment prevailed that he should not serve any longer.

A. T. Jones came to me and told me what was being done. He seemed to be in great perplexity. I reminded him of the many cautions that had been given him. I told him that we had feared, because of his independent action, his unwise words, and authoritative manner, some such move would be made. "Well," he said, "it is made; and if you have no light on the subject, it will be carried out."

That night a very plain message was given me for Elder A. T. Jones, regarding the course he had taken. I was shown that unless he was thoroughly converted, he could not be permitted to serve in so important a position. His impetuosity, his rashness, his independent course of action were doing injury to the cause of God.

The next morning I came to the meeting, where quite a company of ministers and leading workers had gathered, and there I gave the instruction that [the] Lord had given me for Elder Jones. I also spoke words to Elder Corliss, who had been led to speak and act as a man in his position ought not to do. Then the Spirit of the Lord came in. Elder Jones, who was sitting near the back of the tent, rose and came forward before the congregation and made a hearty confession. But in spite of all our efforts for him, Elder Jones did not maintain the right position. At Battle Creek he worked counter to the will of God when he and another by his side planned for the school to remain a little longer in Battle Creek. Message after message was sent to Battle Creek to him, urging him if possible to save Frank Belden from becoming the sport of temptation. By this means I hoped to help Elder Jones also. But both he and Frank Belden made light of all my efforts. He was under the influence of Dr. Kellogg notwithstanding his assertions to the contrary; he had been thoroughly warned.

I have written this that you may understand where A. T. Jones stands. When he repents, and keeps repentant every day, the Lord will let us know it. But until then, we cannot encourage his having influence or give him opportunity to spoil the flock of God.

It is time now for us to work by our influence and by our means to help those who desire to become missionaries in the cause. The Lord does not have any use for such men as A. T. Jones until they shall see their true condition and become converted. When men and women are truly converted, they cannot fail of giving evidence that God has wrought miraculously in their behalf.

Lt 212, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

July 15, 1908

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

There is a matter about which I wish to speak to you. Sometimes you speak words to one another, in the presence of others, that are not wise. You adopt a little tantalizing way with one another and speak words that will not provoke to love and good works. You mean no harm by this, but it is something that will not always be understood by those who hear it. I advise you to break off this habit.

You and Sister Haskell are united in doing a sacred work. You hold positions of grave responsibility. Sister Haskell is fully justified in always speaking respectfully to you. I know that you honor and respect one another. Let this honor and respect be revealed in all your words. Let your words and works glorify God.

A word to the wise is sufficient. You are the Lord's workers, laborers together with Him. Ever strive to meet His approval. There is many a battle for you to fight.

I write you these words that you may stand in the true moral dignity which it is your privilege to maintain before your associates. Let them see that you respect and appreciate one another. Then the Lord will look upon you with approval and will own and bless you. I have confidence in you both, and I do not want you to cherish anything in your lives that is undignified or do anything that you would not do were you in the presence of Christ.

Lt 214, 1908

Hare, G. A.

Washington, D. C.

August 1904

Dr. G. A. Hare

My Brother,—

At times in the past your life has not been of a character to glorify God. You have made grave mistakes and have given occasion for others to say that which has hurt your reputation as a Christian.

You and your wife have been lax in regard to the principles of health reform. You have said that your wife thinks she could not live if she did not eat meat, and you I fear take it for granted that she must have it. I have met cases before where it was said that the blood was turning to water, and where physicians have said that meat must be made the principle article of diet. But my message to such has been, Let meat alone, and the health will change for the better. Accustom yourselves to a fruit and vegetable diet, and receive the message that the Lord has given to His people on health reform.

The sickness of your wife is a sickness caused in part by her diet. The use of flesh meats is largely responsible for her ill health. If she would take up the work God has appointed her to do, if she would be truly converted and adopt a healthful diet, subsisting on simple foods for one year, she would find her health improving. By the exercise of faith and prayer, she would have strength to overcome her desire for that which is injuring her.

As a physician it is your duty to understand the evils of a flesh-meat diet; as Christians it is your privilege to bring your desires and appetites under the purifying, refining influence of the Spirit of God. Those who make their diet of fruits and grains and vegetables are much more susceptible to religious influences than are those who indulge their desires for flesh meat. I have no recommendation to give in the line of eating the flesh of dead animals.

I am instructed to say to you that your indulgence in meat-eating is educating your children to form wrong habits of living, and it is inconsistent with the principles for the promulgation of which our

sanitariums are established. In our sanitariums an example of meat-eating should not be given by those who stand as the representatives of health-reform principles. Fruit and grains, if carefully prepared, will be found to be more palatable than meat. Our health institutions are to be an educating power in the world, teaching men and women to discard those habits and practices which tend to keep them in sickness and wrongdoing.

I plead for our sanitariums to be located away from the cities, where the children and youth can learn to cultivate the soil and to develop naturally. In the country they can develop healthful bodies and clear minds by the exercise to be found in out-of-door work. This is in harmony with the instruction that has been given me. We should endeavor to establish our institutions where there is plenty of land to be cultivated. The patients should have plenty of outdoor employment and recreation. Give them opportunity to exercise their muscles by caring for flowers and fruit and vegetables. There is healing for disease in out-of-door life. The Lord will act His part in providing sunshine and showers; let men and women be taught to do their part in cultivating the soil.

Fruits and grains and vegetables are the very best kinds of food for your wife and family. It is quite a common thing in these days for animal flesh to be diseased. Fish also is coming to be largely diseased. Flesh eating will prove injurious, but a healthful diet will build up physical and mental strength and make men strong and more intelligent for the work He intends them to do in the world. As intelligent human beings God expects us to place ourselves in right relation to life; we can only secure the best dispositions and inclinations by leaving alone those things which we know to be injurious to physical, mental, and spiritual life.

Not long ago a sister came to our sanitarium in Wahroonga, Australia, who had not learned to overcome her desire for flesh meat. Her husband was a physician, and it was hoped that when she was in a place where she could have an abundance of fresh fruit and the best kind of food, she would lose her taste for meat. But unless meat was provided, she imagined she was sick and faint and would at times sink off into unconsciousness. A letter was written to me asking counsel. The case of this woman was revealed to me, and I was shown that she was allowing her desires to control her physical system for evil. I wrote to the physicians that it would be better [for] this woman healthwise if she would leave meat alone entirely; for the use of meat tended to animalize her nature and to make her disposition changeable and excitable.

I had myself long before this discarded the use of meat and had firmly resolved that I would not again make this an article of my diet. There was a time when I thought, as many others have thought, that meat was essential for my life. I suffered from fainting spells, which at times were very severe. But the light of health reform was given me, and I was shown the dangers of meat eating. The effect of meat upon the system is to stimulate, but the period of stimulation is always followed by feelings of depression and lassitude. I was counseled by One who never makes a mistake to avoid the use of this stimulus. I was also instructed that rich pastries and sweetened breads were not best for the health of the human stomach. The rich desserts sometimes brought on the table near the close of the meal are detrimental to health. They can be dispensed with, and thus time and money and health be saved.

Brother and Sister Hare, the Lord wants you to sanctify yourselves, body, soul, and spirit, for your own good, for the good of your children, and for the good of the sanitarium. The Lord has not left you. But He would have you come into right relation to Himself and to thoroughly cleanse your souls from everything that would defile. You need the experience of a thorough work of grace on the heart before

you can truly reveal the value of health reform. "I beseech you by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." [Romans 12:1.] It is required of you that you bring the principles of health reform into your life practice. This means everything to you. You will have severe battles to fight with your inclinations and your old habits; but this conversion must take place in your lives before you can be prepared for the perfect indwelling of the Spirit of God. This is your hope of success in perfecting a Christian character. Your mind must be cleansed, your soul refined. Then you will be prepared to help your children to be what God desires they shall be. True conversion will prove a great blessing to Brother and Sister Hare.

For forty years I have taken only two meals a day, because I have believed it best for me to do this. I realize that I must eat simple, easily digested foods. No cheese or butter comes on my table, but we are careful to provide good, palatable, and nourishing food. We cannot expect the stomach to be in a healthy condition if we are careless in regard to our eating. We should treat it wisely. We have no right to put into it at one meal a heterogeneous mass of food without regard to the disagreement that may be caused thereby. God has given us thinking powers to reason about these matters, and we are guilty before God if we do not study from cause to effect.

If we do not have respect for the organs of our bodies, our health will testify to the abuse. I say to you, Take care of your digestive organs. Your will must control your desires. By the exercise of the will power in the matter of mastication you can bring your food into a proper state for stomach digestion before it leaves the mouth.

The organs of our body should be regarded as sacred machinery, which must not be neglected or overworked. Eat simply of a few things at one meal. I follow this practice, and I find that in two meals a day I can fully satisfy my needs. Our table is never set for the third meal; yet if any of my workers desire an evening meal, they are at liberty to take it. Flesh meat we exclude from our table altogether.

We have a continual warfare to maintain against our individual habits and practices; but it is possible for us to come off more than conquerors in our battle with self. We will do much to aid in the work of overcoming if we will heed the following simple rules:

Eat simply and slowly. Encourage a cheerful spirit, and let your conversation be pleasant and uplifting. Let the words of your mouth express gratitude to the Father above. Let the spirit of faultfinding and complaining be put away, and encourage a spirit of peace and lovingkindness. Enjoy the good gifts of God; ask His blessing on the food you eat, and leave the table, not with a loaded stomach, but with a grateful heart for the blessings received.

If we will exercise good, sound, common sense in the matter of diet, the one who prepares our food will not be made a slave to our desires. O that we might see the working [of] the subduing power of grace upon human hearts. I ask you that you will let the grace of Christ prepare you, body, soul, and spirit, for the companionship of holy beings in the kingdom of heaven. This fitting up must be a daily work, a daily fighting against earthly desires, a daily conquering of human tendencies. Will you be a conqueror?

Lt 216, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W. D.]

St. Helena, California

July 17, 1908

Mrs. Mabel Workman

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

My dear Grandchildren:

I am glad to get an opportunity to write to you, even though I may be able to send only a short letter. Several times I have commenced a letter to you, but each time something has come up that has required my attention, and I have not been able to finish. This time, however, I hope to complete it.

I often in my mind look toward Takoma Park, a place that has been of great interest to me. Your grandfather, I think, never saw this beautiful spot. The Lord selected this place for us for the establishment of our printing house and our school and sanitarium. Here a work of education may be carried on after God's order. Here principal and teachers should pledge themselves to become true Bible teachers, keeping ever before them the glory of God. If those who hold positions of responsibility in this work are guided by the counsel of God's Word, all difficulties will be wisely and successfully met.

Christ is the greatest teacher the world has ever known; He is to be the source of our knowledge, our guide in education. He is the Author and the Finisher of our faith. Looking unto Him we may increase daily in wisdom and knowledge. Let us be faithful to the trust committed to us. Let us make the Word of God our guide in all matters.

We each have a character to form after the divine similitude; we have a duty to perform in maintaining strict temperance in eating and drinking and dressing. And we have the perfect pattern before us in the life of Christ. It is your privilege to study the guide book. With determined effort, keep your thoughts toward heaven. Christ is your leader. Following Him, you will grow in knowledge of His will and way. You are bought with a price, and it is your privilege to give to others an unerring example of the charity, the love, the righteousness of Christ. He came to the world to teach all, high and low, rich and poor, how to become partakers of the divine nature. "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.] What a privilege is ours. We need faith, a living, growing faith, if we would become partakers of the divine nature, and escape the corruption that is in the world through lust.

I am thankful that you have the privileges you are now enjoying. I have a great desire to see Washington once more, and I believe I shall see it some time in the future. I hope also to visit Nashville and see the school and sanitarium there.

I am thankful that we have at Takoma Park a sanitarium that is capable of advancing the Lord's plan of education. The instruction it gives in lines of practical missionary work should serve an excellent purpose. The restoration of health to the body should lead to the restoration of sin-sick souls. All our schools, those for the colored as well as those for the white people, should be furnished with facilities for giving this line of instruction. The students should be taught how to care for the sick. This branch of the work must necessarily be conducted on a smaller scale in some places than in others; but in every place it should bear the mark of thoroughness; for habits of thoroughness and neatness will be a great recommendation as the student goes out to engage in practical work.

I have been instructed that it is the Lord's plan that there be co-operation between our schools and sanitariums, and that sanitarium work should be done in connection with our school work where ever this is possible. Means will be needed for this work; but even though we may be limited in our facilities, it is our privilege to have the mark of perfection on all the arrangements made. And this will inspire confidence in the work, and in the truth which we profess and teach.

I have been shown that the cheap, half-way work that has been done in some of our institutions has hurt the reputation of our sanitariums and has brought reproach upon them. It has resulted in a loss of confidence, and a limiting of the means that would have come to our work in gifts and offerings. The Lord has permitted adversity to come because of carelessness, and of a cheapness that has existed, and which should be put entirely away. Those who hold positions of responsibility in connection with our health institutions should regard it as a privilege to take advantage of every circumstance to benefit the institution.

Sanitariums should be connected with our schools, because it is of the greatest importance that the students be taught how to care for the sick. There is need of sanitarium facilities in every mission field that shall be entered, and these should be planned for with regard to the location of the school interests. Whatever may be the measure of such sanitariums in regard to size, they should be perfect in their methods of instruction and plan of arrangement.

I thought you would like to read these things, and so I write them. All who are sent to new fields need this instruction. We have a deep interest in you and pray that the blessing of God may attend you.

In regard to my health, the warm weather has not been favorable for me; yet I am grateful that I can keep at work, for there is much to be done. Your father is busy all the time.

There is some talk of having Ella go to Brother Workman's for a short visit. Ella's baby is a good-natured boy; but the care of him is new work for Ella, and she carries a burden that is a little too much for her. It may be, if she visits at Brother Workman's home for awhile, this will prove a blessing to her.

Arthur White is well and strong and is, I think, the best-natured baby I ever saw.

Now I must close. Be of good courage in the Lord; make Him your trust.

Lt 218, 1908

Stone, W. J./President of the Indiana Conference

St. Helena, California

July 16, 1908

To the president of the Indiana Conference

Dear Brother:

I have a message for our people in Indiana and trust that it will be read to our brethren and sisters in every church in the conference. My heart is made glad as I hear of the efforts being made by our people in Indiana to establish a sanitarium at La Fayette. The circumstances connected with the beginning of this work at La Fayette are certainly very encouraging. If the churches in Indiana will unite heartily to completion this good work that has been begun, very many will be benefited thereby.

The blessing of the Lord will come to His people as they perform acts of self-denial and self-sacrifice in order to establish a place where the sick may be healed and where they may also become acquainted with the principles of health reform. The Lord would have these suffering ones have every advantage of learning the truths concerning the question of health reform.

The message given to all our people regarding the "Extent of the Work," as published in the Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, pp. 51-59, I here repeat to you. Also a few words from page 62:

"God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall encircle the globe. In all parts of the earth, they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishment of His work. ...

"Christ co-operates with those who engage in medical missionary work. Men and women who unselfishly do what they can to establish sanitariums and treatment rooms in many lands will be richly rewarded. Those who visit these institutions will be benefited physically, mentally, and spiritually—the weary will be refreshed, the sick restored to health, the sin-burdened relieved. In far-off countries, from those whose hearts are by these agencies turned from the service of sin unto righteousness, will be heard thanksgiving and the voice of melody. By their songs of grateful praise, a testimony will be borne that will win others to allegiance to and fellowship with Christ.

"The conversion of souls to God is the greatest, the noblest work in which human beings can have a part. In this work are revealed God's power, His holiness, His forbearance, and His unbounded love. Every true conversion glorifies Him and causes the angels to break forth into singing.

"We are nearing the end of this earth's history, and the different lines of God's work are to be carried forward with much more self-sacrificing than is at present manifest. The work in these last days is in a special sense a missionary work. The presentation of present truth, from the first letter of its alphabet to the last, means missionary effort. The work to be done calls for sacrifice at every advance step. From this unselfish service the workers will come forth purified and refined as gold tried in the fire. ...

"The Lord has signified that His work should be carried forward in the same spirit in which it was begun. The world is to be warned. Field after field is to be entered. The command given us is, Add new territory; add new territory. Shall we not as a people, by our business arrangements, by our attitude toward a world unsaved, bear a testimony even more clear and decisive than that borne by us twenty or thirty years ago?

"Upon us has shone great light in regard to the last days of this earth's history. Let not our lack of wisdom and energy give evidence of spiritual blindness. God's messengers must be clothed with power. They must have for the truth an elevating reverence that they do not now possess. The Lord's solemn, sacred message of warning must be proclaimed in the most difficult fields and in the most sinful cities—in every place where the light of the third angel's message has not yet dawned. To every one is to be given the last call to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

"In proclaiming the message, God's servants will be called upon to wrestle with numerous perplexities and to surmount many obstacles. Sometimes the work will go hard, as it did when the pioneers were establishing the institutions in Battle Creek, in Oakland, and in other places. But let all do their best, making the Lord their strength, avoiding all selfishness, and blessing others by their good works. ...

“Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. It is necessary to the advancement of the cause of God. As through it men and woman are led to see the importance of right habits of living, the saving power of the truth will be made known. Every city is to be entered by workers trained to do medical missionary work. As the right hand of the third angel’s message, God’s methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth. ...

“We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths. Those who have been enlightened by the truth are to be light-bearers to the world. To hide our light at this time is to make a terrible mistake. The message to God’s people today is, ‘Arise, shine; for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.’ [Isaiah 60:1.]

“On every hand we see those who have had much light and knowledge deliberately choosing evil in the place of good. Making no attempt to reform, they are growing worse and worse. But the people of God are not to walk in darkness. They are to walk in the light, because they are reformers.”

Self-Denial and Vigilance

Erroneous opinions, arrived at because of faulty education in the home, have been handed down by children to children’s children, and habits of indulgence have been fostered which have resulted in ruined health to thousands. Our sanitariums are to be places where correct education can be given to many on matters that pertain to life and health. The habits of eating should be carefully guarded, that none shall make themselves sick by indulgence of appetite. The Lord is not pleased when His people, bought by the sacrifice of His beloved Son, thoughtlessly injure themselves by wrong habits of living. As we pass through this world, we should seek to instruct all who will be taught how to avoid and how to overcome self-indulgent practices.

If we are believers in Jesus Christ, we shall seek to become intelligent as to how to keep the brain clear and active, that not a tittle of our influence shall be lost. We should seek to become laborers together with God by keeping the system in such a condition that it can render perfect service. It is poor policy indeed to ill treat the digestive organs upon which the happiness of the whole being so largely depends. When the stomach is disturbed, the mind is disturbed, and the brain nerve power is weakened. It therefore becomes a religious duty with every soul to learn the science of healthful living, to keep the question of diet in mind, and to treat the matter conscientiously.

The apostle Paul declares to us that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price. [1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.] If we truly love the One who gave His life for us, we shall feel under solemn obligation to avoid disease. There is a solemn responsibility resting upon all, and especially upon our ministers and their families, to set a right example in the matter of healthful living. If our ministers would combine physical labor with their mental efforts, they would find great improvement in health and mental clearness.

The strength of the temptation to indulge perverted appetite can be measured only by the longsuffering of Christ in His long fast in the wilderness. Christ knew that in order to carry out the plan of salvation, He must begin the work of redemption just where the ruin began. Adam fell on the point of appetite. Christ

took up the work of redemption just where the ruin began. The same is true of our experience. We are to begin the work of reform just where the work of degeneracy is so keenly felt.

To teach us how to overcome the temptings of appetite, Christ has given us the record of His own experience of nearly six weeks of fasting, followed by His wonderful victory over the powers of Satan. In this experience Christ broke the power of appetite for all who will accept the aid of the divine power on which He relied. He made it impossible for Satan to destroy the human race through indulged appetite and made it possible for men and women in His strength to live a Christian life. Those who believe in Christ must, like Him, guard the appetite.

Study again and again the counsel given in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, regarding "God's design in our sanitariums." From pp. 224 and 225, I copy the following:

"In the preparation of a people for the Lord's second coming, a great work is to be accomplished through the promulgation of health principles. The people are to be instructed in regard to the needs of the physical organism, and the value of healthful living as taught in the Scriptures, that the bodies which God has created may be presented to Him a living sacrifice, fitted to render Him acceptable service. There is a great work to be done for suffering humanity in relieving their sufferings by the use of the natural agencies that God has provided, and in teaching them how to prevent sickness by the regulations of the appetites and passions. The people should be taught that transgression of the laws of nature is transgression of the laws of God. They should be taught the truth in physical as well as spiritual lines, that 'the fear of the Lord tendeth to life.' [Proverbs 19:23.] 'If thou wilt enter into life,' Christ says, 'keep the commandments.' [Matthew 19:17.] Live out My law 'as the apple of thine eye.' God's commandments, obeyed, are 'life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.' [Proverbs 7:2; 4:22.]

"Our sanitariums are an educating power to teach the people in these lines. Those who are taught can in turn impart to others a knowledge of health-restoring and health-preserving principles. Thus our sanitariums are to be an instrumentality for reaching the people, and agency for showing them the evil of disregarding the laws of life and health, and for teaching them how to preserve the body in the best condition. Sanitariums are to be established in different countries that are entered by our missionaries, and are to be centers from which a work of healing, restoring, and educating shall be carried on."

[A variant copy of this letter includes the following paragraphs:]

Why Do We Establish Sanitariums?

Why do we establish sanitariums? That the sick who come to them for treatment may receive relief from physical suffering, and may also receive spiritual help. Because of their condition of health, they are susceptible to the sanctifying influence of the medical missionaries who labor for their restoration. Let us work wisely, for their best interests.

We are not building sanitariums for hotels. Receive into our sanitariums only those who desire to conform to right principles, those who will accept the foods that we can conscientiously place before them. Should we allow patients to have intoxicating liquor in their room, or should we serve them with meats, we could not give them the help they should receive in coming to our sanitariums. We must let it be known that from principles we exclude such articles from our sanitariums.

The conduct of the workers, from the head manager to the worker occupying the humblest position, is to tell on the side of truth. The institution is to be pervaded by a spiritual atmosphere. We have a warning message to bear to the world, and our earnestness, our devotion to God's service, is to impress those who come to our sanitariums.

We are living in the very close of this earth's history, and we are to move cautiously, understanding what the will of the Lord is, and, imbued with His Spirit, doing work that will mean much to His cause, work that will proclaim the warning message to a world infatuated, deceived, perishing in sin.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35.

In our efforts to help the sick, we are to take them away from the cities, where they are continually annoyed by the noise of trains and street cars, [to a place] where they can be surrounded by the scenes of nature, and where they can have the blessing of fresh air and sunshine. This subject was laid out before me in Australia. Light was given me that the cities would be filled with confusion, violence, and crime, and that these things would increase till the close of this earth's history. There is much to be said on this point. Instruction is to be given line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. Our physicians and teachers should be quick to see the advantage of retired locations for our sanitariums and schools.

Again and again during the past five years symbolic representations have been presented to me in visions of the night, showing what we ought to be doing in sanitarium work to help the sick to recover soundness of body and mind. We must have sanitariums in favorable places in different localities. This is God's plan. He has ordained medical missionary work as a means of saving souls, and that which we see here is a symbol of the work before us. We are to arouse our churches to engage disinterestedly in God's work, and to carry forward this branch—medical missionary work.

On the night of October 10, 1901, I was unable to sleep after half past eleven at night. Many things regarding the sanitarium work were presented to me in figures and symbols. At one place I saw sanitarium work being carried on in a beautiful building. On the grounds surrounding the building there were many fruit trees. This institution, which was away from the city, was filled with life and activity. As in the visions of the night I saw this place, I said to our brethren, "Oh, ye of little faith! You have lost much time." On the lawn were the sick in wheelchairs. There were some patients to whom the physician had given a prescription to spend all their time out-of-doors during pleasant weather.

Some had come to the institution with discouragement written on their countenances. I seemed to be living there myself, and I could not help speaking of the change that took place in their countenances. Where once was written despair, we could now read hope and joy. Amidst the singing of the birds, we all knelt down on the grass and united in praising the Lord.

Then it seemed as if we had been in the place for months. I was speaking to the sick people, telling them of God's goodness and mercy, when one arose and sang a beautiful hymn. The voices of nearly all were raised in expressions of thankfulness for help received.

On the grounds of this beautiful place I saw in the visions of the night, there were many shade trees, the boughs of which hung down in such a way as to form leafy canopies somewhat in the shape of tents.

Underneath these canopies patients were resting. The sick were delighted with their surroundings. While some worked, others were singing. There was no sign of dissatisfaction.

I awoke, and for some time could not sleep. Many vivid scenes had passed before me, and I could not forget the words I had spoken to the patients and the helpers: "Brethren and sisters, Christ has instructed me to say to you, The Holy Spirit will make your hearts tender and soft by His grace. The Lord will guide you and teach you His way."

Institutions in which medical missionary work can be done are to be regarded as especially essential to the advancement of the Lord's work. The sick and suffering are to be relieved and then, as opportunity offers, they are to be given instruction in regard to the truth for this time. Thus we can bring present truth before a class of people who could be reached in no other way.

The idea that a sanitarium should not be established unless it could be started free from debt has put the brake upon the wheels of progress. In building meetinghouses, I have had to borrow money in order that something might be done at once. I have been obliged to do this in order to fulfill the directions of God. For the past twenty years I have been borrowing money and paying interest on it to establish schools and sanitariums and to build meetinghouses. The institutions thus established and the churches built have been the means of winning many to the truth. Thus the tithe has been increased, and workers have been added to the Lord's forces. Will my brethren consider this and work in accordance with the light God has given us? Let that which should be done be done without delay. Do your best to remedy the neglect of the past.

One night we seemed to be in a council meeting, and the question was being considered, How can the sanitarium work be best advanced? One present proposed one thing, and still another proposed something entirely different. One of dignity and authority arose and said: "I have words of counsel for you. Never, never repeat the mistakes of the past. Men have placed too much confidence in themselves, and have allowed cultivated and hereditary tendencies to wrong, which ought to have been overcome, to bear away the victory. Various lines of work are to be earnestly carried forward for the enlightenment of those who are in spiritual darkness. Evangelical work must receive first attention, and it is to be intelligently carried forward in connection with all lines of medical missionary work.

"You have," said our instructor, "come to an important place in the history of your work. Who shall be chosen to carry responsibilities in the sanitarium at the beginning of its work? No mistake must be made in this matter. Men are not to be placed in positions of trust who have not been tested and tried. Men and women who understand the will of the Lord are to be chosen—workers who can discern that which needs to be done, and prayerfully do it, that the mistakes and errors of the past may not be repeated.

"The one who is placed in the position of business manager," he said, "must daily be managed by the Lord. He occupies a very important place, and he must possess the necessary qualifications for the work. He should have dignity and knowledge, together with a clear sense of how to use his authority. Christ must be revealed in his life. He must be a man who can give religious instruction and exert a spiritual influence."

He who gave the Israelites instruction from the pillar of cloud, and led them through the wilderness into the Promised Land, is our Leader today. We are under divine guidance, and if we are obedient to God's commandments, we shall be in perfect safety, and will receive distinguished marks of His favor. ...

Intelligent, self-denying, self-sacrificing effort is now needed. The medical missionary work given us to do means much to every one of us. It is a work for soulsaving. Christian philanthropists should step forward just now to fulfill the gospel commission.

Let our brethren send in their gifts with thanksgiving and with prayer that they may be multiplied and blessed by the Lord, as was the food given to the disciples to give to the five thousand. If we make the best use we can of the means we have, God will enable us to feed the multitude who are starving for the Bread of Life.

For the past twenty years the Lord has been giving the message that plants are to be made in many places. He will greatly bless us as we endeavor to carry out His will. Out of the city into the country is the word that has been given, and this word is to be obeyed. Our sanitariums are to be established in the most healthful surroundings.

I could not but weep for joy as I saw how plainly the providence of God has been revealed in our selection of places for sanitarium work in San Diego, Los Angeles, and the Redlands and Riverside district.

There is one thing more about which I wish to speak before I close. We have no need to hesitate in regard to soliciting means for the Lord's work. And no object is of greater importance or interest than the establishment of a sanitarium. I hope that you will lay your plans before those who have money and obtain gifts from them.

Several years ago it was presented to me that the gentile world should be called upon to make donations to our work. Let discreet, God-fearing men go to worldly men that have means, and lay before them a plan of what they desire to do. Many of these men, if approached in the right way, will make gifts to the work.

Why not ask the gentiles for assistance? I have received instruction that there are men and women in the world who have sympathetic hearts, and who will be touched with compassion as the needs of suffering humanity are presented before them. Let men who have the ability to tell what a sanitarium should be, and the need that there is for such institutions, go to the gentiles for financial aid. There are men of the world who will give of their means for schools and for sanitariums. The matter has been presented to me in this light. Our work is to be aggressive. The money is the Lord's, and if the wealthy are approached in the right way, the Lord will touch their hearts and impress them to give of their means. God's money is in the hands of these men, and some of them will heed the request for help.

Talk this over, and do all in your power to secure gifts. We are not to feel that it would not be the thing to ask men of the world for means, for it is just the thing to do. This plan was opened before me as a way of coming in touch with wealthy men of the world. Through this means not a few will become interested and may hear and believe the truth for this time.

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

Lt 220, 1908

Parmele, R. W./President of the Florida Conference

St. Helena, California

July 23, 1908

To the president of the Florida Conference

Dear Brother:

I have just read your article in the Review, and also your letter of June 18, to my son, regarding a place which you have found near Orlando, where there is land and building, that seem to be suitable for a sanitarium.

I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe the time has come for Florida to have a sanitarium, so that the light which our sanitariums are established to reflect may shine forth to the people of Florida, and to the many health seekers who come from the northern states.

Our time is short in which to do the important work of giving the last gospel message to the world. Therefore if there is opportunity to purchase at a moderate price buildings suitably located and well adapted to the work we wish to do, let us improve the opportunity and save ourselves the time, the care, and the anxiety that would be required in the work of erecting the buildings ourselves.

I hope that this property which you have described, and which seems to have been brought within your reach by the providence of God, will become the means of strengthening the work in Florida, and that it will become an important center of influence from which many well-trained medical missionaries shall go forth with the message of mercy to the unworked parts of the Master's great field.

Not long ago I wrote a letter to our people in Indiana, regarding their effort to establish a sanitarium in La Fayette. I will send a copy to you, because I desire our people in Florida to have the same encouragement and counsel.

Lt 222, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

St. Helena, California

July 23, 1908

Dr. D. H. Kress

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I would be very pleased to see you and converse with you. I have a special interest in you and in your work. You both have an important work to do. Do not fail or be discouraged. The Lord will give you grace and the power of His Holy Spirit.

I have received special light that no minister should have kept before him the necessity of getting married. The thoughts of the students in our schools should not be diverted from the great object of their school work, which is to qualify body, and mind, and soul to glorify God. Let the minds of students be diverted from the great object of life to the subject of marriage, and they lose much of the advantages they should obtain in the school. Let our students make the most of their time to gain a

knowledge of Him who gave His life to make it possible for every human being to grasp eternal life. From childhood to manhood or womanhood, we are to consider the meaning of the words of the apostle, "Ye are bought with a price." [1 Corinthians 6:20.] When the father and mother realize this, they will live lives that are consecrated to God; they will copy Christ's example and seek to be complete in Him.

What is true education? The Psalmist answers, "The entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." [Psalm 119:130.] What does this mean?—to the simple? It means those who feel their dependence upon God.

Let us reverently consider the great plan of salvation that has been laid and carried out for us. The only begotten Son of God clothed His divinity with humanity, and in our world was tempted by every temptation that man must meet. Therefore He is able to teach us how to meet and overcome the foe. In His human experience Christ met and conquered Satan. When attacked by the enemy in His weak condition, after having fasted for forty days and forty nights, He did not waver or compromise. Every word spoken was right to the point. "If Thou be the Son of God," Satan said, "command that these stones be made bread." Christ replied, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." [Matthew 4:3, 4.]

The Word of God is plain and distinct, revealing truth in contrast with error. Let us grasp the truth and hold it fast under every temptation. The Word of God, used as Christ used it in His hour of trial, will raise up a standard against the enemy for every tempted soul.

I have carried very heavy burdens for those of our number who have given themselves to work on the side of wrong. I feel so sorry that they should have done this. Lately I have been reading the General Conference Bulletins of 1893 and 1897, and I am much relieved with what I find there. The Lord certainly gave to A. T. Jones at those conference gatherings a message in vindication of the testimonies that should strengthen and bless His people. These discourses of his should be republished for the benefit of our people, and perhaps this may be the means of opening his own eyes.

I have been referred to case after case where men have spoken just such messages under the inspiration of the Spirit of God, yet who, later on, because they have not learned the lesson of walking humbly with God, and have failed to make Christ their efficiency, their front guard and their rearward, have become self-exalted and have lost their spiritual eyesight.

Read carefully the instruction given to the prophet Ezekiel in the second and third chapters of this book:

"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.

"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 not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat what I give thee.

“And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and lo, a roll of a book was therein; and He spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations and mourning, and woe.

“Moreover He said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll. And He said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

“And He said unto me, Son of man, go get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with My words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, [but to the house of Israel; not to many people of a strange speech and of a hard language,] whose words thou canst not understand. Surely had I sent thee to them, they would have harkened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto Me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard hearted. Behold I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads. As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Moreover He said unto me, Son of man, all thy words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

“Then the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the Lord from His place. I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing. So the Spirit lifted me up, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.” [Ezekiel 2:1-10; 3:1-14.]

I was charged to bring these Scriptures before the people. These words are applicable to those who have set themselves so decidedly against the messages of the Lord. The Lord will surely deal with His people at the present time as He has dealt with them in the past. I thought the camp-meeting at Melrose would be an appropriate time to give this message, but it was not given because there were so many there who knew not their true condition before God. The enemy had filled hearts and minds with doubt and unbelief. Many were lost in the fog.

A straight testimony must now be borne. The Lord’s purposes have not been carried out, and because of this a heavy burden has been laid upon the souls of some who have felt the burden of the work. At Battle Creek a work has steadily been going forward in opposition to the messages that God has sent. Those who have maintained their positions of stubborn determination to counterwork the work of the Holy Spirit, by resisting the messages borne in our conferences, have exerted an influence that has been in marked contrast to the Holy Spirit’s counsels. They are now called to come into line by repentance and confession. Truth, saving truth is to be repeated. Christ’s reply to Satan in the wilderness of temptation brought Him into no controversy with the enemy. He did not attack Satan’s theories, but

kept to the affirmative. His example is a lesson to us. In all discussions with an opponent, we may meet him with a plain Thus saith the Lord. Do not deal with his objections, but present the truth in the affirmative. Truth, eternal Bible truth—this is essential for our salvation. Let it be expressed in our words and in our daily life. O how important it is that every soul who is striving for the crown of life strive lawfully.

The only begotten Son of God came to our world to reveal truth in contrast with error. This saving truth we are to reveal in our speech and in Christlike deportment. Truth never languished on the lips of Christ. It was clearly defined, in words, in works, in spirit. He declared of Himself, “For this cause came I into the world, that I might bear witness unto the truth.” [John 18:37.] He was the truth, the Light of the world. His bright beams were to shine amid the moral darkness of this sin-cursed world.

Lt 224, 1908

Prescott, W. W.

St. Helena, California

June 24, 1908

Elder W. W. Prescott

Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I have been shown your peril during the time of your connecting with Dr. E. J. Waggoner. You both came to the conference of 1901 enthused with what you supposed to be precious spiritual light. You were desirous of presenting this light to me, but I was shown that much of that which you supposed to be precious light was dangerous, misleading fables, and that I must have no conversation with you regarding these ideas that were filling your minds.

The theories held by Ellet Waggoner were similar in character to those we had met and rebuked in several places where we met fanatical movements after the passing of the time in 1844. Dr. Waggoner was then departing from the faith in the doctrine he held regarding spiritual affinities.

You have many times escaped from the snare of the enemy. But you are not beyond the danger of making mistakes. You sometimes allow your mind to center upon a certain train of thought, and you are in danger of making a mountain out of a molehill. Brother Prescott, there has been a serious weakness in your work of ministry. It is a tendency to sway from clearly defined truth and give undue attention to some items which seem to require hours of argument to prove, when in reality they do not need to be handled at all. It will be wise for you to say, when tempted to do this work, We cannot afford to arouse arguments upon points that are not essential for the salvation of the soul.

You are now in danger of occupying time and energy with certain points upon which you seem to have clear light. But I am charged to say to you that it will be better for you to keep silent regarding this subject. To devote so much attention to the jots and tittles will open the way for controversy regarding the truth we hold dear and bring in a large amount of criticism which need not exist.

I write this to caution you. Keep to the simplicity of the Word. Consider the great work that needs to be done.

There is a work to be done in Washington in following the light the Lord has given on the subject of health reform, upon temperance in eating and drinking. When the brethren there work to become health reformers, they will have clearer minds to discern what does and does not affect the salvation of the soul. Our ministers are to understand that health reform means much to each one of them.

Manna from heaven was given the children of Israel in their journeying in the wilderness. They "did eat angels' food." [Psalm 78:25.] But this did not satisfy them. They longed for flesh meats; and they mourned and murmured because they could not have their desire. Then the Lord granted their request, and that vast multitude was given quails in abundance. When the people reaped the result of their transgression, the Lord did not work a miracle to preserve life. While yet the flesh was between their teeth, the plague came upon them, destroying thousands of their number.

The Lord gave to Moses for Israel plain directions as to the way His name should be respected and His requirements met. No careless, haphazard work was to be done. From the pillar of cloud the Lord directed when they should pitch their camp and when they should move on. "When the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in their journeys; but if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not until the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys." [Exodus 40:36-38.]

The Lord is soon coming with power and great glory. Should not those who profess to believe in His coming be giving to the cause of the coming King the power of a right example? We are to evidence for our neighbors the same interest that we manifest for ourselves. Our love for God must be supreme.

Elder E. J. Hibbard has suggested to me that if Elder A. T. Jones were wisely labored for, he might come back into our ranks. The night after his letter came, a presentation was given to me showing me that we must be careful not to open the way for anyone to spoil the flock of God. Elder Jones has done a work that has destroyed the confidence of many of his brethren in him. He has been persistent in following out his erratic course. He has gone from place to place with falsehoods and misrepresentations, which have had to be followed up and refuted by Elder Daniells and others of our ministers. I was shown that it was by such work as this that Satan seeks to deceive if possible the very elect. When Elder Jones will humble himself before God, and do a thorough work of repentance, there will be something for us as a people to do. But until that time shall come, it is our duty to let him alone.

The Lord calls upon us individually to strive to reach the highest point of consecration to Him. Let us not, by a mistaken zeal, lead any poor soul off the track, placing him where Satan can ruin his experience. We need to come up on higher ground. We need to purify the soul by humble obedience. We are now deciding our own destiny, whether or not we will be sanctified and give to the world a correct representation of Christ's holy character.

Lt 226, 1908

Prescott, W. W.

St. Helena, California

July 1, 1908

Elder W. W. Prescott

Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother:

I am instructed to say to you, Let there be no questions agitated at this time in the Review that will tend to unsettle minds. Let us seek for soul work. Let us as a people humble ourselves before the Lord and seek Him for true conversion. There is a work to be done in our hearts and in our homes that but few understand. There is need of much praying, not need of long prayers, but prayers of faith offered in humility of soul.

We have no time now to enter into unnecessary controversy, but we should earnestly consider the need of seeking the Lord for true conversion of heart and life. There should be determined efforts made to secure sanctification of soul and mind. There is a deep and earnest work to be done in every church and in every family. Fathers and mothers have a solemn work to do in bringing their children to understand the necessity of seeking the Lord for salvation from sin.

In all our schools, instruction is to be given that will lead the students to put on the white robe of the righteousness of Christ. In our larger churches, special, personal efforts should be made for fathers and mothers, that they may understand the consecration that is required of them, that they may do effectual work for the salvation of their children. Earnest prayers should be offered for the institutions established for the education and training of our children and youth, that those who receive instruction there may grow up to honor and glorify God.

It will prove to be a great mistake if you agitate at this time the question regarding the "daily," which has been occupying much of your attention of late. [Daniel 8:11-13.] I have been shown that the result of your making this question a prominent issue would be that the minds of a large number will be directed to an unnecessary controversy, and that questioning and confusion will be developed in our ranks. Cannot you see that if this question is agitated now, that minds would be unfavorably impressed, and that many who should be seeking most earnestly for the saving grace of Christ would be drawn into controversy? And there are some who would make capital of this matter to turn souls away from the truth. My brother, let us be slow to raise questions that will be a source of temptation to our people.

I have had no special light on the point presented for discussion, and I do not see the need of this discussion. But I am instructed to tell you that this small matter, upon which you are concentrating your thought, will become a great mountain unless you determine to let it alone. I have been instructed that the Lord has not placed upon you the burden you are now carrying regarding this matter, and that it is not profitable for you to spend so much time and attention in its consideration. You are not using wisely the time God is giving you by thus devoting it to such jots and tittles, when you can be speaking words that will confirm the people of God in the faith they hold. God has not placed upon any of His ministers the work of sowing seeds that will produce confusion and unbelief.

You suppose that a mistake has been made in the view that has been held by some of our brethren in regard to the sanctuary question. There have been different opinions regarding the daily, and there will continue to be. If the Lord has seen fit to let this matter rest for so many years without correcting the

same, would it not be wisdom on your part to refrain from presenting your views concerning it? I advise you not to present your ideas before our churches, but to let this matter alone; because at this period of our history, the enemy will be served by an attack made on us regarding our disagreement on this point, if it is made prominent; and this will lead to a worse issue.

The simplicity of our faith is to be dwelt upon. Let the ministers teach the people how to give to others a knowledge of the saving truth for this time. The teachings of Christ are very simple, but they are all essential. Let us heed His words; for we are exhorted to look to Him for guidance. We should ever bear in mind that we are to be taught of God. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, ... full of grace and truth. ... And of His fulness have all we received, and grace for grace." [John 1:14, 16.] The power of the gospel is to come upon the companies who are raised up to bear witness to the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Study the 78th Psalm; it is worthy of our earnest consideration. A solemn work is before us, and the people of God should be far in advance of where they now stand in an understanding of eternal realities. What we need now is fishers of men.

Let us as a people arouse to our duty to explain the truths of the Word to those who know them not. Begin earnest, self-sacrificing efforts for those who are perishing in their sins. Those who sow the seeds of truth will reap a rich harvest. The amount of good done by unselfish effort, no human mind can estimate.

Lt 228, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

July 27, 1908

Elder J. E. White

1713 Cass Street

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear children Edson and Emma:

While the rest of my family are sleeping, I am astir. I could not sleep this morning after two o'clock. I have been pleading earnestly with God for physical health, for strength of eyesight, and clearness of perception. We all need to watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation. Let us encourage in ourselves and in others a pure, strong, holy trust in the Word of the Lord. Satan is playing the game of life for every soul. Let us keep the heart with all diligence, guarding every point of attack, lest we be taken unawares.

"Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for 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. So I sware in My wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. While it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was He grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.” [Hebrews 3:5-19.]

I am charged to present these Scriptures to our people at this time. Shall we not take the warning to ourselves, repeating it over and over again? Strange things will be brought in among us who have had the light, but who have not walked in the light. Satan will work in every possible way with his deceptive wiles to undermine the faith of our people. But, my children, watch unto prayer, draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Let not your faith waver. If ever there were a time when there was need of daily consecration to God, it is now. Our faith must center in Him who is the gift of God to our world. “Ye are bought with a price,” the apostle says. [1 Corinthians 6:20.] And what a price!—the life of the only begotten Son of God, He who was without sin, and in whose mouth was found no guile.

My children, there are stormy times before us, when “many shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.” [1 Timothy 4:1.] I urge you to make the Lord your arm of strength. Stand faithful and true as loyal soldiers of Christ Jesus. There is a heaven to win and a hell to shun. We must not be half-hearted now. We have a straightforward message to bear at this time, when Satan will, if possible, deceive the very elect. Let us pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

The Lord has a work for women as well as for men to do in becoming thoroughly acquainted with the teachings of Scripture. We are instructed to eat the Word, that is, to apply it to our individual lives and to make it a part of ourselves.

We cannot at this time afford to place ourselves in the way of temptation. If compelled to be placed in hard and trying circumstances, the Lord will keep us and will be our shield. But when we place ourselves in peril, we give Satan the right of way.

Cultivate the heart’s affections. Watch and pray, and let the voice of thanksgiving and praise be heard in an acknowledgement of the grace of Christ vouchsafed to you. Render to the Lord the fruit of the lips. Let no idle words be spoken, but praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice. “Whosoever offereth praise glorifieth God.” [See Psalm 50:23.] We are not as faithful as we should be in acknowledging the goodness and blessings of God. There are many souls whom we might help if we would educate our tongues to speak a word in season.

Every individual believer is under obligation to give to others the truth he possesses. Nothing should be allowed to keep the servant of Christ from letting his light shine forth to his fellow men. We are ever to be learners, ever to be increasing in a knowledge of how to lead others to the light of truth. There are sinners all around us to be labored for. “Ye are laborers together with God.” [1 Corinthians 3:9.] If we

will arouse ourselves to co-operate with the divine worker, we shall see a great work accomplished. And we ourselves will grow in grace as we seek to communicate the will of God to others. Let self be hid with Christ in God.

I am instructed to urge the necessity of personal consecration and sanctification of the whole heart to God. Let each soul inquire, Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do, that the vigilance of Christ may be seen in my life, that His example may be copied by me, and that I may speak sincere words that will help souls who are in the darkness of sin.

If we would keep our light burning, we must be constantly receiving a supply of the heavenly oil, the grace of the Spirit of God. And as we seek to shed light upon the pathway of souls in darkness and sin, a new light will be imparted to us. Each consecrated vessel will be filled with the oil of grace, that it may be emptied into other vessels. As professing Christians, our lives must be Christlike; and this can only be when we receive to impart.

I am instructed to say to our church members that we are far from meeting our responsibilities. Many among us who profess to believe are daily losing opportunities of receiving the grace of Christ and of imparting this grace to others. We should daily be increasing in ability to do the precious work of winning souls to Christ. This is such a precious work, such a satisfying work.

All heaven is waiting for channels through whom can be poured the heavenly oil to refresh and strengthen needy souls. The Lord will protect and guide those who let this divine fulness flow from their lips in grateful praise and who labor, through deeds of charity and love, to bless mankind. Such workers will become consecrated agents for God.

I have been writing for several hours by lamplight. I will commit this to you, that you may communicate it to others. May the Lord abundantly bless you and make you channels of light and blessing, is my prayer. I will be pleased to hear from you.

Lt 230, 1908

Jones, A. T.

St. Helena, California

July 25, 1908

Elder A. T. Jones

Dear Brother:

It has been presented to me that I must speak to you, for you need help in order to break the spell that has been upon you. If you would humble your heart before the Lord, and accept the light that He has given you, you would have help from God.

I have been instructed to use those discourses of yours printed in the General Conference Bulletins of 1893 and 1897, which contain strong arguments regarding the validity of the testimonies, and which substantiate the gift of prophecy among us. I was shown that many would be helped by these articles, and especially those newly come to the faith who have not been made acquainted with our history as a

people. It will be a blessing to you to read again these arguments, which were of the Holy Spirit's framing.

Be assured, Elder Jones, that if you see your mistake in pursuing the course you have for some time been following, and take your position on the side of truth in regard to this question, the spell that is upon you will be broken. We call upon you to take your stand on the Lord's side and act your part as a loyal subject of the kingdom. Acknowledge the gift that has been placed in the church for the guidance of God's people in the closing days of earth's history. From the beginning the church of God has had the gift of prophecy in her midst as a living voice to counsel, admonish, and instruct. We have now come to the last days of the work of the third angel's message, when Satan will work with increasing power because he knows that his time is short. At the same time there will come to us, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, diversities of operations in the outpouring of the Spirit. This is the time of the latter rain. In view of this, the words of the apostle should come to us with impelling force, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And He shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you: whom the heavens must receive until the time of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." [Acts 3:19-21.]

"For Moses truly said to the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul that will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken have likewise spoken of these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed." [Verses 22-25.]

I cannot describe to you the relief of mind that has come to me. We thank God that the spell that has been over you may be broken. Yield your will to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Blessed assurance will come to the heart that is opened to welcome the lowly Jesus.

Jesus says, "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference." [Romans 3:20-22.]

Lt 232, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [M.]

St. Helena, California

July 26, 1908

M. Hare

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I have had some things on my mind that I wished to say to you, but again and again I have been prevented from doing so by other matters which have been brought up for my consideration. But I will not complain that there is so much to do; rather I will thank the Lord that He gives me strength to do it.

Last night I had a good night's rest, for which I am thankful. I took a longer ride than usual this morning, because I needed to rest my eyes. I pray continually that my eyesight may be preserved.

I am much pleased that you can help establish the health food work at Nashville. I pray that the Lord may give you wisdom for the work. In the night season I seemed to be talking with you, and saying, Do not fail or be discouraged. The Lord will impart to you skill and understanding. He will be a present help in every time of need. At such times it is your privilege to expect help from the One who understands. Do not worry. The Lord is your helper.

The work which you have undertaken to do is no light work; but it is a good work, and I would say to you, Go right ahead with it. If you humbly seek to do God's will, the Lord will let His light and courage come into your souls. In whatever place you may be called to labor, there will surely be trials and temptations to meet, if you are doing a work that is profitable to the cause and people of God. Ever remember that the Lord is your helper and that He has promised to guide you with judgment.

How often I desire to see you and my son Edson. I still think we shall visit the South, for I have a message of encouragement for our people there. At times I am tempted to say that I cannot travel any more, but I still continue to do so. I have promised to attend the meeting at Los Angeles; and if the Lord gives me strength, I will leave here next week for that place. I have a message to bear to the people who shall assemble there. In the night season I seem to be standing before large congregations and giving to them the messages given to me for them by the Lord.

I have found the warm weather very trying during the past few weeks. It may be very warm in Southern California; nevertheless I will go, putting my trust in the Lord.

Our family is very small just now. We feel that we have the very best of help in our matron and cook Miss Hannaford. We can thoroughly depend on her. This last week I have been able to attend family worship in the morning and to lead in prayer. I have realized that the Lord is near to hear our heartfelt petitions. I am grateful to the Lord that He is so merciful to me, and I can offer my simple prayer to Him in full confidence. I love the Lord. I am not faithless, but believing.

It is our duty, as children of God, to talk faith and not doubt. We are to be hopeful and cheerful in the Lord. Let us not look on the dark side of circumstances, but look up and believe in the One whom God gave to the world to save us from our sins. Christ accomplishes our salvation by inspiring faith in our hearts and a belief in the truth. The truth makes free; and those whom the Son makes free are free indeed. Let us seek to honor God by revealing a constantly increasing confidence in the assurance that He will accept every soul who serves Him in sincerity.

We are the Lord's little children, and we are to be led and upheld by Him. If we will learn lessons from the kindness and patience and tenderness of Jesus, we will be a blessing to all with whom we are associated. The Lord would have us take comfort in His promises and praise Him much more than we do. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God." [See Psalm 50:23.] Let us learn how to express our gratitude to God for His wonderful condescension and love for mankind.

The only begotten Son of God consented to leave the heavenly courts and come to our world to live with an ungrateful people who refused His gracious mercies. He consented to live a life of poverty and to endure suffering and temptation. He became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And the Word declares, "We hid as it were our faces from Him." [Isaiah 53:3.] Of His own disciples, Peter denied Him, and Judas betrayed Him. The people whom He came to bless rejected Him; they put Him to shame and caused Him untold suffering. They placed His head a crown of thorns that pierced His holy temples. They beat Him with a scourge, and then they nailed Him to the cross. Yet amid it all, no word of complaint escaped His lips; no word of blame did He speak to His persecutors.

On the cross He was taunted with the words, "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it again in three days, come down from the cross, and we will believe in Thee." [Matthew 27:40, 42.] Of the two thieves who were crucified with Him, one railed on Him. But the other reprov'd his companion and said to Christ, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." And the Saviour responded to his request, "Verily, I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." [Luke 23:42, 43.] Christ did not say to the thief that he would be that day in Paradise, but, "Today, while I am hanging in agony on the cross, I say unto thee, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." The satanic agencies who were reviling the Saviour heard His words to the repentant thief, and they trembled as they heard.

Christ bore all this suffering in order to obtain the right to confer eternal righteousness upon as many as would believe on Him. O when I think of this, I feel that no complaint should ever escape my lips.

When Christ was placed in Joseph's tomb, the Roman guard were stationed at the sepulcher to guard the body of Christ. Thus His enemies thought that they had made the body secure. They could not see that heavenly angels were also guarding the place and waiting for the moment when they should welcome to life again the Prince of life. "And behold there was a great earthquake." [Matthew 28:2.] An angel came down to earth clothed with the panoply of heaven. The bright beams of God's glory went before him, and before their brightness the Roman guard fell as dead men to the earth. The mighty angel rolled away the stone from the sepulcher and called forth the Son of God. Coming forth, the Saviour proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, "I am the resurrection and the life." [John 11:25.]

When we are having a hard time, let us consider how much that our salvation cost the God of the universe. "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.] Let us consider what Christ has endured to make it possible to secure salvation for the world. This will hush every murmur and complaint. When we teach our hearts to respond to His love, our voices will ascend in thanksgiving when we are called to suffer in any way for Him who gave His life for us.

Brother and Sister Hare, it means very much to be an overcomer. I am very anxious that you shall stand on vantage ground, and that of you it may be said, "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." [Revelation 12:11.] Let us encourage thankful, rejoicing hearts. Let our testimony be borne in clear, ringing tones, He gave His life for me; I will give my life for Him. He has bought me at a priceless cost, and I will glorify His holy name.

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." [Philippians 4:4.] Let no murmuring word be heard. Do your best, and expect that the Lord will care for you. Let expressions of praise flow from your lips, as those who claim to be sons and daughters of God. Thus you will set an example that is worthy of

imitation. You can both do much for the church by setting an example of praise to God; for others will catch from you the spirit of thanksgiving.

I hope our brethren will do their best to help you regulate and set things in order. With your knowledge of the health food work, you can do a good work and bring order out of confusion. You know how we had to labor in Australia under the hardest and most discouraging circumstances. But every one had to act a disinterested part in order to accomplish what was done. You have had some experience in looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of your faith. Let us remember that we each have an individuality, and that we each have a part to act in the work, which should be done faithfully.

We need and must have a daily supply of the rich grace of Christ. Let the prayer be constantly ascending to heaven, "Lord teach me to do as Jesus would do were He in my place."

Our time to work is nearly ended. In our advocacy of the truth, our bitterest opponents should be treated with courtesy and respect—treated as Christ would treat them. They are bought with the price of Christ's precious blood. In our labors to advance the cause of present truth, Christ's ways are to become our ways, His example our pattern. If we will do this, our words and manners and influence will be a savor of life unto life to those with whom we deal. It is a solemn thought that by our influence we may close the hearts of those who know us to the truth, and every soul whom we thus influence will confront us in the judgment to condemn us.

I have a deep interest in the work you are doing. It is a work that I believe should be done. We would not urge you unduly if you feel that you cannot do this, but I feel sure that if you will determine to serve the Lord with faithful hearts and with a spirit of co-operation, your brethren will sustain you.

I pray that you both will walk in the path of humble obedience. I will always give you encouragement while you walk in the right way. It is our duty to fill that place in the work which we have knowledge and ability to fill. Make use of every opportunity of teaching to others your methods of manufacturing foods. May the Lord strengthen and bless you, is my prayer.

Lt 234, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

August 3, 1908

Elder Haskell

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

Since the hot weather has come, I have not felt well, and at times have thought that it might not be wise to attend the Los Angeles camp-meeting; still, I have hoped that this might be possible, and I expect we shall go. For one week my head and eyes have caused me much suffering, and I have written very little. Yesterday I was freer from pain, although last night I could not sleep past twelve o'clock. Finding it impossible to sleep, I decided to get up and make preparations for our journey. We are planning to leave here Wednesday afternoon, as this will enable us to get to the end of our journey in time to make all

necessary arrangements before the Sabbath, and thus save any bustle or confusion at the beginning of the Sabbath.

I had much satisfaction yesterday in reading over our Australian mail. We had several good letters, which you also will enjoy reading when we meet.

For some reasons I have dreaded this journey to Los Angeles. Yet I am glad the people there will have another opportunity of hearing the message of warning. The end of time is rapidly drawing near. Calamities, floods and hurricanes, and destruction of property and life declare that the end of all things is at hand. Yet to many it is coming as a thief in the night. Again and again I ask myself the question, What shall I do, that I may fully act my part in giving this last note of warning?

On Friday I had an interview with Elder A. T. Jones. This interview taxed me greatly. I placed before Elder Jones his true condition, but in such words as not to discourage him. Then we had a season of prayer. O how I wish that he might see himself as God sees him; as it is, he has little sense of his true condition. The Lord alone knows how to impress the hearts and minds of such. In our season of prayer, both W. C. White and I prayed that the Lord would reveal to our brother his true position.

We did not see anything to encourage us in the hope that Elder Jones is coming out from the darkness that is upon him. He feels that he understands himself; but he is as the blind and is feeling about to know what step to take next. I felt that I must speak plainly to him. I told him that notwithstanding the warnings that had been given regarding Dr. Kellogg's influence over him, he had gone into the very path he had been cautioned not to take; he had not spiritual discernment to understand the doctor's religious standing. I told him that he had become Dr. Kellogg's voice to the people.

I told him also of the instruction I had received to take his discourses, printed in the General Conference Bulletins of 1893 and 1897, and publish them for the benefit of our people, and especially for those who are newly come to the faith, and who knew little or nothing of the early history of the message. Through these discourses spoken at a time when A. T. Jones was led and controlled by the Holy Spirit, and similar statements from others, the faith of God's people would be strengthened. They would vindicate God's work among His people in this last days. What effect this will have upon his mind we cannot say. He seems like a man lost in the fog.

I will write no more now. We hope to meet you shortly in Los Angeles. We have heard nothing yet from the meeting in Eureka. Shall be glad indeed to see you both. Come in good season.

Lt 236, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

Los Angeles, California

August 13, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I was very glad to read letters from you. We reached Los Angeles on Friday afternoon about 5:30, after a long and trying journey. The heat was very great, and we were delayed over eight hours at different places on the way. On Friday morning before daylight we were held for two hours, because of a freight wreck on the line, and again at 6:30 we were stopped because of another wreck. This time we were compelled to wait for nearly seven hours, while the wrecking car went ahead of us and cleared the line.

The heat in the cars was intense, so we took our lunch basket and went on to the hillside and ate our breakfast in the shade of a large water tank. We had plenty of fresh fruit with us, for which we were very thankful. Brother and Sister Crisler helped to make up our party.

After eating breakfast we returned to the car and waited for the time when we could move on. We had a compartment to ourselves, but we could not keep out the hot air, which was heavily laden with dust.

Although weak, I spoke Sabbath morning to an immense crowd gathered in the large tent. My voice had not its usual strength; but the Lord blessed me with freedom, and I received the testimony from several who sat on the outskirts of the crowd, that they heard every word I spoke. I was glad of this opportunity to speak and trust that the Lord will strengthen me to speak several times. I am not so strong as I could wish to be, but I praise the Lord for His strength-giving power.

This morning, Wednesday, I spoke to the ministers gathered in one of the smaller tents, presenting to them the advantages to be gained by having the meeting continue another week. Thus they could become more intimately acquainted with those coming to the ground who are not of our faith, and yet who in many respects are working on right lines. There are many Women's Christian Temperance Union workers here who are interested in our work, and some are attending the meetings. I am anxious that everything possible shall be done to become acquainted with these women.

Day by day I have thought of you and wished you were here. But I know that something important has detained you.

Last evening W. C. White, Elder Cottrell, and Elder Reaser came to my room and wished me to express myself in regard to Brother Reaser, whether it is best for him to go to Mexico or to remain in the work in Southern California. I was sorry to have to say to Brother Reaser that it was not wise for him to serve in this conference another year. His example of ruling it over God's heritage as he had done the years he had served makes it wise for him to change his field of labor. This ruling element has worked to the injury of the Lord's cause and has wrought changes in the conference which have greatly damaged its prosperity and success. Elder Reaser has made decided changes in his course. But the years that have passed have brought in an objectionable experience to many of our churches. That men with the Scriptures in their hands should consider themselves a ruling power to forbid or permit as they choose is a mystery. The Lord forbids it. God has given to no man an arbitrary power over His people. The man who, as president of a conference, undertakes to exercise such authority has mistaken his duty. No man is placed as god, that his word should be yea and amen. The man who does not understand his own strong traits of character, and who seeks to become a law unto the church, will become a cause of weakness and of spiritual decadence. I am instructed that this spirit is no more to find place among us. We are to be under the rulership of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am instructed to say to our ministers and workers in every line, Be careful that the work of cleansing and sanctification shall go on in your own individual souls. Let your first thought be to make your calling

and election sure. Your example is to be full of kindness and encouragement. No masterful spirit is to come in, but let the heart be filled with the tenderness and love and compassion of Christ.

Let not commercialism come in to spoil your Christian experience. Let the same energy and careful thought that you once brought into worldly matters be cleansed from all selfishness and brought into your service for God, to whom we owe everything. Work every day for sanctification of the spirit through belief of the truth. Let all realize that they are chosen of God to reveal that they understand the mystery of godliness. Help souls to the clear light of Christian principle by extending a helping hand to all who need encouragement.

Every believer in Oakland and San Francisco, and in every church established in the name of the third angel's message, should now be at work to help the souls who need help. I would say to every believer, Bring the spirit of heavenly grace into your soul, into your experience—this is the impress of the character of Christ. Angels are watching you, and they sing songs of thanksgiving and praise to God and the Lamb when His people engage in faithful, unselfish labor for others. And your reward for service will be found in the reflection of the tender spirit of Christ in your character.

By communicating to others the grace we receive, we shall be made partakers of the rich blessings of God. Obedience to His will will keep the soul in the love of Christ. Bind yourselves up with Christ and with God, and reflect His glory to the souls ready to perish. Let there be a reconversion of soul on the part of those who have allowed themselves to grow careless and indifferent. If we would look upon suffering humanity with eyes that see their need, and would heed the command of Christ, Go work today in My vineyard; if we would speak to them words of comfort and wisdom, work out before them the principles of the gospel, the message of mercy would soon reach to every part of the world.

We become overcomers by helping others to overcome, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The keeping of the commandments of God will yield in us an obedient spirit, and the service that is the offspring of such a spirit, God can accept. O that we all in the day of final award might hear the words spoken individually to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant." [Matthew 25:23.] How many in our churches will seek to set such an example as will reflect to mankind the Light of the world?

The Saviour calls for workers who will give themselves to be worked by the Spirit of God, workers who will yield to the refining, elevating influences of truth, and thus be fitted to wear the crown of life in the kingdom of God.

Lt 238, 1908

Wilcox, F. M.

St. Helena, California

July 31, 1908

Elder F. M. Wilcox

Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother Wilcox:

I have words to speak to you. I am thankful for the encouraging way in which you write regarding the work at the Boulder Sanitarium. The Lord will not leave any institution that is conducted in the fear of God.

I would say to you, Elder Wilcox, that when the Lord shall send you help that you know to be reliable, then you may look for His directions as to where you shall go and what you shall do. But until help is obtained, who will work faithfully for the advancement of His cause, you are in no case to move away from your present field of labor.

In regard to the one mentioned concerning whom you have had so much trouble, I must say that the Holy Spirit has not been her guide. She is in need of the converting power of God to work on mind and heart. The sanitarium at Boulder is not again to accept her as a member of its staff of workers. This institution is not again to be subjected to such trial as it has passed through because of her influence. The sanitarium is to be carefully guarded from all such jealous, suspicious influences; for such a spirit at work in the institution will do much to counterwork the work for which the sanitarium is established.

It is of great importance that a healthful, sanctified influence be exerted by those who are connected with the work of the institution. If those who claim to be Christians are really such, a sweet, holy atmosphere will pervade the place that will be recognized by those who come to the institution. Let all who have a part to act in this branch of the work, put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, and reflect His likeness in words and works of righteousness.

I trust, my brother, that if at any time you should be removed from the Boulder Sanitarium, those who take your place will regard the instruction that has been given. May the Lord help you to distinguish clearly this duty and the responsibility that rests upon you to keep out of the institution all hurtful influences.

I would be glad if I could visit you at Boulder. We are having warm weather in St. Helena. In a few days I leave here for the Los Angeles camp-meeting.

Today I had some conversation with A. T. Jones, who is in St. Helena for a few days. His position is difficult to explain. He and W. C. White and I had a praying season together. What the result of his visit will be we cannot tell. Only the Lord can help the man. My prayer is that the Lord will bless and sanctify this interview to his good.

Lt 239, 1908

Jones, A. T.

St. Helena, California

July 1908

Elder A. T. Jones:

I have been conversing with you in the night season. I have carried the burden of your case upon my soul because the Lord has presented to me the dangers of your expressing your strong natural traits of character. These traits come to be distinguished in an objectionable way if you encourage them. Your soul and your mind and your character, unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit of God, lead you to extremes in spirit and in language, after the natural mind.

What then? You are unchristian in disposition. No soul professing to serve God reveals in words and disposition what you have oftentimes revealed in speech and action. Can such be accepted in the heavenly courts? Why, heaven would soon have a warfare, a second rebellion, if those with your confident, unsanctified disposition should be received in the heavenly courts. Therefore the Bible is given us as our guidebook. When you are a thoroughly converted man, all who associate with you will know this. The expression of your face will not be as we now see it.

The Lord set you to do a special work in Battle Creek and placed before you your dangers in connecting with such men as Frank Belden and J. H. Kellogg. The particulars in these two cases were opened to you as I gave you writings to read to them and requested you to pray with them. But those men converted you, and you lost your opportunity of converting them; for you took yourself in charge and left the Lord Jesus out of the arrangement. Therefore all the warnings given to save you were disregarded. That showed the manner of spirit you were of. These men converted you to do the very work they were doing and to voice their sentiments.

Now this is the picture I am presenting to you. You were more strong in your expressions, in your spirit, in your talk, than were these men, and expressions were made of an extravagant character. Therefore you swelled yourself to large proportions and did everything you could do to misrepresent and, if possible, to turn away the flock of God to go into forbidden paths.

O how sad I have felt over your case as you held on, determined to have your own way in keeping up the pretense of fitting the students to be better prepared to leave Battle Creek. Your words were not in accordance with the message given me of God, that for their souls' safety they must leave Battle Creek. You held them in Battle Creek—flattered some and ridiculed others. How many were receiving lessons, from the education you were giving, directly contrary to a plain "thus saith the Lord"? When the Lord sends warnings to those in danger, He means what He says. Who is responsible for trusting to his own human wisdom and working directly opposite to the way the Lord has marked out that he should work? Had you had discernment, you would have lived out your profession and your prayer made at that time while at Fresno. If you had been worked by the Holy Spirit, there would have been a work done, showing zeal in proportion to the importance of the truths we are handling. The Lord would have given grace if you had humbled yourself and become meek and lowly of heart, and you might have been the instrument of warning hundreds and thousands through your words in writing and in ministry in speaking, and angels of God would have co-operated with the human instrument. But you turned traitor after being thoroughly warned. And your zeal was similar to Satan's zeal in the heavenly courts when he brought in his strange ministry. You made many souls sick with your doubts. But the picture has been one that it is impossible to describe. The ministers are overworked in counteracting your representation—the work being done by Dr. Kellogg and you.

A. T. Jones, the spirit that has possessed you has been to lead souls into false paths. Only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished in the service of Satan in making souls sick with doubts. The ministry has been dishonored, greatly dishonored, and unrest has been brought in. And the Great Physician, who was waiting, longing to save to the uttermost all who would come unto Him, has been dishonored by A. T. Jones. You do not hesitate to make false statements, for Satan works your mind to utter falsehood. But now if you will be converted and live the prayer you made in Fresno that morning, as you promised to do, the Lord will work with you in the large gatherings of our people.

Our camp-meetings afford an excellent opportunity to illustrate health reform, for it is a part of our message. As we near the close of time, every soul who lives the truth will see the necessity of being a health reformer; and each minister will practice the health reform and will educate others in Christian temperance, presenting this subject in straight, clear, positive lines, not only by word, but by practice.

Precept and practice make impressions, because precept and practice are a power when not divorced, but combined. It is truth exemplified that becomes a power. But it does not stop here. We have found that where strict temperance is not only held forth in discourses before the public, but exemplified at our tables, a decided impression is made upon the community, and they are desirous to co-operate.

Health institutions, rightly conducted, give character to our work as genuine. In every city where health reform is presented to the people, there should be a limited ministry of the benefits of practical health reform and a place provided where the sick may be treated for common ailments. The building may not be all that could be desired, but it may be fitted up to give treatment in simple lines. This simple work will prove a blessing. A good physician, who understands the simple means we used in our first practice of health reform, has done wonders even in our camp-meetings. This work has always proved a blessing. If carried on under the labors of physicians and nurses, such work has given a practical sermon on health reform.

All who have had the light on health reform are to put their intelligence into practical use and will thus remove prejudice against health reform. To furnish conveniences for the wise treatment of common ailments will be blessed of God and do far more good than merely teaching without practicing. The backsliding of some upon this question is the result of a careless indifference to sound principles. After a camp-meeting, this work should be followed up by establishing a place for the practice of this branch of the work. This will be an agency for reaching the higher classes.

There are many things that need to be practiced in our camp-meetings to give a correct idea of health reform. Our teachings on health reform should be demonstrated in every respect. A letter came to me a short time since concerning the idea of bringing in peanuts, candies, and ice cream for financial reason. The light that the Lord has given over and over again on this subject is very plain. This practice was forbidden. The gain is not to be considered, but the influence of spoiling the stomach with these indulgences has proved a large objection religiously. It is contrary to health reform and is giving young children and grown-up children lessons in self-indulgence that the Lord forbids. There is need to give practical lessons in self-denial rather than lessons in self-indulgence. I am instructed to ever keep before the youth and older persons as well that the laying out of money for these sweets for the indulgence of appetite is not to be encouraged at all.

The lesson given is, Teach the children that they should have their missionary boxes and deny themselves as far as possible as a duty they owe to God—to act their part by self-denial. These lessons should come into every family. Everything of the character of ice cream, candies, and nuts brought into our camp meetings should not be permitted. Such practices as bringing these things upon the camp-ground give lessons which counteract the very messages the Lord would have our ministers bear to bring young children and older youth to practice self-denial, and to see that it is necessary to let all such indulgences alone if they are to be in health. These extras that they do not need injure the stomach.

I lift my voice of warning to all who shall attend our camp-meetings, to refuse to have such indulgences brought on the ground. Whatever may be the amount gained, the injury done will be a loss healthwise.

Self-indulgence should not be encouraged. Our camp meetings are to educate old and young to practice habits of strict temperance; let not temptations be placed before the youth to become selfish. Remember the many places where there are calls for missionaries.

Lt 240, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

Los Angeles, California

August 16, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We have received and read with much interest the letters you have written relating to the property near Buena Vista which you regard as a good school location. In reply I would say that we are favorably impressed with your description of the place. Your letter was a very interesting one, and the place you describe is certainly worthy of immediate investigation. If you obtain an offer for it, please write and let us know. We desire to come into such a place as you have described for our school and sanitarium work.

The conditions of the Madison place near Nashville were certainly not so good in some respects as those you describe in your letter. I know there are other places that I have not seen with my natural eyes that more fully meet the demands of our work than does the Madison school property; but it was in the order of God that this property should be secured. I have been hoping and praying that we might find these places for the establishment of our school work in the California Conference.

I have had three buildings presented before me which I have not seen with my natural eyes. Two of these were in the southern field and one in California. I hope to see all these three buildings at some time.

I have been quite sick since coming to Southern California and am still weak. We came to the Glendale Sanitarium this morning. A Brother Crocker of Los Angeles brought Sara and Minnie Hawkins and myself out in his automobile. The camp-meeting has been extended for another week. There is a very deep interest in the meetings; the large tent is filled every evening, and at some of the meetings it has been difficult for many to find seats. Some outsiders are receiving the truth. Last Sabbath seven persons took their stand. I wish you might have been here with us. I am hoping to be strong enough to speak again tomorrow afternoon.

We shall be glad to hear from you again in regard to the school property. I was very pleased with the description you gave of the buildings now being used for barns. These can be made to serve an excellent purpose for our school work. And I count as one of the greatest advantages of this place the abundance of good water. I hope that we shall be able to secure an offer of the place at a price that we can consider.

Lt 242, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

Los Angeles, California

August 23, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I ask you to read these words to the church as a message that God has given me for His people:

I cannot rest because of the many representations made to me, showing that our people are in danger of losing precious opportunities of working earnestly and wisely for the proclamation of the third angel's message. Satan with all his agencies is working to hold God's people back from giving all their powers to His service. But as a people we are to be active and decidedly in earnest, improving every opportunity to increase our usefulness in religious lines. We are to be "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." [Romans 12:11.] Possessing true godliness and a knowledge of the Word of God, every church member may become a working agency, laboring with dignity and confidence, yet with humble dependence, remembering the words of Christ to His first disciples, "I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." [Matthew 10:16.] We need to exercise wisdom in all our ways if we would work in the name and fear of God. Unfeigned faith is what we need; for faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [Hebrews 11:1.]

Cultivating Home Religion

The Lord would have us cultivate home religion, causing the fear of God to circulate through the family. When parents neglect their duty to their children, failing to govern them according to right principles, the enemy is given opportunity to gain control of their lives. And children who are allowed to disregard parental authority are never happy. In the early years of life is the time for all to prepare to become members of the royal family. Parents and youth should thank the Lord in prayer and praise for the privilege of becoming children of God and citizens of His kingdom.

Abraham is a noble example of a faithful householder, and he has given us an example of the unquestioning obedience that all should render. He who blesses the righteous said of Abraham, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him." [Genesis 18:19.] They will keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment. He will not speak words of hypocrisy or deception. There will be no betraying of sacred trusts. Abraham will keep the law of God as one who is answerable to the Lawgiver.

Just as surely as we labor together, as Abraham did, so surely will we receive the commendation of heaven. Abraham was, <in a marked manner, selected> to walk in the way of the Lord, governing his household by the combined influences of authority and affection. The Holy One has given us rules to obey, from which there can be no sinless swerving. We are bought with a price. Faith and works are to make us complete in Christ. Thus we shall keep the way of the Lord. When the heart is meek and lowly, God can impress the soul. The Word of God is our counselor. Let us obey its teachings.

In all our work we need to keep the glory of God in view. The Word of God is our guide; let this testimony go forth as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Let us talk faith and walk by faith. O what a work is ours, what a privilege, so to speak and so to act as to fasten conviction on the hearts and consciences of men. The Holy Spirit grants us His guidance in this work, and success comes when we have a strict regard for the fear of God. He is the Searcher of hearts, and He gives us the encouragement that if we will become intelligent in our service for God and will walk humbly in the light He has graciously given, we will not be left to labor in human strength.

The Dangers of Discontent and Self-pity

Christ came to this world, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, to bear trial and to become acquainted with disappointment, that He might teach men and women to become like God. It is Satan's purpose to make us like himself, and he seeks to fill the mind with feelings of discontent and self-pity. My brethren, let not these feelings have a place in your minds. Undue sympathy for self will lead to neglect of duty and to a low estimate of those who labor with you to build up the work and cause of God. Our thoughts must be guarded. We are to "love as brethren," to be kind and courteous. [1 Peter 3:8.]

Preaching is one of Christ's appointed means of instruction in the gospel. There may be a feeling of dissatisfaction toward those appointed to preach the Word; their words may not be pleasing to the natural heart; but let not this lead to differences and criticism and faultfinding. Feed upon the heavenly manna. There is much precious work to be done. Let none feel that it is their place to criticize, but let each stand in his lot and place. There must be responsible men, there must be counselors. It is not wisdom to praise certain ones while others who need words of cheer are left in discouragement. "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." [Isaiah 8:20.]

My brethren, do not fail nor be discouraged. It is Satan's desire to cut off communication between God and His people, that he may have opportunity to work the human minds. But pray, my brethren and sisters, pray and believe. Speak judiciously. The Holy Spirit will help those who seek the Lord to know how to do His work. A lifetime of prayer and research will yet leave much unlearned; but what we fail of learning here will be explained to us hereafter. The work of instruction begun on earth will be continued throughout eternity. There the Lamb of God will lead the host of the redeemed to the fountains of living water. He will impart rich stores of knowledge. He will unravel mysteries in the providences of God which in this life we are unable to understand.

Lt 244, 1908

Those Recently Assembled at the Oakwood School

Los Angeles, California

August 23, 1908

To those recently assembled at the Oakwood School, Huntsville, Alabama:

I cannot rest because of the many representations made to me, showing that our people are in danger of losing precious opportunities of working earnestly and wisely for the proclamation of the third angel's message. Satan, with all his agencies, is working to hold God's people back from giving all their powers

to His service. But as a people we are to be active and decidedly in earnest, improving every opportunity to increase our usefulness in religious lines. We are to be “not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.” [Romans 12:11.] Possessing true godliness and a knowledge of the Word of God, every church member may become a working agency, laboring with dignity and confidence, yet with humble dependence, remembering the words of Christ to His first disciples, “I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” [Luke 10:3; Matthew 10:16.] We need to exercise wisdom in all our ways if we would work in the name and fear of God. Unfeigned faith is what we need; for faith is “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” [Hebrews 11:1.]

I have visited the Huntsville School, and I believe that it has many advantages for the carrying on of the work of an all-round education. It is the privilege of those who labor there to make it a blessed place of preparation for usefulness in the work of God.

I am praying that every soul of you will fill the place that the Lord designs for you. He will work for each one according to his faith. There is a picture representing a bullock standing between a plough and an altar, and with the picture is the inscription, “Ready for either.” Thus we should be, ready to tread the weary furrow, or to bleed on the altar of sacrifice. This singleness of purpose, this devotion to duty, is to be expressed in the life of every child of God. This was the position our Saviour occupied while upon the earth; it is the position that every follower of His will occupy.

The salvation made sure to the human race through the sacrifice of Christ was intended alike for all races and nationalities. There are some of all nationalities who are never inclined to draw in even cords with their fellow men. <They want to be a ruling power.> And unless the power of God is recognized and appreciated, and believers work intelligently for the accomplishment of God’s purpose for all mankind, God will leave them to their own ways and will use other instruments through which to accomplish His plans. And those who refuse to do the work laid upon them will finally be found on the enemy’s side, warring against order and discipline.

Cultivating Home Religion

The Lord would have us cultivate home religion, causing the fear of God to circulate through the family. When parents neglect their duty to their children, failing to govern them according to right principles, the enemy is given opportunity to gain control of their lives, and children who are allowed to disregard parental authority are never happy. In the early years of life is the time for all to prepare to become members of the royal family. Parents and youth should thank the Lord in prayer and praise for the privilege of becoming children of God and citizens of His kingdom.

Abraham is a noble example of a faithful householder, and he has given us an example of the unquestioning obedience that all should render. He who blesses the righteous said of Abraham, “I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him.” [Genesis 18:19.] They will keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment. He will not speak words of hypocrisy or deception. There will be no betraying of sacred trusts. Abraham will keep the law of God as one who is answerable to the Lawgiver.

Just as surely as we labor together with God as Abraham did, we will receive the commendation of heaven. Abraham was to walk in the way of the Lord, governing his household by the combined

influences of authority and affection. The Holy One has given us rules to obey, from which there can be no sinless swerving. We are bought with a price. Faith and works are to make us complete in Christ. Thus we shall keep the way of the Lord. When the heart is meek and lowly, God can impress the soul. The Word of God is our counselor. Let us obey its teachings.

In all our work we need to keep the glory of God in view. The Word of God is our guide; let this testimony go forth as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Let us talk faith and walk by faith. O what a work is ours, what a privilege, so to speak, and so to act as to fasten conviction upon the hearts and consciences of men. The Holy Spirit grants us His guidance in this work, and success comes when we have a strict regard for the fear of God. He is the Searcher of hearts, and He gives us the encouragement that if we will become intelligent in our service for God, and will walk humbly in the light He has graciously given, we will not be left to labor in human strength.

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Lt 246, 1908

Strother, W. E.

Los Angeles, California

August 13, 1908

W. E. Strother

Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Brother:

I have this morning received and read your letter. I am sorry because of your discouragement. I am sorry that your feelings are not so pleasant as you could wish them to be. But you must not feel that an exalted, uplifted feeling is the sign of your acceptance with God. You need to exercise faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. You must not be discouraged. Feeling is not always reliable. You have the written Word. To love and fear God is the duty of every believing soul.

Our work is reformatory. As the light of the Sabbath comes to us from the sacred Word, we are to work and to pray and to study. If you will be of the number who act upon the light of the Word of God, there will surely come to you the assurance that you are accepted with God. You have consented to be of the number who build the old waste places. The first day of the week is not the Sabbath of the Lord. Let your mind be established on a plain "Thus saith the Lord."

Remember that faith is taking God at His word. The Son of God is preparing a place for you in the mansions above. Let thanksgiving be expressed for this. Do not feel that because you do not always feel uplifted, that you are not His child. Take hold with humility and zeal to do the work He asks of you. Appreciate every opportunity to do a work that will make you a blessing to those around you. Let it be your determination to do your part toward making the place where you are a place that God can approve and bless.

Unite with your companion in searching the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit will help those who seek the Lord in order to know how to do His work. While you seek to obtain perfection of Christian character, be helpers wherever you are. Praise the Lord at all times. Look on the bright side of circumstances, not on the dark side. Be watchful and prayerful, and the Lord will bless and guide and strengthen you. See how much you can do to bless others.

You are precious in the sight of God. He wants you to cherish the grace of humility and thankfulness of heart. Improve every opportunity of gaining an education, that you may impart what you learn to others. There are many who need your help. The Holy Spirit will use all who will be used.

Truth is purifying in its nature. Let truth and righteousness prevail in your life, and faultfinding will be banished. I pray that the Lord may guide you and strengthen you. Study the words of Christ. Act upon them, and you will be safe.

As you study the Word, and allow the sanctification of the truth to mold your life, the Lord can make you an acceptable worker for Him. All who come together in church capacity should be among the Lord's army of workers. But if the natural traits of character are left unsubdued, in times of crisis, when strong, hopeful words are needed, words of discouragement and hopelessness will be spoken, that bring heavy burdens on the church.

My brother, you say that you feel that you have not a full connection with God. You say, "I cannot understand it. I am trying my very best, with the Lord's help, to live up to the Word as far as I know, yet I feel a long way from the Lord, and I can't tell why it is. We left Washington, my wife and I, to come to the Oakwood school to get a training for work." You have done well in seeking to become fitted for the

Master's service. And I urge you and your wife to unite in seeking the Lord most diligently. Keep to the meekness and lowliness of Christ. Look constantly to Jesus, who is the Author and Finisher of your faith. Walk humbly with God, and do not talk discouragement. Have faith in God, and He will bless you and will make you an instrument for the accomplishment of a good work.

Lt 248, 1908

Wilcox, F. M.

Los Angeles, California

August 20, 1908

Eld. F. M. Wilcox

Boulder, Colorado

Dear Brother:

I caution you not to make any hasty moves. A great mistake would be made if you should give up your work at the Colorado Sanitarium to those who do not fully sense their responsibilities, who would let down the spiritual standard and cheapen the work. The position you hold is an important one. Those who occupy such positions should be men who will not walk in their own counsel, but in the wisdom of the Lord's counsel.

Make no mistake in the men who hold positions of trust in the sanitarium; for Satan is ready to take advantage of every opportunity to find an entrance. Men are needed who will be true as steel to principle. If you have reliable men and women, who have not exalted ideas of their own capabilities, but who are led and taught by God, hold fast to them.

Be very sure that in every advance move that is made, you are following the great Leader. Keep in mind the Word of the Lord to His people Israel, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." [1 Peter 2:9.] Let there be the constant exercise of true humility.

It is a mistake to employ in our sanitariums men or women who give evidence that they are unconverted. Great harm can be done by one or two such ones who cling to their inherited tendencies and cultivated tendencies to wrong, and when provocation arises, reveal an evil, irreligious spirit. One or two such examples in an institution will be sufficient to develop the same evil spirit among the patients and other members of the family.

All who connect with our sanitariums need the work of grace to be constantly going on in their hearts, if they would reveal the grace that maketh wise unto salvation. All who take up sanitarium work in any line are under obligation to God to exert a sanctified influence. A careless, untameable spirit revealed will do the institution great injustice. Those who profess the name of Christ, who bear the name of Christians, yet who fail to reveal the character of Christ, in sanctification and holiness of life, dishonor the Master.

The boards of managers of our sanitariums should understand their responsibility to guard the interests of the institution. If the men and women employed do not exert an influence that brings honor to Christ,

it is doing injustice to the institution to retain them. Let the reliable men be called together, pray and believe, and let all who have any part to act make every effort to increase their capability to labor successfully for souls. Learn how to work as Christian ladies and gentlemen. Let not any of those act as leaders who themselves still need to be converted. In all our institutions we are to make it manifest that we are bought with a price. When the men and women individually sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him with humble hearts and minds, they will be taught of God, and they will appreciate the lessons that Christ has given in His Word.

To Our People in Boulder and Denver, Colorado

I have a message for all the believers in Boulder and Denver. Take heed to the words of Christ, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God, which giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." [James 1:5.] I would say to all who have an interest in the Boulder institution: Walk humbly with God. Satan has come down with great power, knowing that his time is short. He works with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in those who have turned away from the truth. The souls of men and women are precious in the sight of God, for they are bought with the price of His beloved Son.

"Then began He to upbraid their cities, wherein most of His mighty works had been done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida; for if the mighty works which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shall be brought down to hell; for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom that have been done in thee, it would have remained unto this day. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee.

"At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank Thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight. All things are delivered unto Me of My Father; and no man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, but the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." [Matthew 11:20-27.]

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

I am instructed to say to the church in Boulder: There are troublous times before us which very soon will break upon the proud and unbelieving, and upon those who profess to believe the truth for this time, but who are not living self-denying, Christian lives. I am charged to arouse the watchmen to give the last message of mercy to the world. O that our unbelieving hearts might be broken, and that we as a people might be sanctified through the truth. Those whom Christ makes free are free indeed. There are so many who are trying to climb up to heaven by some other way than the right way.

Lt 250, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

Loma Linda, California

August 28, 1908

Elder Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I have had cautions given me in regard to the necessity of our keeping a united front. This is a matter of importance to us at this time. As individuals we need to act with the greatest caution.

I wrote to Elder Prescott, telling him that he must be exceedingly careful not to introduce subjects in the Review that would seem to point out flaws in our past experience. I told him that this matter on which he believes a mistake has been made is not a vital question, and that, should it be given prominence now, our enemies would take advantage of it and make a mountain out of a molehill.

To you also I say that this subject should not be agitated at this time. Now, my brother, I feel that at this crisis in our experience, that chart which you have had republished should not be circulated. You have made a mistake in this matter. Satan is determinedly at work to bring about issues that will create confusion. There are those who would be delighted to see our ministers at an issue on this question, and they would make much of it.

I have been instructed that regarding what might be said on either side of this question, silence at this time is eloquence. Satan is watching for an opportunity to create division among our leading ministers. It was a mistake to publish the chart until you could all get together and come to an agreement concerning the matter. You have not acted wisely in bringing to the front a subject that must create discussion, and the bringing out of various opinions; for every item will be strained and made to mean something that will only mean injury to the cause. We have all we can do to handle the false statements of those who have given evidence of their willingness to bear false witness.

Elder Haskell, I am unable to define clearly the points that are questioned. Let us not agitate a subject that will give the impression that as a people we hold varied opinions, and thus open the way for those to work who wish to leave the impression on minds that we are not led by God. It will also be a source of temptation to those who are not thoroughly converted, and will lead to the making of rash moves.

I leave these words with you, praying that you will keep heart and mind in simplicity and depend fully on God.

Lt 252, 1908

Underwood, R. A.

St. Helena, California

September 10, 1908

Elder R. A. Underwood

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Brother Underwood:

There is a great work to be done at this stage of our history. I have been shown that there are places, away from our cities, where are buildings that it would be wise for us to secure for our schools. There are places that should be purchased, and every talent possible should be used to carry on the work that the Lord has given us to do.

We see determined efforts being made to establish the first day of the week as the Sabbath for all the world, in place of the Sabbath of the Lord. And while this is being done, a work is going forward in the councils of heaven to bring advantages to the people who believe and obey the Word of the Lord.

The Lord is certainly opening the way for us as a people to divide and subdivide the companies that have been growing too large to work together to the greatest advantage. And this dividing should be done, not only that the students may have greater advantages, but that the teachers may be benefited, and life and health spared. To establish another school will be better than further enlargement of the school at Lincoln. Let another locality have the advantage of one of our educational institutions. Secure for it the best talent, and guard against the dangers of an overcrowded school.

All parts of our country are to be warned of the times in which we live. As schools are established in new localities, many will become acquainted with the reasons of our faith. In planning our school work, we are to work to benefit both believers and unbelievers, that the truth may come to the homes of many who are now in ignorance of it.

Let the work of dividing be carefully and prayerfully considered. Properties will be offered for sale in rural districts at a price below the real cost, because the owners desire city advantages; and it is these rural locations that we desire to obtain for our schools, that the students may be away from the temptations of city life. If in these places there is land to be worked and buildings to be erected, this work will be of great benefit to the students. When driven from the cities, or when sent to others countries, the trades learned in our schools may be made an influence in favor of the truth.

As we divide our schools, we should seek to make them more and more like the schools of the prophets. More and more we are to make the Bible the great lesson book. Wherever our schools are established now, the students are to become more thorough students of the Bible. If they will become doers of the Word, if they will dig deep, laying their foundation sure through obedience to all the requirements of God, they will be preparing to graduate to the higher school.

“The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.” [Galatians 5:19-26.]

Read carefully Revelation, chapters twenty-one and twenty-two. “I Jesus have sent Mine angel,” Christ declares through His servant, “to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him

that heareth say, Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." [Revelation 22:16, 17.] This is the message to be borne to our churches. God help us to read and to hear and to understand.

"And He said unto me, Seal not the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still. ... I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." [Verses 10, 11, 13, 14.]

There are lessons of the highest importance to be learned from the Word of God. This great book is opened to us that our youth may be educated after the manner of the sons of the prophets. We as a people should carry on the work of the education of our youth in such a way that they will be guarded against living self-indulgent lives.

Lt 254, 1908

Shireman, D. T.

St. Helena, California

September 12, 1908

Dear Brother Shireman:

In the night season I was conversing with you and speaking words of encouragement. The Lord our God is merciful. When His servants make mistakes, He sends them reproof. When the messages of reproof are received and accepted by those who have made mistakes, and changes are made in the life, the brethren should recognize the reformation, and they should encourage and seek to place on vantage ground those struggling to do right. I rejoice this is the way you feel towards Brother Johnson.

The Lord is now to be honored by the men who carry His work. Let there be a just recognition of the change in Brother Johnson. To neglect to do this, and to refuse to encourage and to build up the one who has been seeking to correct his course of action is to refuse to carry out principles that Christ has clearly laid down in His Word.

I am instructed to say to you that mistakes were made on both sides of this question. Brother and Sister Shireman did not view everything in a correct light. While brother Johnson did not take a right course, it is also true that others connected with him did not discern that their own spirit and words were also wrong.

Brother Johnson should now have encouragement. When a man of his temperament sees and acknowledges his wrong, and changes his course of action, there should be a disposition on the part of his brethren and sisters not only to forgive, but to do everything possible to restore confidence and to strengthen his hands. The impression should never be left on a human mind that the man who has done wrong, though he sees and corrects his wrong, should still be prevented from standing on vantage ground with his brethren. When such a course is pursued toward any erring soul, the Saviour is misrepresented. Those who recognize the reformation should show forgiveness and treat the brother who has erred with confidence and special kindness.

This instruction has been given me during the night, and now, at one o'clock in the morning, I am writing to you the message I have received. We need to encourage the erring to confess their wrongs; we should forgive them freely, recognizing the instruction God has given in His Word.

We need to be very careful that we do not view in a wrong light matters connected with the work of God. We need to guard against the least injustice. Those who bear the burden of the work of winning souls to Christ are to be encouraged and helped.

The Lord requires that unity exist in every church, but the policy of consolidation must be guarded against. The workers in our institutions are to preserve their individuality; each is to sense the responsibility resting upon him, while he works under the divine leadership of the Lord Jesus. The workers are to counsel together and to seek to bring in ideas that are in harmony with the teachings of truth, but never, as long as time shall last, is an arbitrary, man-ruling power to come in to take the place and authority of God.

The Lord has been instructing us to move forward. Shall we go forward, or shall we stand still? Shall we not seek to increase in faith, that we may work and wait in assurance and confidence? The Word of God is to be our guide under all circumstances.

We read in the eighteenth chapter of Ezekiel: "The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, What mean ye that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not use this proverb in Israel. Behold all souls are Mine. As the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

"But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right; and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, ... and hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; he that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed his judgment between man and man; hath walked in My statutes, and hath kept My judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord." [Verses 1-9.]

Study also the twentieth chapter of Ezekiel. "Thus saith the Lord God; in the day when I chose Israel; and lifted up Mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known unto them in the land of Egypt; when I lifted up Mine hand unto them, saying, I am the Lord your God; in the day that I lifted up Mine hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt unto a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all nations and lands: then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. But they rebelled against Me, and would not hearken unto Me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said, I will pour out My fury upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for My name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they were, in whose sight I made Myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

“Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them My statutes, and shewed them My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.

“But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness: they walked not in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man do he shall even live in them; and My sabbaths they greatly polluted; then I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for My name’s sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

“Yet also I lifted up My hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with mild and honey, which is the glory of all lands, because they despised My judgments, and walked not in My statutes; but polluted My sabbaths; for their heart went after their idols. Nevertheless Mine eyes spared them from destroying them; neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments; nor defile yourselves with your idols: I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep My judgments and do them; and hallow My sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God.” [Verses 5-20.]

Here the Word of God plainly specifies the day that should be kept holy, the seventh day; and yet we see a work being carried on by ministers, physicians, lawyers, and rulers that will result in the enforcing of a Sunday law. Will not God punish for this rebellion? He will surely punish, as is represented in the words that I have copied.

Lt 256, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

September 13, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I lay awake many hours last night in perplexity, fearing lest I am taking too great responsibility on myself in regard to the proposed school location at Buena Vista. I wish to say to you now, Do not let any words of mine influence you or the committee to a hasty decision. Weigh the question well in all its bearings, and thoroughly investigate the advantages and disadvantages of the place. Some say there is but little feed on the place. Consider all these things, and let not my urgent desire that the place be secured lead you to make hasty decisions. I do not feel that I want the decision of this question to rest with me.

I had only a hasty view of the place at Buena Vista; and while it corresponded to a place that had been shown me, I do not want you to feel that you must secure it on that account. I hope that you and

Brethren Cottrell and Covell and the locating committee will view the question from all points. I shall leave this matter to be settled by the committee; and if they decide unfavorably regarding this place, I shall wait patiently until something further is offered where we can be supplied with water and woodlands. What we need is mountain advantages, where we can have an abundance of pure, soft water that is not poisoned by the schemes of men.

Lt 258, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

September 11, 1908

Elder J. E. White

1713 Cass Street

Nashville, Tennessee

My son Edson:

We have just returned from our visit to Southern California, where we spent four weeks attending the Los Angeles camp-meeting and visiting the sanitariums at Glendale, Paradise Valley, and Loma Linda. The camp-meeting was an important one, and there were able workers present all through the meeting.

Our brethren thought that it would be a wise thing to give the Women's Christian Temperance Union workers an opportunity to address the congregation in the large tent Sunday afternoon, and time was given them on the first Sunday of the camp-meeting. They invited me also to speak at this time, but I was sick and could not come before the people. An excellent meeting was held, and the W.C.T.U. workers expressed their appreciation of the consideration they had thus received. We are seeking to help these people, and I know such experiences as this will have an influence.

I spoke when I could do so with safety, and I was grateful to God that I could speak at all; for I had had a hard journey to Los Angeles. We traveled by the Owl, which runs through the San Joaquin Valley, and we had every convenience in one of the drawing rooms; but the journey was made unusually long and wearisome on account of accidents to other trains on the road. Twice we were delayed because of freight trains ahead of us whose machinery had broken down; and this held us six hours in one place where we could get no breeze. At breakfast time we took our provisions and found a resting place in the shade of an immense water tank and there ate our lunch. Our party was made up of Clarence Crisler and wife, Sara McEnterfer, Miss Hannaford, Minnie Hawkins, and myself.

When we reached Los Angeles, we found a small furnished cottage at the disposal of my family, and another close by in which W. C. White, Elder Daniells, and Clarence Crisler stayed. We were very thankful for this accommodation, and especially that we could have the convenience of a bathroom. But after I was settled there, I became quite sick, so that I could speak only a few times.

The meetings were excellent, and such a deep interest prevailed that it was decided to extend the meeting over the third Sunday. On that day I spoke to a very large congregation upon the importance of the seventh-day Sabbath. I spoke for one hour, presenting before the people the evidence that God has

given in His Word regarding the sanctity of His day. My voice did not fail. As I ceased speaking, a lady, a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, came up to me, and throwing her arms around me, said with tears, "I accept the seventh-day Sabbath because the Word of God declares it to be His day. He sanctified the seventh day. I am fully converted."

I had told the congregation that the Word of God was true and just; that the seventh day had been sanctified because the Word of God declared it.

I was then hastened from the tent to a smaller tent on the ground, where I took my bath, and was then taken in an automobile to the streetcars which carried us to Glendale. Willie helped me in every way possible. At the Glendale station there was no means of conveyance to the sanitarium. The regular bus does not run on Sundays. But Willie had provided a wheelchair, and in it I reached the sanitarium again, where I had one of the best rooms in the institution.

The Sabbath previous to this, I spoke to the patients and helpers at Glendale, and to the neighbors, who gathered in the two large parlors on the first floor. The Lord gave me freedom in speaking to those assembled. As I spoke to all from the Word of life, and especially to those who were afflicted, I felt the Holy Spirit come into my own heart. I could see that the hearers were blessed, for their faces beamed with hope.

On Monday afternoon, August 24, we took the train to National City. At the station we met Brother Harmon W. Lindsay, who is now the business manager of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. He had two teams waiting for our party, and we were taken quickly to the sanitarium.

At the sanitarium, we found that the physician, the matron, and the manager were working heartily and unitedly to make the sanitarium a cheerful home for the afflicted. Wednesday morning I spoke to the patients and helpers in the parlors. These are beautiful rooms and are calculated to accommodate a large or small company as the need may be. When a small company is present, one room is sufficient; but the rooms are so arranged that when a larger company gathers, the people can be accommodated with equal convenience. I could not help thinking how much these pleasant rooms must be appreciated by the sick ones.

I had perfect freedom in speaking, and all seemed interested.

After this I was asked to join a company in praying for Sister McKee, the mother of Mrs. R. S. Cummings, our matron. For years Sister McKee has labored for abandoned women, a work that is shunned by many. She felt that she was in need of healing, for her nervous system was affected, and she feared a breakdown. She specified her desire that I should unite my prayers with those whom she had invited to join in this season of seeking God. I knelt down close by the side of this sister and pleaded with God that He would heal her.

For some time I myself had been afflicted with pain in my right hip. As I prayed for Sister McKee, I did not mention myself as in need of healing. But when I claimed the promise for her, "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find" [Matthew 7:7], I felt, as I have felt many times when praying for the sick, the rich blessing of God come upon me. The stiffness and pain left my limb, and I was blessed as verily as was Sister McKee, for whom our prayers were offered.

The next morning we left Paradise Valley for Loma Linda. At Colton a carriage from the sanitarium was waiting for us, and we were soon at the sanitarium that we have all appreciated so much. I have sometimes wished I might meet those who first owned the sanitarium and who gave it over to us with all its beautiful furnishings. I would like to tell them of our grateful thanks. Everything is of the best. I never before saw so many rocking chairs in one building. We never could have procured such good furniture. Grateful thanks arises in my heart whenever I think of what God has wrought for us in this place. And I know that much good has been done through this institution and that souls have been converted.

While at Loma Linda we were taken by Brother Burden to view the garden. This land is being wisely cultivated, and it is yielding its treasures. In the last year the garden has brought in \$600 in profits, and Brother Burden expressed his conviction that this would continue to improve. We saw large patches of melons, strawberries, asparagus, tomatoes, and corn. Some of these fruits and vegetables are sold in the neighboring town, but the larger portion is used to supply the sanitarium tables.

Sabbath morning, August 29, I spoke in the sanitarium chapel on the hill. The house was crowded, the sick being brought in in wheel chairs and filling the aisles. I spoke from the third chapter of Revelation, but I did not say all I desired to say. The subject is one of intense interest to me.

I do not feel free to go to Nashville this fall unless I have some indication from the Lord that this is duty. I do not feel that I am needed at Madison, though I should be pleased to see you and Emma again. We are striving with all our powers to get out my books, but these calls that come in for us to visit different parts of the field hinder us from accomplishing what we desire to do. I cannot do my writing if I keep traveling.

Lt 260, 1908

Warren, Luther

Los Angeles, California

August 22, 1908

Elder Luther Warren

Dear Brother:

I am soon to leave Los Angeles, and before I go I have words of caution to leave with you. Do not, my brother, allow yourself to be overworked; for when overworn, you will not always speak carefully. I do not want you to speak words that will hurt any soul.

You need to move cautiously. The Spirit of Christ is grieved when you say things that are severe. You are at fault in this. For some time you have been in danger of making harsh statements. In the home life, the husband is to cherish forbearance and patience, meekness and kindness. The wife is to guard her words, that she may be a blessing to her husband. Be tenderhearted, be pitiful, be courteous. Do not try to compel one another.

When before the people, you are sometimes inclined to use very strong language. I have this message for you from the Lord: Be kind in speech, gentle in action. Guard yourself carefully, for you are inclined to be severe and dictatorial and to say rash things. The Lord speaks to you, saying, Watch and pray, lest

ye enter into temptation. [Mark 14:38.] Harsh expressions grieve the Lord; unwise words do harm. I am charged to say to you, Be gentle in your speech; watch well your words; let no sharpness come into your words or into your gestures. Bring into all you do and say the fragrance of Christlikeness.

Let not the natural traits of character mar and spoil your work. You are to help and strengthen the tempted. Let not self appear in rash words. Christ has given His life for the flock, and for all for whom you labor. Let no words of yours balance souls in the wrong direction. In the minister of Christ there must be revealed Christlikeness of character.

Rash, overbearing expressions do not harmonize with the sacred work that Christ has given His ministers to do. When the daily experience is one of looking unto Jesus and learning of Him, you will reveal a wholesome, harmonious character. Soften your representations, and let not condemnatory words be spoken. Learn of the great Teacher. Words of kindness and sympathy will do good as a medicine and will heal souls that are in despair. The knowledge of the Word of God brought into the practical life will have a healing, soothing power. Harshness of speech will never bring blessing to yourself or to any other soul.

My brother, you are to be a representative of the mildness and patience and goodness of Christ. In your talks before the public, let your representations be after Christ's order. The wisdom that cometh from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and of good fruits. Watch, pray, subdue the harshness which at times breaks out in you. By the grace of Christ dwelling in you, your words may become sanctified. If your brethren do not do just as you think they should do, do not meet them with harshness. The Lord has been grieved at times with your severe expressions.

Your will is to be yielded to the Lord's will. You need the help of the Lord Jesus. Let only words that are clean and pure and sanctified come from your lips; for as a minister of the gospel, your spirit and example will be followed by others. Be kind and tender to children at all times. I pray that the Lord may make you pure and without fault before Him.

My brother, do not be discouraged. There is a great work to be done, and you must act your part in it. Beware of giving a wrong example to others. I pray that the Lord will abundantly bless you, but He cannot sanction any course that is marked by a rough and dictatorial spirit; for by setting such an example, you are educating others in the same wrong course. We are all striving for eternal life, and we must strive lawfully.

I hope that these words will not discourage you. The Lord would have you look to Him for light and for your spiritual strength. As you continue in the work of drawing souls to Christ, be careful that you leave not the impression upon minds that you are an extremist. Your mind needs to be molded and fashioned after the divine similitude.

Your revival efforts show even those who are not fully in sympathy with you that you are directed by the Holy Spirit, and that you have special aid in helping souls over the dark places and in leading them to victory after victory. You may reach God's ideal if you will resolve that self shall not be woven into your work. I want you to meet Christ's ideal. To know that you are striving in spirit and in works to be Christlike will give you strength and comfort and courage. It is your privilege to become meek and lowly in heart; then angels of God will co-operate with you in your revival efforts. Christ died that His life might be lived in you, and in all who make Him their example. In the strength of your Redeemer you can

reveal the character of Christ, and you can work in wisdom and in power to make the crooked places straight. Press close to the side of Christ, and praise the Lord.

Lt 262, 1908

Cottrell, H. W./President of the Pacific Union Conference

St. Helena, California

September 17, 1908

To the President of the Pacific Union Conference

Mountain View, California

Dear Brother Cottrell:

Would it not be wisdom for you to attend the counsel meeting in Los Angeles next Sunday? The Lord does not want our brethren to become confused. This seems to be an important time for the work in Southern California. Matters should be so arranged that Elder Reaser need not be detained from his appointed field of labor. Is it not your place to meet with the brethren, and if it is their wish [for you] to step into the gap, please consider this. But you must understand your duty for yourself.

Elder Cottrell, you must walk by faith and not by sight. There is to be exercised by you a living, active faith—a faith that works by love and purifies the soul. Our time to labor is very short, and we need now to watch unto prayer. Seek the Lord, my brother. Believe His promises. Step into your allotted place. Walk by faith, work by faith, and do not expect that you can have sight before the exercise of a trusting belief in the workings of God. Then work with the expectation of accomplishing great things.

Lt 264, 1908

White, Emma

St. Helena, California

September 20, 1908

Dear Emma:

I wish to write a few lines to you, advising you to come with Edson to St. Helena. We would be glad of Edson's help on some books that we are preparing for the press concerning my early experiences. This connection of Edson and Willie in my work has often been suggested. I will pay Edson for the work he does on my books. He will find Clarence Crisler good help in the office.

We need to work rapidly now, for time is short; and what is done must be done quickly. Willie has been called off from his work to travel, and this has hindered his work. I hope that now we can all plan together. I have often wished that this might be. W. C. White also has often spoken in regard to it. I send you these few lines now, so that you may be working to the point, if you decided to come.

We will be glad to have you with us at our home. We have two gentle carriage horses, either of which you can use when you wish to ride out. The two large gray horses do the work on the farm. The smaller of the two carriage horses, Ladybird, is an intelligent animal. She hardly knows what it means to be

struck with a whip; a touch is sufficient to send her off as fast as we care to go. The large carriage horse is a good traveler. We have a nice double carriage, a platform wagon, and two phaetons.

Your sleeping room is above the sitting room and is furnished with stove so that you can be quite comfortable.

Lt 266, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

September 22, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

S.D.A. Camp-ground

Fresno, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have just read your welcome letter. I thank you sincerely for writing.

I planned to write at once about the school location at Buena Vista. As soon as your letter came, I began to search through my bag of writings which I had not unpacked since I reached home. I was surprised to find ten pages that I had written while at your house in Oakland, after my visit to Buena Vista. I had forgotten that I had written this. I have placed this manuscript in Minnie's hands and shall be pleased when it is ready to send to you.

Since coming home I have attended one meeting in the sanitarium chapel. I spoke from the third chapter of Revelation. The house was crowded, the aisles being filled with patients in their wheel chairs. The Lord gave me clearness of thought, and I spoke with freedom. All seemed to be deeply interested. I thought of speaking again next Sabbath, but I am suffering from an attack of influenza which came upon me two days ago. I am very hoarse and will not be able to speak for some days.

I have not been able to sleep well since I returned home. Today Sara took me for a ride, and I had half an hour's sleep while riding. For two weeks I have not dared to use my eyes as much as usual. The pain in my left eye has been so great that I have had to keep it bandaged with wet cloths much of the time. How thankful we should be to God for our eyesight.

Sept. 23

I have spent another wakeful night and have suffered much pain with my throat. All night the air seemed oppressive and lifeless. This morning I feel quite sick and must rest. I wanted to be at the meeting at Fresno, but dared not risk going in such heat. I hope the Lord will bless you abundantly with every other worker who is acting a part in the meeting.

Lt 268, 1908

Scriver, Sister

St. Helena, California

September 22, 1908

Mrs. Scriver

Sacramento, California

My Sister Sciver:

I thank you for the \$100 that you sent me. Loans that come to me at this time are greatly appreciated in our work of preparing my books for the press. These books are needed, and they will bring spiritual blessing to the people.

I have done some writing since I returned from my visit to Southern California. Appointments were out that I should speak at the camp-meeting at Fresno, Cal., but I dared not attend that meeting because of the extreme heat. Elder Haskell and wife are there, and several other ministers.

We were almost five weeks on this trip to Southern California. The journey to Los Angeles was trying to me, but I was glad to be there and to see the work of the Lord being accomplished in that portion of the field. I begrudge nothing that I have done for the advancement of the work.

At Loma Linda I found that great advancement had been made. I was taken in an easy carriage over a large part of the farm, and Elder Burden told of the success that had attended their orchard, farm, and garden enterprises. It was a great pleasure to see the thrifty fruit trees and the prosperous garden. The land had been diligently and faithfully cultivated, and it is yielding its treasure for the support of the sanitarium. I would be pleased if you could see the Loma Linda Sanitarium. I spoke to the helpers and patients twice during my stay, and the Lord blessed me with freedom.

I spoke several times during the camp-meeting to very large audiences. These discourses were reported and will appear later in the Review. The third Sunday of the meeting I spoke in the forenoon to a crowded tent on the subject of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. I spoke for one hour, presenting before the people the evidence that God has given regarding the sanctity of the seventh day.

Elder Haskell reports interesting meetings being held in Fresno. I should have attended this meeting had it not been for the great heat, which Elder Haskell says is almost unbearable. I felt that I dared not run any risk at this time, for I am in need of rest and care. I have not slept well for several nights because of the heat here.

I see the need of the message of truth going forth with a loud cry. We must have more laborers in the harvest field. But I must bring this letter to a close. I thank you once more for the help you have sent—help which is really needed. May the Lord bless you, my sister in the Lord. I hope you may be able to interest others to do likewise, that the truth may go to all the world.

Lt 270, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

September 23, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser
257 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Brother Reaser:

I hope that you will not again undertake the responsibilities connected with the Southern California Conference. It would be better for you to be in another field and let new talent come into Southern California.

In some respects there are decided changes to be made in your character. Wherever you labor, you are to understand that while you are to stand as firm as a rock to principle, you are not to be a driver, but a fellow laborer with your brethren. You are not to seek to rule, and dictate, and compel, but to be teachable in spirit, kind in disposition, and to be one with your brethren. It would be a serious mistake to place you again in a position which your past experience has shown that you have not wisdom to fill. The peculiar traits of your character lead you to desire to be a leader, but I have been shown that it would not be wisdom for you to occupy the position of the president of the Southern California Conference another year.

I write this to you lest you should suppose that because there is some hindrance to the arrival of the one who was chosen for the presidency of Southern California, you should retain the position. We need for the place a man who has less confidence in his own human judgment, one who will act as Christ acted, who, though Himself the prince of life, made Himself of no reputation, and coming to a world that was all seared and marred with the curse, placed Himself as one among the most needy and dependent. When He revealed Himself to the world as its Saviour, He said, "Learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:29.]

The presidents of our conferences must be men who are not self-sufficient and dictatorial. They must not give place to the idea that the office of president comprehends a vast amount of rulership. With such ideas they will leave impressions upon minds that will do injury to the work. Precious privileges will be lost to the people when presidents minutely define and direct the work of their co-laborers.

As a people we are to be purified from our natural habits and desires. Our hearts must be changed, or we cannot correctly represent the Lord Jesus who gave His life for us. The Son of God took humanity upon Him that He might make it possible for humanity to take hold upon divinity through the exercise of a perfect faith. Christ is our example for the development of a perfect character. Through the strength we receive from Him, we may be overcomers. In seeking Him for those things that we need, we must exercise a faith that will not be denied. We must represent Him by following humbly in His footsteps. Through belief in His merits and practice of the truth, we shall receive of His grace, and this will be revealed in kindness of heart and action and singleness of purpose. Courtesy and sympathy will be revealed in our daily lives. By a daily opening of the heart to truth and righteousness as they are found in Jesus, we will be able to reveal that truth and that righteousness in our dealings with others.

The Spirit of Christ is grieved when any of His followers give evidence of possessing a harsh, unfair, or exacting spirit. As laborers together with God, each should regard the other as part of God's great firm. He desires that they shall counsel together. There is to be no drawing apart, for the spirit of

independence dishonors the truth we possess. One special evidence that the love of Christ is abiding in His church is the unity and harmony which exist among its members. This is the brightest witness to the possession of true religion; for it will convert and transform the natural man and fashion him after the divine similitude.

The converting power of Christ is to have a telling influence in all our institutions, and this power is the agency that will overcome our individual defects of character and make us laborers together with God. By the truth held in its purity, souls will be reached who could not otherwise be influenced to obey. The Holy Spirit is to be our counselor and guide in every branch of the work. The will of God made manifest in the life reveals the power of the Word to overcome every natural trait of character and to conduct the believer "from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." [2 Corinthians 3:18.]

I have a deep interest in you, my brother. I want you to receive the grace of our precious Saviour, that you may be sanctified—soul, body, and spirit—through the belief of the truth. You are not required to set a standard of character for yourself, but to accept that standard, which if copied will lead you in the lowly steps of Jesus.

Lt 272, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

September 24, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Fresno, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have been very sick since I wrote you last, but am feeling better today. I feel that it is very necessary that I shall be where I shall not have to do so much writing or examine so much manuscript.

There is one point that the Lord has very strongly impressed upon my mind since our first arrival in California. It is that we should occupy buildings that we had not erected and cultivate lands that we do not now see and possess. We must be constantly on the lookout for these advantages and be prepared to accept them when the Lord shall bring them to our notice.

We have seen the fulfilment of this as we have come into possession of the properties at Glendale, Paradise Valley, Loma Linda, and San Fernando, which at first it seemed impossible to obtain. Now we have visited this property at Buena Vista and have investigated its advantages. If in the providence of God we come into possession of this place, we must secure the whole or none. But if after a thorough investigation of the place it is considered by the committee that it would not be a suitable property to secure, we will not urge the matter. But I thought I would write you this word of counsel: Let no voice be raised in discouragement until the land has been thoroughly examined. We call upon all to make this matter a subject of prayer. Put away your prejudices, and seek to know the mind of the Lord.

In my visit to the place, I had only a hasty view of the property. I am desirous of seeing it again. When I am able, I shall endeavor to go with my own team when I can see it more fully.

I received your letter this noon. I had written part of this before it arrived. I could write much more, but will not attempt to do so now. Yesterday I sent you a manuscript regarding the matter of the school location. When we visit it the next time, we will study together the advantages and disadvantages of the place as a school site.

I will now leave this matter with you. May the Lord give you wisdom and sound judgment to know whether or not we should secure the property. That the Lord may guide you with His counsel is my great desire and prayer.

Lt 274, 1908

Workman, Brother and Sister [W. D.]

St. Helena, California

September 23, 1908

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Workman

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Children:

I have written some things that I wish to be read to the school. If you do not wish to read it, some one else can read it to the students and teachers as a letter from Sister White.

It is not because I have forgotten you that I have not written to you, but because of the press of work that is continually upon me. No sooner is one batch of letters and manuscripts dealt with, than another is placed before me, perhaps more difficult than the last. I am finding so many things to do that I cannot get time to rest. There are many manuscripts to look over and some straight testimonies to be borne. All my time is fully occupied.

My left eye has been troubling me considerably, and for a few days I have had serious throat difficulty. A number in the neighborhood have been afflicted with the same trouble.

A camp-meeting is now in session in Fresno. Elder Haskell did not advise me to attend. He wrote me from that place, "It is fearfully hot; I dare not say, Come." But if he had said, Come, it would have been an impossibility for me to go; for two days I have been suffering from an attack of influenza. Sara gave me very thorough treatment, such as we used to give to the sick before we had sanitariums established.

I am drawing near to another birthday, when I shall enter my eighty-second year. I have great freedom in speaking to the people, and more especially to those not of our faith. I enjoy being where I can speak to this class of people who have not had the privileges we have had of knowing the truth. I should not be bound down to so much examination of manuscript. I am asked to read every part of the selections made. I realize that it is wonderful that the Lord blesses me with such clearness of mind, and I am grateful.

I expect to attend the next General Conference in Washington. Edson is very desirous that I shall go to Nashville in October, but I dare not attempt this.

The strain of the journey to Southern California was very severe upon me; nevertheless the Lord sustained me throughout the five weeks of our absence from home. On the last Sunday of the camp-meeting at Los Angeles, I spoke to a very large congregation in the tent. There were a number of the Women's Christian Temperance Union workers present, and I tried to present the importance of the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, giving the Word of God for its observance. At the close I made a strong appeal for all to study their Bibles and to take their position for the right.

As I ceased speaking, one lady, a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union came up to me, and throwing her arms around me, said, Sister White, I take my position to keep the Bible Sabbath. There were tears in her eyes as she spoke. Her confession of the truth made a solemn impression upon the people. I was very thankful for this opportunity of presenting the sacred truth of the Word of God. I let the Word of God speak for itself. A "Thus saith the Lord" is all-sufficient. We were thankful that the meeting closed so well.

We have a deep interest in you, my children. We pray that your health will be preserved, that you may carry through the lines of study you have undertaken. Do not fail or become discouraged. Your letters do not indicate that you are losing heart. I praise the Lord for this.

To Students and Teachers

I am instructed to say to the workers in our sanitariums and to the teachers and students in our schools that there is need of guarding ourselves upon the point of appetite. There is danger of becoming lax in this respect and of letting our individual cares and responsibilities so absorb our time that we shall not take time to eat as we should. My message to you is, Take time to eat, and do not crowd into the stomach a great variety of foods at one meal. To eat hurriedly of several kinds of food at a meal is a serious mistake. Those who respect the laws of their being will give time and thought to the needs of the body and to the laws of digestion. Respect paid to the proper treatment of the stomach will be rewarded in clearness of thought and strength of mind. Your digestive organs will not be prematurely worn out to testify against you. We are to show that we appreciate our God-given intelligence by eating and studying and working wisely. A sacred duty devolves upon us to keep the body in such a state that we shall have a sweet, clean breath. We are to appreciate the light God has given on health reform by word and practice, reflecting clear light to others upon this subject. This is a solemn obligation that God places upon each one of us. In all that we do, whether we eat or drink, we are to seek the glory of God.

Many spoil their dispositions by eating improperly. We should be just as careful to learn the lessons of health reform as we are to have our studies perfectly prepared; for the habits that we adopt in this direction are helping to form our characters for the future life. It is possible for one to spoil his spiritual experience by an ill-use of the stomach.

The obligation which we owe to God to keep the body in health is an individual responsibility and one which no one can bear for another. We are to eat and drink to the glory of God; then we shall preserve for ourselves peace of mind and comfort of body. Every nerve and muscle of our being is to be regarded as a sacred charge. If we will do all in our power to keep the body in health and the brain clear and strong, we will receive ability to comprehend the truth as it is in the Word, and we will have an earnest purpose to secure eternal life.

The Lord requires us to work out our own salvation day by day. He will not work a miracle to prevent the result of mistreatment of our organs. It is ours to reason from cause to effect, to remember that we are the Lord's property, and to unite with God in keeping our bodies clean and pure and healthy and our whole being sanctified to Him.

When we thus manifest our respect for our Creator and for the gift He has given us in Jesus Christ, we will receive an increase of faith and of grace every day.

"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.] In the sixth chapter of his gospel, the disciple John tells us of most precious things that are made possible to us if we will individually act our part. "This is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one that seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise Him up at the last day." [Verse 40.]

"Verily, verily I say unto you," Christ declared, "He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread which I give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." [Verses 47-51.]

Lt 276, 1908

Ferguson, D. C.

St. Helena, California

September 22, 1908

D. C. Ferguson

2005 Santa Monica Avenue

South Hollywood, Los Angeles, California

My dear Friend:

There are some words that I wish to say to you. Christ has made it possible for you to practice His life. You have His precious words in the Bible; believe in them, carry out their teachings. Never doubt the Word of God. This Word, if received into your life, will refine and sanctify you, and increase your usefulness.

There are victories for you to gain, and these you are to have through your faith in Christ. When you feel discouraged, disappointed, go to God in prayer. Trust in Him, and do His will. God is a very present help in time of need. If you will put your trust in Him, He will make His goodness pass before you; He will lead you by His counsel. His Holy Spirit, His providences, the teachings of His Word—all will be agencies in instructing you and leading you in the way of the Lord.

Study the Scriptures; for there is nothing that will so firmly establish your faith in God or your belief in His truth as this. If you will have faith in God, you cannot fail of coming out victorious.

“Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.” [John 1:29.] Look to Christ. You are the purchase of His blood. Do not disappoint the One who gave His life that you might be an overcomer. He was tempted on every point that you and I are tempted on; and in order to resist, He spent whole nights in prayer and communion with His Father. Christ did not leave this world until He had made it possible for every soul to live a life of perfect faith and obedience and to have a perfect character.

I want you to search the Word. I do not want you to accept the sayings and opinions of others for the observance of the day of rest. I want you to have an entrance into the city of God. Keep the day that He has sanctified and blessed, and you will find a blessing come to you that you have not found in the observance of Sunday.

Let us follow all the light that God has given in His Word. God is in earnest with us in this matter. It means everything to us to obey the Lord and to sanctify Him in our hearts. What a missionary work we might do in this world! God invites you to come into line to plant your feet upon the eternal Rock, to stand on God’s platform and bring all your powers to labor for souls who need to be converted.

Lt 278, 1908

Kerr, Sister

St. Helena, California

February 21, 1908

Dear Sister Kerr:

I received your letter yesterday. I have been thinking to write to you for some time, and now I will say, Thank you for getting the start of me.

You know how much joy it gives to bestow good gifts on your children. The Saviour says, “How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.” [Luke 11:13.] The Father is much more willing to bestow His grace than we are to ask for it. “If ye shall ask anything in My name,” He says, “I will do it.” “The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name,” Christ declared, “He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” [John 14:14, 26.] Whatever we ask in Christ’s name, and in accordance with His will, will be given us.

It means much to ask in Christ’s name. It means to ask in the simplicity of a little child, and with full trust that what you ask you will receive. You need not wait for greater assurance than this. The Lord will surely do as He has promised. Walk and work by faith. Time is short, and we must watch and pray, and believe and trust. We do not express thanksgiving to God as we should.

I am pleased that you have a church at Honolulu, where those can meet who believe and love the present truth. I would like to visit you and speak in your new meetinghouse. A week ago last Sabbath I spoke to a large congregation in the sanitarium chapel, St. Helena. The Lord gave me freedom as I spoke from the third chapter of Revelation. My voice was clear and distinct. Every available seat in the chapel was occupied, and the patients in wheel chairs filled the aisles. All were very attentive as I spoke to them from the Word of life.

I told the people how we were working to establish in various places sanitariums for the sick. I told them that Christ was our physician. We are asked by some, Do you have power to work miracles and to heal the sick? I answer, I have never worked a miracle in my life; but I have presented many suffering ones in faith to Christ, and the mighty Healer has rebuked disease and raised the suffering ones to health. Christ alone can heal the sick and raise the dead. What freedom and joy I had as I lifted up before the people the Saviour who has risen from the dead, and who has proclaimed over the rent sepulcher of Joseph, I am the resurrection and the life.

“In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary to see the sepulcher. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. But the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him; lo, I have told you.” [Matthew 28:1-7.]

O what a victory was here obtained in our behalf. With what joy should we acknowledge our gratitude to God for the gift of life given to us in His Son.

Lt 280, 1908

Kress, Brother and Sister [D. H.]

St. Helena, California

September 28, 1908

Drs. D. H. and L. Kress

Dear Brother and Sister Kress:

I read your letter this afternoon. I was surprised that you should say that there has been any questioning of your capability as physicians. I would say that we are glad you are where you are; and while you continue to put your trust in the Lord, we feel safe in regard to the success of the sanitarium. I ask you not to feel concerned about this matter, but to go forward in confidence and trust in the Lord. We will not worry; and we ask you not to worry, but to be of good courage in God.

I read in your letter of the physical difficulties under which you are struggling. Just this morning W. C. White told me that today he is to go under an operation for the same trouble. Since then I have kept his case before the Lord and prayed that He would be his great Physician. This afternoon I heard that the operation was a success and that W. C. is resting comfortably, though not yet allowed to see anybody. He will now have to rest. This is the first rest he has had for a long time. I hope he will be very prudent. There are many of my writings to be prepared for the press, and W. C. feels that he can hardly spare time to lay off just now; but the Lord wills that we should be prudent at such times as this and obtain all the relief possible.

Elder M. C. Israel's daughter has just undergone a similar operation. After the danger was over we took her to our house and cared for her until she was able to return home. She went home last week, relieved of her suffering.

I have felt assurance as I have prayed for Willie; the Lord has given me the comfort of knowing that he was doing the right thing. When your letter came, I sat down at once to let you know about this, and to know that the worst is over and the operation successful. I hope you will be likewise blessed and healed.

Dr. Kress, I have confidence that you are in the right place. While you put your trust in God, and order your ways in accordance with His will, He will care for you. Be of good courage and trust wholly in Him. The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. We have every reason to trust Him and to praise His holy name. Let us hope in the Lord; He will help us in every emergency.

I am pleased to hear that Sister Kress has improved in health, and also the children. May the Lord bless them and help them to act their part. The Lord is our strength and fortress, a very present help in trouble.

I have been having a very trying time with a cold that seemed very like influenza. Several in the neighborhood have had the same difficulty. I was unable to attend the Fresno camp-meeting, but feel that my health is improving.

I received a letter from Elder Olsen. Elder Loughborough stood the journey to Australia well, and the Lord is blessing his labors there. Every meeting he holds seems to be blessed with the presence of the Spirit of God.

My workers are doing all in their power to forward the work on my books, and I am kept continually at work. But I must not write more this evening. I am sitting at the west window of my bedroom. The sun is setting, leaving a golden pathway across the hills. Beautiful, golden sunset! It calls to my mind thoughts of the golden city which, if faithful, we soon shall enter.

Lt 282, 1908

Members of the Fresno Church

St. Helena, California

September 28, 1908

To the members of the Fresno church

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

It is not possible for me to stand before you as I have done in other camp-meetings this year, but I can bear my message to you in writing.

I have thought much of how little burden is carried by those who know the truth for those who know it not. Christ declared that He came to this world to call, not the righteous, but sinners to repentance. [Matthew 9:13.] Those who know the truths of the Word of God are not to hide their light in obscurity, but as faithful missionaries are to give the warning message to unbelieving neighbors and friends. They are to work as Christ has given them example. All who have a knowledge of the testing truths for this

time should ask themselves the question, Am I giving the time and labor to the work of saving souls that Christ requires of His followers?

I speak to every church member: Place yourself in the light that you may reflect light and that souls may be led to see the great and soul-saving truths of the Word of God. Every believer in Christ should be a laborer together with Him in drawing souls from sin to righteousness. We are to keep in view the life that measures with the life of God. We are to watch for opportunities to bring the truths of the Word before those who do not see and understand. Christ is not now with us in person, but through the agency of the Holy Spirit, He is present to impart His power and grace and great salvation.

Read the thirty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah. Here the Lord contrasts the obedience of the Rechabites with the disobedience of the Jews. For years God had been employing a variety of means to guard His people against evils that would make it difficult and even impossible for them to carry on the work He had specified they should do.

“The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord in the days of Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought them into the house of the Lord, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah, the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine.

“But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons forever: neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land where ye be strangers. Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans and for fear of the army of the Syrians, so we dwell at Jerusalem.” [Verses 1-11.]

The Rechabites had been charged with special instruction by their fathers, and this parental authority had been obeyed. Frugality and temperance in all things, and simplicity of manner, would be a far better portion for them in this life than the ways of the worldling. God commended their obedience. A contrast is drawn between them and those to whom God had given special light and privileges.

“Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the Lord. The words of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father’s commandment, notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye harkened not unto Me. I have sent also unto you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye

shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor harkened unto Me.

“Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not harkened unto Me: therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.

“And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before Me forever.” [Verses 12-19.]

The constancy of the Rechabites was fully proved, and it was also shown that nothing was required of them but that which they were able to perform. By their example of loyalty was shown the aggravated disobedience of the Jews. God would let them see their unrighteous course in contrast with the obedience and faithfulness of the sons of Rechab.

The lesson applies to our time. I am instructed to say to the church at Fresno, There has been with you who claim to be commandment-keepers a great neglect in meeting the requirements of God. There has been revealed a manifest neglect of opportunities for labor. There has been seen a following of worldly customs, and a selfish, worldly influence has prevailed. The works that God requires of His people have been greatly lacking. I am burdened, greatly burdened, for the Lord has presented to me many deficiencies among those who have had great light and who ought to be standing on a high spiritual platform.

It would be pleasing to the Lord if at this camp-meeting the members of the Fresno church should experience a reconversion and take up the missionary work that God demands of them with a willing, faithful spirit. In the past, little evidence has been given of the possession of a genuine, self-sacrificing spirit. Unless a reconversion takes place in the church, this lax spirit will increase, and the spirit of self-sacrifice will die out. Those who profess the name of Christ should bear in mind that the people who are welcomed to the holy city will be those who in their human life have denied self and who have purified their souls and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Lt 284, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

September 28, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

Some days ago I sent you quite a long communication. I shall be pleased to hear from you in regard to it.

I received the letter in which you expressed the mind of a portion of the people regarding the Buena Vista property; but this is not to end the question. A more thorough investigation should be made by those who are competent judges, and who are acquainted with the circumstances that led to the first examination of the property. When a fair investigation has been made, and the matter laid before the Lord, then a harmonious and unprejudiced decision can be made. But unless there are the best of reasons for dropping the matter just where it is, this should not be done, even to satisfy some who feel that they have formed the conclusion from very sensible convictions that the plan is not of the Lord. We have had so much of man's planning that we should have an all-sufficient reason before giving up all thought of this property.

The people at Sonoma are desirous that the school be located there. They wish their children to attend. This may seem a little thing, but it means much. The children of unbelievers coming into the school and hearing the reasons of our faith set forth will be influenced to believe. We as a people are to improve such opportunities of giving the light to others.

I have written a letter to the church members at Fresno, which I hope will be read before the church. Many of the believers in Fresno are in need of genuine conversion. With some, selfishness has eclipsed true godliness and blinded the spiritual eyesight. Many are standing in such a position that should Christ come to the earth today, they would be found unfit to enter in through the gates into the city. I ask you, Elder Haskell, to make suitable appeals, and let others make appeals to the people of Fresno. They need to be aroused from their lethargy to labor for souls. They need to take their light from under the bushel, that those who are now in the darkness of error may see the truth and turn to it.

Lt 286, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

October 2, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

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Your thoughtfulness in calling at our house was very gratifying to me. I hope that you will be able to help the work in Nashville. May the Lord give you wisdom.

I have sent messages to Brother Ford; he is inexcusable in pursuing the course he has followed. If he still refuses to walk according to the light that has been given, I shall have to let others know what I wrote him.

All that Elder Butler has done in the matter of Edson White and I. A. Ford has been to vindicate Brother Ford. Elder Butler has made a mistake here. I do not regard Brother Ford's case as hopeless, but I know that he will do strange things that the Word of God will not justify him in doing. He saw Edson White in a hard place, and he took advantage of the situation. Such a course of action can never be approved by God. Edson White has worked to help his brethren when he found them in close and trying places. The Lord has kept a record of every action done to relieve the necessities of the afflicted, both colored and white.

I am instructed to say that no one can safely manifest the spirit shown by Brother Ford toward Edson White; for the evils resulting from the manifestation of such a spirit will surely be reflected back upon the one who does the wrong. Brother Ford's actions have revealed a character as hard as flint. I would not write this to Edson White, for I hoped the testimony borne to Bro. Ford would be sufficient.

I have been very busy searching through my writings for matter that I wish to have reprinted. I have not strength to do more today. The influenza has left me, but I am suffering with pain in my right side and limb.

You will understand, Eld. Haskell, that it is difficult for me to leave home just now. The work that should be done on my books is burdening my mind. When I am called off to visit other parts of the field, my workers are often greatly inconvenienced and the work is hindered. My visit to Southern California took me and several of the workers away for about five weeks. I write this that you may know how difficult it would be for me to visit Nashville at this time. I feel that it is my duty to attend the meeting at Washington, and I will go if the Lord gives me strength to do so.

W. C. White is improving. I have been very anxious concerning him. The operation which Dr. Rand performed for him we believe to be a success.

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Lt 288, 1908

Reaser, G. W.

St. Helena, California

September 29, 1908

Elder G. W. Reaser

257 South Hill Street

Los Angeles, California

Dear Brother:

If you and your wife desire to remain in Los Angeles a short time for the reason named in your letter, I am sure no one could object. I would not say to you to do otherwise than you propose, and I am sure

there will be no forbidding on the part of any others. Mercy and judgment go hand in hand. I feel a deep interest in you and your wife. You have had your lessons to learn with every true disciple of Christ. If you will put your trust in His infinite wisdom, the Lord will guide you at every step and in every decision.

I know that it is wisdom for you to have a change in your administration. If in your new field of labor you are placed in a position of responsibility, be careful that the medical missionary work is not neglected. The world is a vast lazar house of disease, physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the churches need to be awakened, that they may realize their responsibility to impart the truth to those who know it not. The practice of medical missionary work will open many doors for labor in spiritual lines and will be much appreciated in your new field of labor.

My message to you is, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." [Isaiah 60:1.] This glory is to be revealed in and through you to the souls who need the comfort and encouragement that you can give them. You are to be the Lord's light-bearers to the world. For you to engage in secular business would be a great mistake. If you will cherish and follow the light, a very rich experience will come to you. You are not to walk in darkness, but, as a reformer, your light is to increase.

You have the ability to see the things that need to be done, and it is your privilege to become a wise shepherd of the sheep. Let tenderness and love come into your heart and into your home, and into all your dealings with others. Wherever you labor, bear in mind that you have an individual responsibility to become a tender shepherd of the sheep. Do not seek to drive, but do your work as a faithful and tender guardian of the Lord's blessed flock. They need not the uplifted whip, but the hand that will feed them and the heart of tenderness and love that will minister to them comfort and help.

I am instructed to say to you, Let your influence encourage; learn the Christ science of prevailing prayer. Go to your new field of labor in the fear of God, and feed the flock of God with pure provender thoroughly winnowed from the chaff. Teach the truth in simplicity, so that the little child can understand it. The Lord has a purpose in moving you to a missionary field, and He wants you to carry with you a sense of your individual responsibility. You are to be taught of God. His Word is to be your lesson book. "Learn of Me," says the great Teacher; "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." [Matthew 11:29.] Let the tenderness and meekness of Christ be seen in your life. You have much to learn in this respect.

Christ is calling upon you personally to do your utmost in His service. Look not to others to see if they are doing all their duty, but look to self. If you are daily converted to the service of God, your influence will be Christlike; and through your instrumentality souls will be converted to the truth, souls whom God can use as channels of light. God will accept your consecrated efforts. He will use you to save souls who are now looking for the right way, and through your efforts they may be led to the light. There are many who are in darkness, who are groping to find their way to a more exalted experience. They know that a knowledge of the way is found in the teachings of Christ. Lead these, my brother, to the narrow way that leads through the strait gate to eternal life. This will call for unselfish effort, which you must learn more fully how to give.

Again I say, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come." [Isaiah 60:1.] Show that you have a living interest in the medical missionary work. Study the Bible and the works of Christ most diligently. God has given

abundant light, showing how we should carry forward the medical missionary work in the world. Those who study and practice the instruction given on health reform will be greatly blessed, both spiritually and physically. The knowledge gained of the needs of the being will prove one of the greatest blessings; for it will lead to the administering of help that will safeguard souls against the evils that are coming upon all classes and conditions of people. Practical health reform will reveal in a remarkable manner the wisdom of God made perfect in weakness.

In seeking to make reforms in these last days, we are to walk in all the light God has given. None need wait until called to some distant field in order to being this work. A home reading circle can be formed, that will give simple lessons in the principles of health reform. Let us educate to discard the reading of fictitious works. Bring into the home that class of literature that will give true knowledge to young and old. Thus all will be benefited. Our time should not be spent in searching for literature that is above the comprehension of the average mind. The Word of God is the most profitable book to read; it is elevating to the morals; it clearly defines our duty; and its language is the most simple. Close the door to all frivolous and cheap reading. As a father and mother I exhort you to take up this work. Influence the youth to study and to read that class of reading that will elevate the mind and prepare them for a place in the school above, and qualify them to inherit that life that measures with the life of God. There Christ will lead His people to the fountains of living waters and to the tree of life. He will open to the mind glories which in this life they have not been able to comprehend.

It is the privilege of the youth to say, The Lord has given me my sight and hearing for His glory. I will close my ears to that which is foolish and cheap. I will read that Word that will fit me for a place in the home Christ is preparing for those who have sanctified their souls by obedience to the truth. My voice shall proclaim the glory of God; every power of my being shall be consecrated to God.

We have a work to do in this life to refine and purify the soul, preparing it for the future, immortal life. Let us cleanse ourselves from all cheapness of word and thought. Let us engage fully in His service, performing errands of mercy in His name.

May the Lord bless you all, is my prayer.

Lt 290, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

September 29, 1908

Elder J. E. White

1713 Cass Street

Nashville, Tennessee

My dear son Edson:

Your letter was received today. W. C. White has been working under difficulties for some time. He has had trouble with his teeth, and one of these has had to be treated by drilling a hole through the gold crown. An abscess had formed on the root of the tooth, and this has caused him much suffering. In

addition to this he has been suffering from hemorrhoids. Yesterday Dr. Rand took him in hand and operated upon him for this difficulty.

In the evening of the day of the operation, his wife went up to the sanitarium to see him. He was just arousing from sleep and told May that she had come too soon, for the operation had not yet been performed. He was surprised when he was told that it was all over.

Dr. Rand said that the operation was a more difficult one than he at first supposed necessary. He says that W. C. White must have suffered considerably from his head, as these internal difficulties always affect the head.

On the day that the operation was performed, I spent much time in prayer to God in behalf of Willie, and a great peace came to my soul in answer to my prayers. I was assured that the Lord was watching over him and that he would come out all right.

Today has been a very busy one. I have spent it in examining manuscripts and in deciding what is best to bring before the people at this time. I feel sure that you can do much to help us in this work. Brother Crisler also feels that you can give us special help. When you can do so, come. We need you as soon as you can get here without creating confusion to your work in Nashville. We will be glad to have Emma come with you. We have an excellent matron in our home. We shall be glad to welcome you both as soon as you can conveniently come.

W. C. White may not be able to do full work for several weeks, but the other workers are all here, and each has a special part to act. We will all be glad to have you come to our help.

This is all I can write you at this time. I was unable to attend the Fresno meeting. I am just recovering from an attack of influenza. If my health will permit, I shall attend the General Conference in Washington and bear my testimony there. It is now nearly dark, and I must put up my pen.

The working of satanic agencies in the world is becoming more and more apparent, and this is why I am anxious to see our schools located out of the cities. The Healdsburg school will be held there no longer. We hope that at Buena Vista we have secured a good location. It is about thirty miles from St. Helena. We will do our best to follow the leadings of the Spirit of God.

Lt 292, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

October 5, 1908

Elder J. E. White

1713 Cass Street

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Son Edson:

I have had influenza quite severely, but Sara has given me heroic treatment, and I am improving. My left limb is now causing me trouble. Some nights I am unable to lie comfortably in bed and have been kept awake for hours. And the few hours that I do sleep do not rest me. But the Lord is very near to me; He is gracious, and I praise His holy name.

All through the day I have important writings to examine. I find so much that ought to come before the people, and we are trying to prepare these writings as fast as possible. At times my eyes are severely taxed, but no one but myself can do this first work, to judge of their importance, and to decide which should come before the people.

I pray that the meetings you will have together at Madison and Nashville will be greatly blessed of the Lord. I hope that as soon as you can adjust matters, you will come here and unite with Willie in this very important work. This is what you should have done years ago. <All our powers should now be enlisted heartily in the work of God.>

I am so thankful that you have not departed from the faith by giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Satan will work tremendously to influence the men who know the principles of present truth to interweave with the truth his fallacious theories. The Lord now calls upon every soul to be Bible Christians. But few understand the workings of Satan on the minds and hearts of human beings who know the truth and his power to lead them into deception.

I am more thankful than language can express for the wonderful victories that have been gained by some who have been in darkness and bewilderment. Some who are actually working against the truth were delivered by the Holy Spirit's power at the camp-meeting at Fresno and are now standing on the true platform, whose foundation and builder is Jesus Christ.

I have an intense interest that you shall come off more than conqueror through the grace of Christ. This grace is given to every soul who will receive it and be led and controlled by the Spirit of God. Let us appreciate the great privileges obtained for us by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. The power of satanic agencies will continue to increase, and the battle will become more and more trying. We need each one to obtain a deep experience in the living Word. Let us study that Word and live by it.

The words that God spoke to ancient Israel through His servant Moses are as verily spoken to us as to them: "Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He sware unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

"Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth mercy and covenant with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations: and He repayeth them that hate Him to their face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments and the statutes and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

"Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep the covenant and the mercy which He sware unto thy fathers: and He will love thee,

and bless thee, and multiply thee.” [Deuteronomy 7:6-13.] Read the remainder of this seventh chapter of Deuteronomy, and also the eighth chapter; there are precious lessons to be learned from this portion of God’s Word.

There is not the least excuse for any soul to make mistakes or stumble into error. The Word of God is a sure guide; the terms of salvation and of prosperity are plainly defined. “All the commandments which I command thee this day,” the Lord declares, “shall ye observe to do, that ye may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no.

“And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord, doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.” [Deuteronomy 8:1-6.]

I am impressed by the Spirit of God to repeat these words of the Lord to His people as they assemble in general meeting. The instruction given to ancient Israel for their education and guidance is to be given in our gatherings; for our people need to be impressed with the fact that their prosperity depends upon a strict obedience to every principle laid down; and by repeating this instruction to the people, we shall impress these principles more firmly upon their minds. These two chapters of Deuteronomy contain important instruction, concerning the keeping of God’s commandments, and should be often presented to the people.

The instruction of chapter five should also come to us with special force. That which the Lord required of His people as He led them through the wilderness was sanctification—sanctification of mind and soul and body. This He requires of every soul today. There is to be rendered to Him by His people perfect obedience to His will. No excuse will be accepted for disobedience to His holy commandments.

Moses was charged to repeat to the people the lessons recorded in chapters nine to twelve of this book, and this he did. No member of the congregation of Israel was left in ignorance regarding this duty. The same requirement rests upon us individually. And to you, my son, I write them explicitly, that you may learn their importance and learn to live by every word of God. These heavenly principles you are to express in all you do and say.

We have been favored with a knowledge of the history of remarkable characters who lived in Bible times. These histories are given to us that we may learn the lessons that the lives of these men teach. Line upon line, precept upon precept, we are to accept the Word of God and put it into practice in our lives.

Moses was told to put the instruction given him into song, that as the children of Israel traveled through the wilderness, they might cheer their long march by music and song. Those who were skilled in the use of musical instruments led the singing; as the vast army kept step together in musical tread, their voices were raised to recount the wonderful dealings of God with them. It was an impressive scene, and one in

which the angels of heaven took part, impressing the heart and fixing indelibly in the memory the lessons God desired to teach.

God had another purpose in thus preserving in song the memory of His dealings with Israel. They were to be preserved and handed down to future generations, that when in time to come the children should ask their fathers, What mean ye by these songs? They might repeat to them the history of the wanderings of Israel and impress their lessons on their minds.

I ask you to study carefully the experiences of Israel in their travels to Canaan. Study the third and fourth chapters of Joshua, recording their preparation for and passage over the Jordan into the promised land. We need to keep the heart and mind in training, by refreshing the memory with the lessons that the Lord taught His ancient people. Then to us, as He designed it should be to them, the teachings of His Word will ever be interesting and impressive.

Lt 294, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

Loma Linda, California

April 26, 1906

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear children Edson and Emma:

During the night I was passing through the scenes of a fearful earthquake. We thought the day of judgment had come, for most awful scenes were transpiring. I awoke and found that I was still at Loma Linda. In the morning I told the workers at Loma Linda that I had something to tell them, but I could not do so then. I seemed to be dazed and could not remember anything clearly.

We had our goods packed up the night before, preparatory to going to Los Angeles. When we reached Los Angeles we found a great stir there. The newspapers gave the news of the destruction of San Francisco by earthquake and fire. I was to speak at the Carr Street church, but I cannot remember the events of that day, and I shall have to pass over the days that we spent at Glendale.

On the following Friday we went to San Diego. There had been terrible storms in this part of California. The rain had washed out the railroad track, and our journey down was not an easy one. We reached San Diego more than an hour behind time. There were teams to meet us at National City, and we drove from there to Paradise Valley.

On Sabbath I spoke to the church members in San Diego. I felt so weak that I questioned whether I could stand upon my feet, but the Lord gave me strength to speak for one hour. The church was well filled. I had great freedom, and the blessing of the Lord rested upon the people.

Lt 296, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

May 10, 1906

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My children Edson and Emma:

I have begun several times to write to you, but before the letter has been finished, each time I have had to pack up my writings, and so nothing has been finished. I shall make another beginning.

We are very pleased to be at home again. Yesterday we gathered peas from our garden for dinner. This is the second dish we have had this season. We found when we arrived home that Brother and Sister King during our absence had had a general house-cleaning. Everything smells sweet and clean.

We thought it right on our way home to drive through the city to see the ruin wrought by the earthquake and fire. We drove in an easy carriage through the ruined district. I have no language with which to describe the awful scene. There are some who are now boasting that in restoring San Francisco they will make it proof against such casualties in the future. But these worldly wise men do not know that there is an omnipotent Ruler in the heavens, who possesses all power, and that He will do according to His will.

I was pleased to see that the church which your father, and a few who united with him, built was untouched by the fire. The house close beside it, which Brother Chittenden built, is also unharmed. The park near by looked beautiful with its fine trees and flowers and green grass. The fire came quite close to this section, but it also escaped injury. We feel that God has greatly favored His people in this time of calamity. Although so many living in San Francisco have been killed, we have not heard of one Sabbath-keeper who was killed or injured in the disaster.

The ascension of Jesus to the Father was a matter of rejoicing to the early church. It enabled the Saviour to vouch safe to His followers in a special sense, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, His guidance and protection. The promise of the Father concerning His Son had been, "He shall see His seed; He shall prolong His days; and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand." [Isaiah 53:10.] At the close of His work on earth the Saviour could say, "I have finished the work that Thou gavest Me to do: and now, O Father, glorify Thou Me with Thine own glory which I had with Thee before the world was." [John 17:4, 5.]

Christ claims His own recompense for His conquests. He specified in His wonderful prayer, recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, what that recompense is. "I am glorified in them," He says. [Verse 10.] His ransomed church is to be the chief source of His glory. Through them, unto principalities and powers in heavenly places, is to be made known the manifold wisdom of God.

"I have given them Thy word," the Saviour declared, "and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.

“As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also that shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

“And the glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them as Thou hast loved Me. Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which Thou hast given Me: for Thou lovedst Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known Thee: but I have known Thee, and these have known that Thou hast sent Me. And I have declared unto them Thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” [Verses 14-26.]

Christ humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. “Wherefore God hath highly exalted Him.” [Philippians 2:9.] A marvelous work has been wrought in our behalf. Shall we allow ourselves to become depressed, or to murmur and complain? “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. While it is said, Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some when they heard did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was He grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore He that they should not enter into His rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.” [Hebrews 3:12-19.]

True believers are the light of the church and of the world. God has true messengers of healing in our world. They are those who are taught of God, who are imbued with His Spirit, ministers who experience the sanctification of the Spirit. Sons and daughters of God have a great work to do in the world. They are to be its light. They are to accept the Word of God as the man of their counsel and impart it to others. They are to diffuse light. All who have received the engrafted Word will be faithful in giving that Word to others. They will speak the words of Christ. In conversation and in deportment they will give evidence of a daily conversion to the principles of truth. Such believers will be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men, and God will be glorified in them.

Let us ask ourselves the question, Shall I not seek to honor God daily? The time has come for me to present these things before you as the Lord has presented them to me.

Lt 298, 1908

White, J. E.

Takoma Park, Maryland

June, 1905

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Son,—

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

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

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Lt 300, 1908

White, J. E.

“Elmshaven,” St. Helena, California

July, 1905

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My Son Edson,—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

out. Economy has not been revealed in your past management of the book business, and you will not make a success of your printing establishment.

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

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

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

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

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

You are to watch yourself, your words, your works; for the world is watching you. Your business transactions and your temporal affairs are being criticized. Let your speech be always seasoned with grace. You are to show to the world your purpose to be a citizen of Paradise. Let no careless, irreverent expression come from your lips. What you say in the world will be marked with special consequence if it

corresponds with what you say in the church. Your attitude, your words, your spirit are constantly making an impression upon those with whom you associate. An example of industry and frugality will discourage avarice and overreaching and the least untruthfulness in word or in action. Not a thread of dishonesty, even in secret, is to come into your plans. You are a minister of the gospel. Your associates are to know that through the grace of Christ you are what you profess to be.

Satan is offering to every soul the kingdoms of this world in return for the carrying out of his will. This was the great inducement he presented to Christ in the wilderness of temptation. And so he says to Christ's followers, If you will follow my business methods, I will reward you with wealth. Every Christian is at some time brought to the test which will reveal his weak points of character. If the temptation is resisted, he has gained precious victories. He must choose whether he will serve Christ or become a follower of the great deceiver and a worshiper of him. In Satan's last bold attempt to overcome Christ, the Saviour met him with the words, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." [Matthew 4:10.] Hitherto the Saviour's response to his temptations had been in <vindicating> the affirmative; now He commands the tempter to depart, and Satan leaves Him, defeated where he had hoped for victory.

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

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

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

God has an interest in every nerve and muscle of your being. Your talent of speech is a sacred talent. Let it be used always with grace. Guard your appetite, that it may be sound and helpful. Your soul is precious in the sight of God, for it is the purchase of the blood of Christ. It is to be educated and trained and disciplined, that it may be fitted to join the redeemed family in the courts of heaven. It is your privilege to be an overcomer and to hear spoken to you the words, "Well done, good and faithful

servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.” [Matthew 25:23.]

Now is your opportunity. You are to give yourself to the preaching of the Word and to preparing the books that are needed in the cause. You have lost precious opportunities of learning valuable lessons out of the Word. You have been busy here and there, but not always with the work of God’s appointment. God tells you now to surround your soul with a different atmosphere, that you may be the means of doing much good to the souls who are perishing.

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

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

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

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

Help Elder Haskell; help Elder Butler, that their efforts may be a success. Your lives with all their capabilities belong to God. Consecrate yourselves to Him. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you; and when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up for you a standard against the enemy. Watch unto prayer. Humble your hearts before God, and see if He will not give you such a blessing, that you will not have room enough to receive it. May the Lord work mightily, in my prayer.

Lt 302, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

October 16, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My dear son Edson:

I am not able to write today. I feel very weary. My head is tired, tired, tired. I have been looking over my manuscripts to find those things that I may need in the work I am doing.

Since my return from Los Angeles I have been much afflicted. I have suffered much with rheumatism in my right side and right limb. Much of the time I was in intense pain. I could lie in one position but a short time, and every movement caused much suffering.

I have spoken only twice since my return from Southern California, and Sara has given me most heroic treatment. This relieved the difficulty, but it returned again and again.

We have had no rain until the day before yesterday. Then we had a steady rain for about ten hours.

I have been riding out with Willie, and he read to me your letter of September 23. I was much surprised, I could hardly understand it. What you have written to me regarding your reconversion and rebaptism had entirely passed from my mind. Today Willie told me all about it and says that I read the letter when it came; but I do not remember it.

Many times, my son, I have had my soul drawn out in prayer to the great Healer that He would manifest Himself to you in the power of His rich grace and heal every physical and spiritual infirmity.

During many hours of the night, in my periods of wakefulness, my prayers have ascended to God that He would heal you both soul and body, and I have believed and still believe that the Lord is giving you a repentance that needeth not to be repented of. Of this I have had clear evidence of late.

At one time I expected to go to Nashville, but when infirmities came so strong upon me, I dared not go. Elder Haskell urged me strongly to go, but I dared not venture, for it would be presumption. I did want to be with you all in Nashville very much, and especially with you, Edson. I wanted to be with you. But I gave it up because I am in no condition to travel.

I now say to you, Edson, I believe that the Lord has pardoned where you have made mistakes, and that He will work with you and by you and through you to the glory of His name.

I have confidence that the Lord will give you most precious victories in working in unison with your brother in the important and urgent work of getting out my publications.

Edson, I have had great faith for you all along. At various times I have written you letters which I will forward to you, for I have faith that you will gain victories step by step regarding the matters mentioned in these letters.

Your Mother.

Lt 304, 1908

Churches in Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1908 [typed]

To our churches in Washington, D.C.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

God calls upon you to show yourselves steadfast, immovable, always abounding in faith and love. I am commissioned to say to you that if you will seek the Lord, you will find Him precious to your souls. Some have piled so much of the rubbish of self against the door of the heart that the Saviour cannot enter. God calls upon them to clear away the rubbish and let Jesus in.

Do not work in your own way, but in the Lord's way. "Come unto Me," He says. "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.]

I seemed to be standing among you, entreating you to come to Christ for cleansing of heart and mind, saying, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." If you will come to Jesus, He will put out His hand and touch you, saying, "I will, be thou clean." [Matthew 8:2, 3.]

The Lord Jesus is grieved by the character that some are revealing. Unless they humble their hearts before God, He will set them aside. The One who was instructing us called several by name, and said: You are making trouble for yourselves. You are walking away from Christ onto the enemy's ground and are imperiling your souls. Unless you change, you will communicate to others the leaven of unbelief that is working in your hearts. You need Christ's ministry of healing. Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

I call upon the believers in Washington to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty powers of darkness. Personal labor will be needed in this city and its suburbs. Clear the King's highway. Lift up the standard higher and still higher. There is evangelistic work to be done in Washington and Baltimore and in the many other large cities of the South and the East. Let the work of teaching and healing be combined. Let ministers and medical missionaries put on the whole armor of God and go forth to proclaim the gospel message. A decided message is to be proclaimed in Washington. The trumpet is to be given a certain sound.

Close the door of the heart against Satan's entrance. Let no one become an instrument in the enemy's hand, used by him against Christ. When you come into working order, you will find what appeared to be mountains of difficulty will have shrunk into molehills. God calls upon you to live the Christ-life, to reveal this life to the world. When you do this, prejudice will vanish and difficulties will adjust themselves. You will gather about the Great Missionary, your hearts filled with gratitude and love. The searching truths of the Word of God will be as cool, refreshing streams to thirsty souls.

There is a work to be done both for the white and the colored people in Washington, and in the neighboring states. Many obstacles will arise to retard this work. Inconsiderate or premature movements would bring no real satisfaction and would make it far more difficult to carry forward any line of work for the colored people. The work in behalf of this people has been sadly neglected, and the

powers of darkness are prepared to work with intensity of effort against those who take up this work. From the light given me, I know that every injudicious movement made in or about Washington, or in other parts of the southern field, to encourage the sentiment that the white and the colored people are to associate together in social equality, will mean more in retarding our work than any human mind can comprehend.

There is too much at stake for human judgment to be followed in this matter. If the conference should say that no difference is to be recognized and no separation is to be made in such relationship between the white people and the colored people, our work with both races would be greatly hindered. If it should be recommended and generally practiced in all our Washington churches, that white and black believers assemble in the same house of worship and be seated promiscuously in the building, many evils would be the result. Many would say that this should not be, and must not be.

But who will press the question of entire exclusion? Both white and colored people have the same Creator and are saved by the redeeming grace of the same Saviour. Christ gave His life for all. He says to all, "Ye are bought with a price." [1 Corinthians 6:20.] God has marked out no color line, and men should move very guardedly, lest we offend God. The Lord has not made two heavens, one for white people and one for colored people. There is but one heaven for the saved.

All who enter heaven will enter, not through their own merit, but through the merits of Christ, God's gift to the world. By His sacrifice He has secured for us a probation, in which to form characters for the future, immortal life.

An Illustration

A lawyer came to Christ with the question, "What shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life?" The question was asked before a large number of people, who listened with intense interest for Christ's answer. The Pharisees, who had prompted the question, hoped that Christ would say something that they could use in securing His condemnation. Christ laid upon the lawyer the burden of answering his own question. "What is written in the law? how readest thou?" He asked. The lawyer answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Jesus said, "Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live." [Luke 10:25-28.]

The lawyer knew that he had kept neither the first four nor the last six commandments. He was convicted under Christ's searching words, but instead of confessing his sin, he tried to excuse it. Rather than acknowledge the truth, he endeavored to show how difficult of fulfilment the commandment is. Thus he hoped to parry conviction and to vindicate himself in the eyes of the people. The Saviour's words had shown that his question was needless, since he had been able to answer it himself. Yet he put another question, "Who is my neighbor?" [Verse 29.]

Christ answered the question by relating an incident, the memory of which was fresh in the minds of His hearers. "A certain man," He said, "went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, and departed, leaving him half dead." [Verse 30.]

In journeying from Jerusalem to Jericho, the traveler had to pass through a portion of the wilderness of Judea. The road led down a wild, rocky ravine, which was infested with robbers and was often the scene of violence. It was here that the traveler was attacked, stripped of all that was valuable, and left half

dead by the wayside. As he lay thus, a priest came that way; he saw the man lying wounded and bruised, weltering in his own blood. He "passed by on the other side." Then a Levite appeared. Curious to know what had happened, he stopped and looked at the sufferer. He was convicted of what he ought to do, but it was not an agreeable duty. He wished that he had not come that way, so that he would not have seen the wounded man. He persuaded himself that the case was no concern of his, and he too "passed by on the other side." [Verses 31, 32.]

But a Samaritan, traveling the same road, saw the sufferer, and he did the work that others had refused to do. With gentleness and kindness he ministered to the wounded man. "When he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." [Verses 33-35.] The priest and the Levite both professed piety, but the Samaritan showed that he was truly converted. It was no more agreeable for him to do the work than for the priest, but in spirit and works he proved himself to be in harmony with God.

In giving this lesson, Christ presented the principles of the law in a direct, forcible way, showing His hearers that they had neglected to carry out these principles. His words were so definite and pointed that the listeners could find no opportunity to cavil. The lawyer found in the lesson nothing that he could criticize. His prejudice in regard to Christ was removed. But he had not overcome his national dislike sufficiently to give credit to the Samaritan by name. When Christ asked, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell upon the thieves?" he answered, "Him that showed mercy on him." [Verses 36, 37.]

"Then said Jesus, Go, and do thou likewise." [Verse 37.] Show the same tender regard to those in need. Thus you will give evidence that you keep the whole law.

It costs something to live the Christ-life in this world; but it pays, yes, greatly pays.

The Lord hears every word that is spoken and sees every movement that is made. He knows the motives that prompt us to action.

Lt 306, 1908

White, J. E.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

April 4, 1905

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Children Edson and Emma,—

I thank the Lord that it is as well with me as it is at the present time. For more than a week Willie has been in Mountain View, and he will likely remain there for still another week. He is looking after the

interests of the book Ministry of Healing, which is now going through the press and which is nearly completed. Many think that this will be a grand book. If it accomplishes the object for which it was prepared, I shall be very grateful to my heavenly Father.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I present these matters to you, that if you suffer for the truth's sake, you may know that affliction in itself is not an evidence of guilt. Christ, the Prince of Peace, endured the great humiliation that it is

possible for a human being to suffer. He gave Himself as a substitute to be punished in place of the sinner.

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

Lt 308, 1908

Those Interested in Paradise Valley Sanitarium

St. Helena, California

October 20, 1908

To those interested in Paradise Valley Sanitarium

Dear Brethren:

I have a very earnest desire to see the work advance in San Diego County. We have no time to lose. The hosts of Satan are working with all deceivableness of unrighteousness, and we must be wide-awake to meet their wiles. We should ever be drawing nearer and nearer to God. We need increased faith and a firm reliance on the help that God can give. This will make us a help and a blessing to others.

We have no need to be sad and discouraged. The words and example of our Redeemer should bring us comfort and joy, and strength to work His works. Let us reveal in our lives the fact that we are relying upon Him who gave His life that we might not perish but have everlasting life. Let us draw by living faith on the strength and power of God. In no other way can we obtain the victory over the hosts of Satan. If by faith we will lay firm hold on the heavenly provision, the greatest powers in the universe will enable us to make complete our triumph over Satan and sin.

“In that day shalt thou 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 and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” [Isaiah 12:1-6.]

Lt 310, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

October 1, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Edson:

There are some matters that are perplexing me. I do not feel able to go to the meeting in Madison. Last night Elder Haskell and wife came up to see me. They greatly desire that I shall attend this meeting, but I know that I shall not be able.

I was not able to go to the camp-meeting held in Fresno. The heat there was intense, and Brother Haskell wired me from there that he could not advise me to come. Very soon after I came down with a severe attack of influenza, and this made me very weak. I have worked so continuously for some time, that I feel brain and soul weary; yet I do not feel that I should break off now and go to Madison. I must be where my workers can consult with me.

Elder Haskell and his wife have worked diligently in Fresno, and the Spirit of the Lord has wrought mightily for the people gathered there. The deep movings of the Spirit of God were felt by hundreds who were present, and the work of repentance and conversion is going through the church. Elder Knox, to whom I bore testimony that his work was not accepted by God because of the dictatorial spirit that had marked his labors, made a heartfelt confession before the conference. None could fail to see that he was moved upon by the Spirit of God. He declared it to be his determination that his spiritual life should be different from what it had been in the past.

Dr. Hare and several of the ministers also made open confessions. Several, whose names I will not write, were reconverted. Elder Haskell says he does not recall any meeting at which such general work was done in the breaking of hearts before God and the conversion of souls from error to truth. I can hardly describe to you my feelings as Elder Haskell gave this report. I am so thankful that through the working of the Holy Spirit such results have been accomplished.

Sunday, October 4

The letters I have received this morning have made me glad. Elder Haskell writes very encouragingly. His soul is full of courage, and he is deeply moved by the work that has been wrought for our people at the Fresno meeting. The morning that he talked with me here, he could hardly tell of the remarkable change that came to some at that meeting. He said that Elder Knox rose to his feet before the congregation and said that he was thoroughly converted to belief in the testimonies. As he talked, his words became more earnest and powerful, and his face shone with the glory of God, showing how powerfully the Spirit of God was working upon his heart. And the same power came upon many as they confessed their backslidings and renewed their consecration to God. It was a great thing for Elder Haskell to say that he, in all his experience, had never seen such a manifestation of the Spirit's power, as one after another confessed their sins and were converted.

I have written to you in other letters, inviting you to come and take part in the work of preparing my writings for publication. Our need is such as I can hardly explain to you. We have faithful workers in our office staff, and all of them are appreciated. Miss Steward does important work in preparing the MSS for the press. Miss Graham takes dictation from W. C. White, Minnie Hawkins has taken the place of Maggie

Hare in copying my writings, Dores Robinson fills an important position in various lines of work, and Clarence Crisler has a special work to do in the preparation of the testimonies. Yet we need your special talent now to relieve and aid W.C., who has a heavy strain upon him. Willie says you can greatly assist him in the preparation of my books. So, Edson, as soon as you can arrange to do so, I hope you will come. I am desirous of having your help, and so also is your brother.

From the light that has been given me, I know that we shall not long have the right of way that we have now, and it behooves us to put forth every effort while we have opportunity.

I wish I could be with you in your various meetings. When you come together bear in mind that One is present who understands the situation of every soul. Place yourselves individually on the Lord's side. Humble your heart before God, and believe in Him with all the soul.

The Lord has His messengers in the earth; and while accusers stand by to do a work represented by the words, "Ye have caused many to stumble at My law," He declares, "Behold, I will send My messenger before My face, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

"But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for he is like refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: and He shall sit as a purifier and refiner of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in the former years. And I shall come near to you to judgment: and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widows, and the fatherless, and those that turn away the stranger from his right, and fear not Me, saith the Lord of hosts." [Malachi 2:8; 3:1-5.]

The prophet Malachi continues, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house; and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, and see if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts.

"Your words have been stout against Me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against Thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the proud happy, yea, they that work wickedness are set up, yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between

the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God, and him that serveth Him not." [Verses 8-18.]

The Lord calls for a revival among His people, an acknowledgment of the peculiar obligations He places upon them. He calls upon every soul who has the fear of God before him to walk and to work with an eye single to the glory of God. There is a great work to be done, and none can properly represent that work unless they humble their hearts before God day by day and walk in all the light He sends.

Lt 312, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

Sanitarium, California

July 28, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I have a special message to give to you. The Lord has entrusted you with a special work. He has united you for the purpose of doing this work. I give this caution to you both:

Sometimes in the presence of others Elder Haskell has spoken in a tantalizing way to Sister Haskell. This is not pleasing to the Lord.

You need to keep in your house the very best kind of help for the work of preparing your food. In the night seasons, it seemed that Elder Haskell has taken sick, and an experienced physician said to you, "I took notice of your diet. You eat too great a variety at one meal. Fruit and vegetables taken at one meal produce acidity of the stomach, then impurity of the blood results, and the mind is not clear because the digestion is imperfect." You should understand that every organ of the body is to be treated with respect. In the matter of diet, you must reason from cause to effect.

Let us be careful not to hinder the work that needs to be done at this time by taking any course that will impair the powers of the being. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Lt 314, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

October 27, 1908

Elder Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We shall be pleased to see you again and to have the matter of the school location decided.

There is one thing I wish to say to you; it is this: Make no effort to have Sister Gotzian withdraw her money from the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, for there is no place that needs more the help of means

than Paradise Valley. Loans and donations will be needed to carry the work of that institution as it should be carried. Yesterday I wrote an urgent appeal for gifts and donations for this work.

Unless help is given to the institution, I fear that Brother and Sister Cummings will become discouraged, and I do not know whom we could get to take their place.

We have had no word from you since you left. I hope you are not sick. We have remembered you by name at the throne of grace and prayed that you might have a special blessing at the meetings near Nashville. Let there be a diligent seeking of the Lord, that souls may be refined and purified and sanctified, and the Lord will use them to His name's glory. The matter of the school here in California needs to be wisely managed, that the enemy may gain no advantage of us. We hope you will return as soon as possible.

Lt 316, 1908

Daniells, A. G. and associates

St. Helena, California

October 25, 1908

To Elder Daniells and those officially connected with him

Dear Brethren:

There is positive danger of our binding about the work so that the truth shall not go quickly to all the world in fulfilment of the divine commission.

We read of the experience of Christ that at one time when the Pharisees held a council together, how they might destroy Him, Jesus "withdrew Himself from thence: and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and charged them that they should not make Him known: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold My Servant, whom I have chosen; My Beloved, in whom My soul is well pleased: I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He send forth judgment unto victory. And in His name shall the Gentiles trust." [Matthew 12:15-21.]

There is a great work to be done in the cities and villages that is not being done. When opportunities arise by means of which we may send the truth to new places, we should not let them pass unused. Christ is working to extend the gospel of His grace in the highways and hedges; let not our leading workers treat indifferently the opportunities He presents for the spread of His truth.

The life that is consecrated to God will be spent in seeking to save the souls that are ready to perish; and the Lord, not human agencies, is to be its dependence. A deep understanding of the Scriptures, and an appropriation of its truths, will be of inestimable value in the cultivation of a sound Christian experience. The Word of God is spiritual life to the soul. We need to appreciate those Scriptures which teach us concerning a growth in grace. We need to be daily converted to a life of simple obedience.

Christ, "after He had made one offering for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected

forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is witness for us: for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws in their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ...

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having an High Priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a full heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much more as ye see the day approaching.” [Hebrews 10:12-17, 19-25.]

We need as a people to educate ourselves to have faith. “Without faith it is impossible to please God; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” [Hebrews 11:6.] We need individually to live by faith, not by feeling.

I am instructed to say to all our workers, Watch for opportunities to increase your influence, not that you may exalt self, but that you may enlarge your field of labor embracing those who are ignorant of the truth. Every opportunity that arises for work among unbelievers, improve it. Speak words in season, and out of season.

I believe, that if all our brethren recently assembled at Chamberlain, South Dakota, had been wide-awake to the opportunities and duties of the times in which we live, if they had enjoyed a clear perception of their privileges, they would have grasped the offer of the school property as one that would have given them an opportunity quickly to enlarge their facilities for the training of workers to draw souls to Christ, and to raise up companies of believers. Had I been on the ground, and heard the offer, I would have thought of the many souls that through this means might have been won to the truth by a prayerful presentation of the teachings of Christ. Souls are perishing in their sins, and we should cherish every opportunity for quickly increasing our working forces.

It is just as verily our duty to see the needs of the work as a whole, as it is to comprehend those of the work in part. Our churches should be aroused to their duty of letting the light shine forth. Our workers need to be awakened from their slumbers, that the Word of truth may come forth from sanctified lips. Both church members and ministers need an education in order to make them laborers together with God. There should be no sighs of lowering the standard on the part of any worker from the lowest to the highest.

Our people everywhere allow their minds to take too low a range, too narrow a view. They allow the plans of human agencies to guide them, and a worldly spirit to mold them, rather than Christ’s plans and Christ’s Spirit. I am instructed to say to our people, Look above the earthly to the heavenly. Numbers are no evidence of success; if they were, Satan might claim much. It is the degree of moral power that pervades our institutions, our schools and our churches. It should be the joy of all, from the highest to the least, to represent Christ in Christlike virtues. Let all our teachers learn that true piety, love shown in obedience to God, will elevate and refine.

From the president of our conference to the humblest believer, we should understand that Christ is the Pattern we are to copy. I am instructed to say to every worker, Keep the divine plan ever in mind. It is not numbers that will constitute our efficiency, but divine grace exemplified. Heavenly angels will communicate through all who practice the virtues of Christ, through all whose experience develops under the ennobling, refining influence of the Great Teacher.

The teachings of Christ carried into the life will elevate men, however humble in the scale of moral worth with God. Those who strive for the subduing of their natural defects of character cannot be crowned unless they strive lawfully; but those who are found often in prayer, seeking for the wisdom that cometh from above, will become assimilated to the divine. Uncouth manners, uncontrollable temper will be brought into obedience to the divine law.

The workers in our colleges are to be strict health reformers; their safety and good health require this. Through the exercise of simple faith, every teacher in our ranks may secure practical godliness and rise to a state of moral excellency proportionate to the value of the prize that is at stake. Let them consider that they are co-laborers with Jesus Christ to help, and not by lax habits to discourage. Let teachers set a correct example, and speak encouraging words, for there are many who will be won to Jesus by the influence of holy lives.

The Saviour says, "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 5:13-16.]

As co-laborers with Christ, we should be often in prayer to God, that we may be made partakers of His divine nature and enabled to resist the devil. We need to watch our words and our actions. If the Son of God felt the necessity of praying so earnestly and so often, can the members of the human family afford to be careless and indifferent in this matter? Let us not grieve the Holy Spirit of God by a careless, indifferent spirit. The work of the Christian is to watch unto prayer, even as Christ has set us an example.

Lt 318, 1908

Underwood, R. A.

St. Helena, California

October 21, 1908

Elder R. A. Underwood

2718 Third Avenue South

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Brother Underwood:

I have read your letter, and I have no hesitancy in advising you to secure the property at Chamberlain, South Dakota, if you can yet obtain it. Such advantages as are to be gained there should be secured. I

have had presented to me similar properties in various places. These will be offered to us almost as a gift, and if suitably managed, it will be a blessing to have such properties to use just now to be a help in extending our work in missionary lines. We can use them in giving the last warning message to the world. The light given me is that there will be similar buildings to those you mention offered for sale for a trifling soul, and it is best to secure possession of them. Thus we shall be able to divide the working forces and extend the light into new places, rather than be in large numbers in one locality.

Our Saviour's work was to warn the cities, and to ordain workers to go out of the cities to places where the light had never yet been given, and to lift up the standard of truth in new localities. Thus the message of warning would reach souls who had not been where they could hear it. We are not to crowd into a few localities and make them centers, leaving places unworked that had had no opportunity to become acquainted with our faith.

The Lord has a world-wide message; and as you have described this place, it looks to me as one of the very agencies through which to extend the message to those who should hear. The location would be, according to the light given me, a very favorable and advantageous place from which to branch out in sowing the gospel seed, and in extending the message of warning to those who have not heard it.

The light is given me that we must not have special anxiety to crowd too many interests into one locality, but should look for places in out-of-the-way districts, and work in new places. Thus people may be reached and converted who know nothing of the precious, testing truths for this time. The last call should be made just as important in new places in this country as in distant lands. This word was spoken concerning some localities that have not had the message brought to them.

The seeds of truth are to be sown in uncultivated centers. I should advise our brethren to secure this property. When such places are offered, it is that our people may divide and subdivide the people hovering about and settling in favored centers, as has been done in Battle Creek, Oakland, Healdsburg, and similar places. There are places where a new work can be begun and a new center established for the strengthening of our work.

While such great expense is incurred to enlighten the people of foreign tongues, we are all to be just as wide-awake to reach, if possible, the foreigners and the unconverted in our own land. It will cultivate a missionary spirit to work in new localities. Selfishness, in respect to keeping large companies together, is not the Lord's plan. Enter every new place possible, and begin the work of educating in vicinities that have not heard the truth.

Why did our Saviour labor to sow the seed in out-of-the-way places? Why did He travel slowly away from the villages which had been His places for communicating light by opening the Scriptures?—There was a world to hear, and some souls would accept the truth who had not yet heard it. Christ travelled slowly and opened the Scriptures in their simplicity to minds that would receive the truth.

On one occasion five thousand people gathered to hear the strange things brought to them by the great Teacher. Some were faint for want of food, and He led them to a grass plot and bade them be seated. Then He worked the miracle of feeding the multitude, as recorded in Matthew 14:14-21.

“And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick. And when it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, Thus is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy

themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they said unto Him, We have here but five loaves and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to Me.

“And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to His disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand, besides woman and children.”

All these circumstances are for us to understand. Christ would make His work known to those who, after His crucifixion and resurrection, would be His disciples.

There is missionary work to be done in many unpromising places. The missionary spirit needs to take hold of our souls, inspiring us to reach classes for whom we had not planned to labor, and in ways and places that we had no idea of working. The Lord has His plan for the sowing of the gospel seed. In sowing according to His will, we shall so multiply the seed that His word may reach thousands who have never heard the truth.

Opportunities are opening on every side; press unto every providential opening. Eyes need to be anointed with the heavenly eyesalve to see and sense these opportunities. God calls now for wide-awake missionaries. There are ways that will be presented before us; we are to see and understand these providential opportunities.

The fourth chapter of Matthew is very important. Beginning with the thirteenth verse, we read, “And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [Verses 13-17.] He chose as His missionary field places which others did not discern as being a special advantage.

Lt 320, 1908

Underwood, R. A.

St. Helena, California

October 26, 1908

Elder R. A. Underwood

2718 Third Avenue South

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Brother Underwood:

I am instructed to say to our people that when special advantages are offered for doing quickly and at small expense a work that it is time for us to do, such as were recently offered in the school buildings near Chamberlain, South Dakota, that those who meet in counsel and stand in positions of responsibility should be ready to accept them; for these are the Lord's openings for the rapid advancement of His work. Here was an opportunity for a quick work that was neglected because of lack of faith and largeness of heart. I am more sorry for this than I can express. Such opportunities are given us that we may be enabled to carry out the commission Christ gave to His first disciples, "Go ye into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that My house may be filled." [Luke 14:23.] This message which means so much to all people is to reach out to the highways and hedges.

I fear that a door has been closed, an opportunity neglected, that will result in the loss of souls.

The work at our camp-meetings should be conducted, not according to man's devising, but after the manner of Christ's working. The church members should be drawn out to labor. The light is to be taken from under the bushel, that it may reach to the many who need it. I am instructed to say that angels of God will direct in the opening of fields nigh as well as afar off, that the work of warning the world may be accomplished. God calls upon believers to obtain an experience in missionary work by branching out into new territory and working intelligently for the people in the byways. To those who will do this, openings for labor will come. The light of truth is to shine forth through the efforts of missionary workers.

I have a message for the leaders in Minnesota and Iowa. They need to call their forces into exercise by engaging actively in missionary work. Our brethren need to go forth as the first disciples went, to the byways and the highways, teaching the message of truth. They need to become laborers in the Lord's vineyard. God's servants must not be idlers, but must work diligently to win souls. One soul saved is of more consequence than all the riches of the world. Let our church members ask themselves the question, Do I improve my opportunities? What fruit am I bearing to the glory of God?

God forbid that there should be a large outlay of means in a few places, without considering the needs of the many fields that have scarcely any help. Self-denial exercised by the brethren in favored localities, in order that adequate help may be given to needy fields, will aid in accomplishing a work that will bring glory to God. None can afford to build a high tower of influence in one locality, while they leave other places unworked. The Lord grant that our senses may be sanctified, and that we may learn to measure our ideas by the work and the teachings of Christ.

To every church the instruction is given to gather in the ignorant and those who need help. The candlestick is to be taken from under the bushel and light given to all that are in the house. The Lord has men of opportunity in the world, and these will embrace the truth if proper labor is bestowed in their behalf. The Lord says, I will open ways in the highway and in the desert. Let not large means be consumed in a few places while we begrudge the needed means to other localities.

When opportunities arise such as have recently come to us, it is for us to see and understand that the Lord is opening the way that souls may be converted and become sowers of the truths of the gospel. I present this instruction to you as the servant of the Lord, and repeat, Take advantage of the providence of God. Then give the churches a chance to economize, in their homes, at their tables, in their church expenditure, and to follow Christ's example of faithful, untiring labor. Again I say, Secure the Chamberlain place if you can. The Lord grant that you may not be too late.

Lt 322, 1908

Members in the California Conference

St. Helena, California

November 1, 1908

To the members of our churches in the California Conference

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

We have long wanted to move our conference school from Healdsburg, and have kept inquiring of the Lord, What shall we do?

Several good offers of properties suitable for a school site have been made by different landowners. Excellent farming lands in the vicinity of Lodi, and elsewhere, were offered; but it did not seem best to accept any of these. We believed that the school should be located in some place more retired than any we had thus far seen.

Some months ago, while the brethren were still searching for a suitable school site, they were informed of a desirable property for sale near the town of Sonoma.

On the morning of September 2, in company with several members of the committee on a school location, we visited this property. We were met at the railway station by two gentlemen with hired teams, in which we were taken to view the site in question.

Before reaching the Buena Vista property, we were shown another property, a fine house, surrounded by beautiful orchard lands; but this did not seem like any of the properties that we had hoped to find.

From this place we were driven to the Buena Vista property that had been regarded by some of our brethren as a possible location for the school. We found, about two miles from the town of Sonoma, and some distance from any house, a large tract of land on which was a large, beautiful dwelling, called "The Castle," and several smaller buildings. We found the Castle to contain three stories, with twelve spacious rooms on each floor, besides a basement and a large cupola above the third story, capable of being converted into good rooms.

I ascended the stairs to the second story and partially viewed the rooms on the first two floors. This was as far as I could venture; but the brethren who had visited the property before this reported that they had examined the rooms on the next story and found them to be as well furnished and fitted as those I had seen. Each floor was furnished with excellent bathroom accommodations.

As I descended to the first story again, I had little to say. I believed that here was a property that corresponded with representations given me.

We drove over the grounds, but did not examine them thoroughly. We were in the midst of mountain scenery, and in the spacious grounds surrounding the house were many and beautiful trees. At some distance from the Castle stood a large stone winery, now being used as stables for cattle. There were some fruit trees on the place, and near to the main building a hot spring which fed an artificial pool. There was an abundance of pure, soft water, which was conducted by pipes to the different buildings.

After a hasty view of the grounds—for our time was limited—we left to take the cars again for Oakland; but I was impressed that this was just such a location for our school as we had been looking for. Here was a large tract of land away from the cities, where we could have an abundance of water and wood, and a healthful climate. In this retired place we could ward off a large class of temptations which in a less-favored place would be presented through manifold agencies.

There was one perplexity. Where could we obtain the means to secure this property, so well supplied with many of the advantages we needed? We feared that the price asked by the owner was more than we could consider, and felt that we must take time to think over the proposition.

That night in my dreams I seemed to be making plans in regard to this property. One spoke to me and said, "How were you impressed with this location?" I replied, "Favorably; but I do not see how we can purchase; we have not the means. We might lessen the price by selling the stone winery."

"You cannot do that," our adviser said. "If you should do so, parties who do not regard the seventh day would be at work on the land on the Sabbath. Your only plan will be to purchase the entire property and keep every part of it under your control. Not one foot of the land should be allowed to come under the control of those who would work it on the Sabbath day."

The following morning, we had some conversation with Brother Covell. He had a map of the whole district, and he placed this before us for our examination. He pointed out several things that we might do to lessen the purchasing price of the property. But it seemed clear that the wisest plan would be to leave no part unpurchased. We must have the land under our full control. I said, In having land to cultivate, ample opportunity will be given to the students to work brain and muscles equally. Here the students can build cottages, as many are trained to do in the school near Madison, Tennessee, and gain practical knowledge in many lines that will make them useful members of society. And this kind of training will help fit them to go forth to other places as educators.

It would be well if the students in all our schools could learn to make the most of brain and bone and muscle. When they go out as laborers to foreign countries, such students will find their knowledge of practical work of the highest value, not only to themselves, but to those also for whom they labor. Those who learn to work in simplicity after Christ's own manner of labor will accomplish much in the fulfilling of the command of Christ that we preach the gospel to "every nation and kindred and tongue and people." [Revelation 14:6.] If ever it has been essential that we understand and follow right methods of teaching, and follow the example of Christ, it is now.

I now ask the members of our churches in the California Conference to help us raise the money to purchase this desirable property, and to furnish the school home with good but simple furniture. Shall we not seek to make this school a school after the Lord's order? We ask you not to let this opportunity pass by of making this school what the Lord would have it. We need your help, that this school may be secured to us, and manned with wise, well-balanced teachers. We believe that our brethren will help at this time. We cannot afford to delay the matter; it must be settled at once, if we would secure the property. I send you this invitation to help in this emergency. If the brethren and sisters will act a part in this work, the Lord will bless them in doing it.

I ask our churches in California to consider just now what they can do in coming to the help of the Lord in this time of opportunity. Those who have not the money to send immediately can pledge; money can

be hired on the strength of your pledges. Brethren Cottrell and Knox are straining every nerve to bring this matter to a successful issue. Let us do all we can, that there may be no failure. Let us humble our hearts before God and pray in faith. The Lord will work wonders through a self-denying people, endowing them with a rich measure of grace to work for the salvation of souls. Christ's example is before us. Let us, as His followers, make His example ours.

The judgments of God are in the land, and Christ is soon to come. Fire and flood and earthquake are warning us that the end of all things is at hand. Believers need to arise to their privileges and responsibilities. Our understanding needs to be quickened daily by the Holy Spirit. We need to stand humble and contrite before God. It is no time to lift up our souls in pride, or to manifest carelessness and indifference. We need to arouse and give to our youth the evidence that we believe this last message of warning. Let us lay our freewill offerings upon the altar of the Lord. In doing this we are only giving Him what is already His; for Christ has paid the price for our redemption. "Ye are not your own," Christ declares; "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.]

Lt 324, 1908

White, J. E.

St. Helena, California

November 3, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My Son Edson White:

I have read your letter to Willie regarding the colored preacher Elder Berry. If he is doing a good work, he should be properly supported. You may depend upon me to help some in this work of which you speak. Recently I placed some money <which had been entrusted to me—tithe money> in the hands of Elder Haskell to be used for just such cases as you have represented in your letter.

I am anxious to have the business relating to the purchase of our conference school closed up. I have been solicited to write out the light that was given me concerning this school location, which I have done. I will send you a copy of the letter I wrote.

Near Modesto, one hundred acres of land was offered us as a gift if we would establish our school there. But I could not see anything to invite us in the level roads and broad lands almost destitute of trees. When the question was asked, Shall we accept this offer, I said, No; we cannot accept it. It does not offer the advantages our teachers and students should have. Another offer of a hundred acres was also made to us, but we were not clear to accept.

Then we were encouraged to inspect the Buena Vista property near Sonoma. In the retirement of this place, its wooded lands and its abundance of water; in the well-finished house with every convenience, I saw that which answered to representations that had been given.

Brother Covell has made a thorough investigation of the orchard and says the fruit is excellent. This is an advantage that we can appreciate.

After I returned to Oakland, I was instructed in the night season that the only safe course for us to pursue in the purchase of this property was to secure every foot of the land. I was shown that none of it should be allowed to come under the control of those who would work it on the Sabbath day. We therefore planned to purchase the whole. The proposition is to buy the property for \$45,000, the owner taking over the Healdsburg school boarding house in part payment of the same. This will help us very much. Elders Cottrell and Knox and those who are interested in the matter are in favor of purchasing. We are to have sixty days in which to close the bargain. Elders Cottrell and Knox are attending to the business. We shall be very thankful when the matter is finally settled.

For weeks I have been able to sleep but a few hours each night. I have been very anxious that this matter of the school location should be brought to a successful issue. We must have the best location possible, the best teaching ability, the best preceptor we can secure. While arrangements for the purchase of the Buena Vista property have been in progress, I have carried a heavy burden on my mind, fearing lest we should not come into possession of just the place we need. In this time of perplexity I have many times repeated the words, "I will make a man more precious than gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." [Isaiah 13:12.]

My health has been such that I could not take a prominent part in the Medical Convention held at St. Helena. I promised that I would attend one meeting and read important matter that I had already prepared. But when I reached the sanitarium chapel, I found the room filled with people who expected a discourse from me. There were a number of the patients present in their wheel chairs. I longed for greater strength to speak, and rested my soul upon Jesus Christ, asking Him to give me words that would prove a help and blessing to the people.

I read the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of Isaiah. As soon as I rose to my feet, I felt strength come to me. My voice was clear, and I talked for nearly an hour under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. It has been thus many times in my experience. Elder Cottrell said to me afterwards that he never felt more sensibly the power of the Spirit of God than at this meeting. Others said the same.

Since that meeting my health has improved, and my courage has been renewed. I felt the truth of the words I spoke to the people, and the blessing of God that rested upon me on that occasion has been a living reality to me since. I have realized the truth of the assurance, "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 and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." [Isaiah 12:2-6.]

Although I spoke for nearly one hour, I was not the least weary.

I feel very deeply the great value the Saviour is to me. It was His mercy that gave us the gospel, that we might learn the wealth that lies in His divine nature. We are to appreciate the great gift of our heavenly Father in giving His only begotten Son to save a perishing world.

On one occasion the Jews came to Christ with the question, "How long dost Thou make us to doubt? If Thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of My sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. My Father, which gave them Me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are One.

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from My Father; for which of these works do ye stone Me? The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the Scriptures cannot be broken; say ye of Him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not. But if I do, though ye believe not Me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in Me, and I in Him. Therefore they sought again to take Him, but He escaped out of their hand." [John 10:24-39.]

Let none of us be disappointed and offended because we suffer reproach. It will be developed at the right time who are true and who are false. I thank the Lord for the courage He gives to all who are true to His Word.

Lt 326, 1908

Sawyer, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

November 4, 1908

Dear Brother and Sister:

In the night I seemed to be conversing with you, and saying, The lesson you need to learn is to be restful in the Lord. If you encourage a spirit of uneasiness and discontent, you will mar your religious experience.

You are neither of you fitted to engage in missionary work in some far-off field, for you have not the endurance to overcome the difficulties you would meet in such circumstances. If you cannot find missionary work to do where you are, you will not be making the right move to go to a place where you are not known in order to do it. You will spend all the little money you have, and then not be able to earn more.

I wish to say to you, Be content where you are. Gain the mastery over your own minds. The uneasiness that you allow yourselves to have disqualifies you to be a blessing where you are. You have a home where you are; enjoy your home, and thank the Lord that both your lives are spared. Be thankful for the health you have. North Carolina is not so good a place for you as California. You are engaging in missionary work by doing the home work in a peaceable, contented spirit, in keeping your clothing neat and presentable, and in cultivating tidiness, holding yourself in readiness, when opportunity offers, to speak words of cheer to those who need encouragement and help.

You will certainly be disappointed if you carry out the plans you have in mind. You cherish the idea that you are not appreciated where you are. I ask you to put away this impression. Lay off this supposed responsibility to do missionary work in another field. You have reason to be thankful for the health and strength that is given you; but if you permit yourselves to be unhappy, you disqualify yourselves for the missionary work that you might do at home. You can be a blessing to each other and to those about you. Be cheerful and happy right where you are; cultivate the peace of God in your hearts. Do not be discouraged, but let your words be such as to inspire hope and good cheer and your influence be of a character to uplift. May the Lord bless you and guide you, is my prayer.

Your age is sufficient reason why you should be contented where you are. Let the young men and women fill the hard places; it is your privilege to make your life as easy and comfortable as possible, while you prepare to move to a better country, even a heavenly. If the Lord sees that it is best that you work in the cause, He will open ways for you in California. Wait until the Lord makes your way clear. He would not have you left dependent on strangers in a far country. Be contented to sustain yourselves where you are, doing what you can for the cause of God. Help where you can with the word of your testimony, but do not feel that it is your duty to use up what little means you have in going to a new field.

I have written you my mind about this matter. I sincerely hope that you will be contented to stay where you are and enjoy your little home in peace and happiness. There is no reason why you should not enjoy the peace of Christ and His precious grace every day. I ask you not to place yourselves where your trials will be tenfold heavier than they now are. I have a special interest in your case and pray that you will let the Lord mold and fashion you for the future, immortal life.

Lt 328, 1908

Crawford, Marion Stowell

St. Helena, California

November 4, 1908

Mrs. Marion Stowell-Crawford

Monroe, Wisconsin

Dear Sister Crawford:

Your long letter of October 9 came duly to hand; also your shorter letter asking my advice regarding the disposition of about five thousand dollars which you have loaned several years to the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

My delay in answering is not due to lack of interest regarding the matters of which you have written; but since your letter came I have been very busy and perplexed over important matters pending here in California, and some days passed before I answered your letter. Then we were called to attend some meetings and now on my return I find that what I wrote to you several days ago has not been copied and sent away. So I will incorporate it into this letter.

I will request Willie to write to you regarding our journey to Sebastopol and the meetings held there, and he will write you also about our progress in preparing the Manuscript for the new edition of my

Experience and Views. We thank you for what you have written regarding the early experiences and for the privilege of reading the old letters from Brother Arnold.

I think if you were nearer to us we would be glad to consult with you often in regard to the old history of our experiences. We may sometime send one of our editors to visit some of the pioneers in our early work, and the places where the early history was made, to gather up additional facts and interesting incidents. But now we are all very busy here in the office, carrying on many lines of work.

Many calls have come to me to attend meetings in various places. Our brethren in Tennessee were very anxious that I should attend the Madison council, but I feel that I must reserve my strength, for I hope to go to the next General Conference. Then we shall see gathered representatives of our work from many lands.

Now regarding your question as to the wisdom of leaving your money longer at Battle Creek, I must say in answer to your question that from all that has been shown me in regard to the Battle Creek Sanitarium, I cannot advise you to leave your money there, but would advise you to draw it out when due and invest it in other institutions which are more needy and where the use of one or two thousand dollars will be a great help.

Recently I have heard from the Paradise Valley Sanitarium that some of our brethren in the East who loaned money to the institution some years ago are needing to withdraw their money for necessary investments at home. Therefore the Paradise Valley Sanitarium is much in need of a few thousand dollars at six per cent interest.

With this I will send you copy of two statements that I recently wrote for publication. The institution is doing an important work. It is well equipped, and conscientious men and women are in charge of its several departments, and I can with perfect freedom and assurance advise you to loan money to this institution.

I will mention another place where you can place two or three thousand dollars at six per cent interest, and that is with me. I have a great work to do in bringing out my books in many languages. During the last few years matters have so shaped about that the Pacific Press of Mountain View is doing much of the work of publishing our books translated into foreign languages. At the present time there is a call for Great Controversy in the Spanish and for Christ Our Saviour in the Spanish and in the French and the Portuguese. There is also a demand for several new books in the English, and I need more money than my regular income to do the advance work and do it rapidly. Then there are several whose money I am using that are withdrawing a portion for home use, and this makes it necessary for me to look about for some to pay up old loans and for some for advance work.

I could name a number of institutions here on the Pacific Coast that are excellent places for investment, but most of these pay only five per cent interest.

My business is not running behind. There is a little gain every year. I have been instructed that it is best for me to own the plates of my books, and this is why so much money is required in bringing out new publications. If the printing houses owned the plates of my books, there might be times when some of them were slighted; but while I own the plates, I can transfer the work from one house to another in case of necessity.

There is an understanding between me and the officers of the General Conference, that when I die, my book work passes into the hands of trustees appointed by the General Conference, so that the earnings from my books after paying all debts shall go to the production of new books in many foreign languages. If you wish further information regarding the financial standing of my business or further information regarding the financial standing of the Paradise Valley Sanitarium, write your questions to W. C. White, and he will give you full information. If you feel free to do so, I wish you would lend me two thousand dollars on long time at six per cent interest, and then lend the balance of what you have to spare to the Paradise Valley Sanitarium at the same interest.

Your letter of inquiry I shall treat as confidential. Please treat this answer in the same way.

Lt 330, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

November 11, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

We had a long and wearisome journey to Sebastopol last Friday. Much of the way was over a steep and very narrow mountain road, but no harm came to us. We passed through Santa Rosa, then on to Sebastopol. We had to inquire our way several times to Brother Christianson's, where we desired to spend the night. At last, however, we found the place, were heartily welcomed, and greatly appreciated the rest in this pleasant home.

Sabbath morning we rode seven miles to the meetinghouse. The church was not large enough to accommodate all who desired to hear. To those assembled I spoke from the first chapter of Second Peter. I then returned to Brother Christianson's, while Willie remained to visit among the people. He spoke to the young people in the afternoon. Sunday forenoon, Willie spoke again, and I spoke in the afternoon. But I am too weary to write full particulars.

I did not make an appeal for means, and thought it not wise to mention the Buena Vista property, as there were present both believers and unbelievers. However I spoke decidedly of the great and earnest work to be done; for the world is fast ripening for the closing up of its history. Those who are truly serving the Lord Jesus will be a holy, sanctified people, communicating the light of truth to all around them. In their lives they will exemplify the value of truth practiced.

Sunday afternoon I related to the congregation some of our experiences in Cooranbong, where in beginning the work we walked out in the providence of God. I spoke of the difficulties we encountered and of our struggle to obtain means. You remember how Elder Daniells was so burdened that he prayed all night in the open air for the Lord to send us the necessary means that we might carry out His will in that new, unworked field. You remember how we all worked and prayed and believed, knowing that without faith it is impossible to please God.

The Lord gave messages to our brethren in Australia that then was their opportunity to use their entrusted capabilities in the Lord's service. When they should act their part, walking and working in faith, practicing self-denial, then they would find that the Lord would work for them.

Let not the words "found wanting" be written against God's people. [Daniel 5:27.] While we should thankfully receive loans of money with interest, yet the Lord calls for larger freewill offerings. We must be careful about the matter of borrowing large sums of money; for often this will result in our being placed in a strait place afterward. There may be no trouble so long as those are living who have loaned the money; but when they become sick or die, a sudden call is sometimes made for their money. This money may have been invested in opening the work in new fields, and in order to meet this demand, we may be forced to borrow from the banks at a high rate of interest.

Let us obtain all the means possible as straight gifts. If today more gifts were brought into the Lord's treasury, the sacrifice would yield a rich harvest. In Cooranbong, we were thankful to obtain means and to pay a low rate of interest for their use. But we would say to all, Make your gifts as large as possible; for borrowing large sums of money may lead to future embarrassment to the one who is using the money. Let this point be guarded in the matter of moving the school from Healdsburg to be established in another place.

For many years Healdsburg has been an educating center. But the time has now come when the school should be moved to a location where we shall have better advantages. Let all who can possibly do so place their money in this enterprise, as a gift. When we think of what Christ has done for us, this will not be regarded as a great sacrifice. He has given His commission to His disciples, as workers who are to lay the foundations of His church in various fields. To establish educational centers is a part of their work.

The commission of Christ to His disciples is the great missionary charter of His kingdom. His disciples were thus made His ambassadors, bearing the divine credentials. If they should be asked by what authority they, unlearned fishermen, went forth as teachers of the people and healers of the sick, they could make reply, "He who was crucified, but who rose again, has appointed us to preach His gospel, to be ministers of His Word. He has declared, 'All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.'" [Matthew 28:18.]

The disciples were not to wait for the people to come to them. They were to hunt diligently for those who were willing to be saved in the Lord's appointed way. They were to search for souls as a shepherd searches for his sheep that are lost. Christ opened before them the whole world as their field of labor. They were to go to every place, and "preach the gospel to every creature." [Mark 16:15.] No one was to be passed by. Unselfish labor was to be bestowed upon all. Freewill offerings were to flow from His people to open new fields, to establish the truth in every place where an entrance might be found. His name was to be their authority, their confidence. In and through that name their works were to bear the divine credentials.

And what was the promise that was to be immortalized among His disciples?—"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." [Acts 1:8.] "But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." [Luke 24:49.] Positive results followed obedience to these commands. "They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with

them, and confirming the word with signs following.” [Mark 16:20.] As was the work of the disciples, so is our work, first to seek the Lord, then to go forth everywhere presenting the gospel message.

All have need of the converting power of God. Our ministers need to have a deeper heart experience. Self-esteem, self-righteousness is a positive hindrance in the work of God. A crucified and risen Saviour is to be exemplified by the daily conversion of those who minister in the things of God. Imbued with His Spirit, there will be no self-exaltation, no tame and lifeless work done. The Lord Jesus Christ is to rule in every heart, if the voice is to proclaim His message. A decided utterance will make its impression.

From every country voices are coming, Come over and help us. Rich and poor are to be stirred. High ones and lowly ones are to be sanctified and saved by the message of truth. The world needs to see the evidence of Christ’s working on the hearts of ministers. When the workers humble their hearts before God, they will come into perfect union. Not a word of contention will be heard among them. It will be seen that there is a place for all in the Lord’s work.

God’s blessing will be bestowed upon all who earnestly serve Him. His blessing is full and free for every one who will work under the discipline of the great Teacher. Christ has made full and ample provision for the carrying forward of His work today. In a special manner He has appointed and entrusted His disciples to work in connection with Christ, in seeking to save those who are lost. Those who obey His Word and work with humility need not fail nor be discouraged.

Christ bids us to go into all parts of the world, but only as we know that His presence is with us. We are to labor in meekness and humility. The lapse of time has brought no change either in the commission of Christ or to His parting promise, “Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” [Matthew 28:20.] Those who will not swell to large proportions, but will put their trust and confidence in Christ may claim the promise, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” [Hebrews 13:5.]

Let us remember that Christ has promised to be with us as we meet the people. Let us not permit self to become exalted, nor suppose ourselves capable of meeting every emergency. God’s true ministers, those chosen by Him, are, as workers together with Christ, to be wise and earnest in their efforts to save souls.

Apostasy to be Met.

Let our workers study the epistle of Jude; for he speaks of conditions that will be met in our day.

“Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love be multiplied.

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained unto this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

“I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains, under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them,

in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

“Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil, He disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots. ...

“These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage.

“But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

“And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.” [Verses 1-12, 16-23.]

We shall be called to meet those who, notwithstanding definite reproof and warning through the testimonies, have gone on in an evil course. We are bidden of God to hold ourselves separate and distinct from these men who have not given heed to His warnings. Some of them will seek to enter our churches, but we are to give no place to them. If they are converted, they will bear a different testimony. But I have a positive warning in reference to men who have departed from the faith. Let not our churches be opened for them; for they will “deceive, if possible, the very elect.” [Matthew 24:24.]

Consider how Christ met the temptations of the enemy. “It is written,” He said. [Matthew 4:4, 7, 10.] It is not wise to endeavor to answer the erroneous theories presented by those who have departed from the faith. We are to keep to the affirmative and engage in no controversy with these men. Harsh words will accomplish no good. It is not our duty to engage in controversy with men such as were Stevenson and Hall, and others who might be named.

In harmony with this instruction, I must warn our people against laboring in any line in connection with A. T. Jones. He is one who has departed from the faith and has given heed to seducing spirits. He knows not what manner of spirit he is of.

Many times in our history, it has happened that men who had been effectual speakers wove into their belief some sentiments which if received would result in the destruction of those who received them. It has been natural for these men to be coarse, denunciatory, and rough; yet they continue to teach some of the theories of truth. However, we are to give them no opportunity to speak in our churches; for Satan has been working with them. Our safest course is to let them alone.

Burden, J. A.

St. Helena, California

November 25, 1908

Elder J. A. Burden

Loma Linda, California

Dear Brother Burden:

Willie has permitted me to read your recent letter to him, in which you speak of Elder Andross' need of help and suggest that Elder Healey be called to Los Angeles to unite with him.

There are wise reasons why this would not be for the best interests of the work in the Southern California Conference. Elder Healey has not the physical strength to fit him to carry large responsibilities. Moreover, in the past his voice has sometimes been raised to counterwork moves that God has clearly indicated should be made. The Lord has in the Southern California Conference men who can be trained to fill responsible positions, and these men should be sought for.

The work of the Lord must be carried forward intelligently. Clear, well-defined plans must be laid for the spread of our message. Men are needed who will manifest the spirit and the mind of Christ. He calls for men who are consecrated to Him, body, soul, and spirit, who will carry out His will in meekness and humility, respecting the counsels given by His Spirit. Let every man stand in his lot and place, looking to Christ as his Guide and Counselor and yoking up with his brethren in service for the Master.

Christ will instruct those who manifest a teachable spirit. Among those who heed His instruction He will raise up men and women to act as His agents. But those who follow their own wisdom, fearing to walk in harmony with the revealed plans of the Lord, can be but a hindrance to the work He desires to be performed. You, Brother Burden, have seen how the Lord has wrought when men have not placed themselves directly in the way of the working of His plans.

We are engaged in an important and an essential work. We must carry on an aggressive warfare. We are to stand for the true Protestant principles; for the policies of the papacy will edge their way into every place possible, to prescribe liberty of conscience. Every eye must now be single to the glory of God. Those who have been seeking to undermine the confidence of our people in the testimonies that God has given for their benefit, and in the leadings of Providence in our work, will some day be revealed as having acted a part similar to that acted by Judas.

Judas was tempted and tried; but not rising about his temptations and trials, he lost ground and finally went so far as to betray his Lord. Christ permitted him to go with the other disciples on their evangelistic tours, but he often manifested a spirit of superiority. He sought to exercise authority over his brethren. This spirit, unchecked and unrestrained, opened the way for the enemy to work upon his mind and heart, until at length he went so far as to betray his Lord and Saviour with a treacherous kiss.

There are today, among the professed people of God, some who are walking in the same path as did Judas. Unless they are converted, they will some day be numbered among the open enemies of God's work for this time.

I will endeavor to write again when I have time, and feel stronger.

Lt 334, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

November 25, 1908

Elder J. E. White

1713 Cass Street

Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Children Edson and Emma White:

I am now writing on the last day of the eighty-first year of my life. Tomorrow I enter my eighty-second year.

For the last three weeks I have been able to travel and to speak on Sabbath at Sebastopol, Healdsburg, and Berkeley. Friday, November 6, with our team of strong, gray horses, W. C. White, Sara, and I drove over to Sebastopol. We traveled over a steep mountain road. This road was very narrow, and I feared we should be unable to pass other teams if we should meet any. However, we made the ascent in safety and then went down the mountain on the other side. I determined that I would never again travel over such a road unless absolutely necessary. We passed through Santa Rosa and Sebastopol, and on seven miles farther to the home of Brother and Sister Christianson. Here we were heartily welcomed and well entertained.

The next day we drove back to Sebastopol and met with the brethren and sisters in their commodious meetinghouse. They were having Sabbath school when we entered the building; and as they studied their lesson together, I thought that they seemed like intelligent and well-appearing people. The Lord gave us words to speak to them. They need help and grace from God; and if they will submit themselves to Him, He will work through them. I spoke to them again Sunday afternoon. Willie held a meeting with them Sunday morning. They seemed pleased to have us visit them. Monday we returned to St. Helena, but came by another route, and the road was not so dangerous as the one by which we went.

The following Friday we drove over to Healdsburg, and I was again strengthened to speak both on Sabbath and Sunday. Other meetings were held by Dores Robinson and W. C. White. This journey wearied me somewhat, but the people were much pleased, and I was glad that I went.

Monday morning, just before we left Healdsburg, we engaged in prayer for Sister Bond and another sister who was nearly blind. Sister Bond and her husband have been engaged in missionary work in the Arizona Conference, but through overwork she had lost her health and was suffering from nervous prostration. A number of us united in asking the Lord to heal these sisters. I told those present that I was not able to work miracles, but that it is our privilege to look in faith to a Saviour who has healing efficiency. We may put our entire trust in One who can save to the uttermost all who come to Him. His power alone can restore the sick; His grace alone can heal. Then we all united in humbly and trustfully asking for a manifestation of the healing, restoring power of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a blessed

occasion. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and those for whom we prayed rejoiced in the Lord. We had evidence that the Lord heard our petitions.

We are grateful for the privilege of calling upon a Divine Healer. While we do not claim ever to have worked a miracle, yet many times we have prayed for persons suffering with various afflictions, and the Lord has wrought in a most remarkable manner, rebuking the disease and restoring to health.

When our Saviour was on earth, multitudes followed Him, and His power was not limited. His healing grace rested on the afflicted. Children and youth were restored to health from a dying condition. The sick were brought to Him. Mothers, filled with perplexities and worries, brought their little ones and laid them in His arms. And He healed and blessed all.

We must every one have an experience for ourselves if we are to stand the test of trial. The end is near, and we must watch and pray and trust the Lord at all times. He knows our every trial, and we need not fail nor be discouraged. Walk in the light of the Lord Jesus. Walk with Him trustingly, and His grace will be upon you. May the Lord open the way clearly before you is my prayer.

Since writing the foregoing, Willie has placed in my hands copies of letters he has recently sent you. I am pleased with what he has written, and I unite with him in inviting you to come to us just as soon as you can adjust your business satisfactorily. I hope and pray that you may be of good courage in the Lord.

There are many little companies of believers near us who would be very glad to have you visit and speak to them, perhaps presenting some of the interesting views you have. There are four churches in this valley besides the sanitarium. In Sonoma County there are churches at Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, and Sebastopol; and soon there will be a place at Buena Vista. The Lord in His providence seems to be leading us to establish our school in that location. We shall be able frequently to go with our team to visit and help them. You would find a good company to speak to in the students and teachers.

This property is about two miles from Sonoma City, in the country. It has many advantages, and we feel thankful that the Lord brought this property within our reach. We are now waiting for the proper papers to be made out before coming into actual possession of the place, but we hope that this may soon be accomplished.

I am hoping that I may be able to attend the General Conference in the spring. W. C. White has suggested that I visit Boulder, College View, and Nashville on the way to Washington; but I fear that this may tax my strength, so that I would be weary when I need my strength at the time of the Conference. It seems to me it would be better for me to go direct to the Conference as easily as I can; and then if I have strength, I can visit places along the way as I return. But I dare not move in any action according to my own judgment. We will watch unto prayer and seek to know the will of the Lord. I will trust myself in His hands, and I know that He will work for me.

Again I invite you to come to us as soon as you can. Be of good courage in the Lord. He knows how to strengthen us and to impart to us of His Holy Spirit.

With love.

Lt 336, 1908

Sawyer, Brother and Sister [Robert]

St. Helena, California

December 2, 1908

Robert and Hannah Sawyer

Dear Brother Robert and Sister Hannah:

I have received your letter and will now reply.

Lest I may have been misunderstood, I will say that I never intended that any counsel I have given you in the past should influence you against making any move that would be for your best interests. I have nothing to say to hinder your investing your means in any place where you could have better accommodations or advantages than you have where you now are.

But do not, I beg of you, move blindly. Do not place yourselves where you might be left destitute of means among strangers. For you to move to North Carolina I would consider ill-advised and inconsistent. I believe that no one who understands your circumstances would advise such a move. You need to act wisely and carefully. The Lord will not leave you, if you commit your case fully to Him.

I have words of counsel for Brother Robert. There is need of a reformation in your habits of dress and appearance. Untidiness in dress brings a reproach against the truth we profess to believe. You should consider that you are a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the whole life be in harmony with Bible truth.

“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 unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” [Matthew 5:14-16.]

Neglect of your apparel has been a decidedly objectionable feature of your character. The impression you have made upon the minds both of believers and of unbelievers has not met the mind of the Spirit of God. Because of your slackness in this matter, our people have not felt free to advise you to take up work in selling literature, a work in which you might have accomplished much good. There is a useful work in which you might engage, visiting from house to house, and speaking the right words; but your untidy influence works counter to the precious influence you might otherwise exert.

Remember that you can do an acceptable work for the Lord, but your personal appearance must be such as will recommend you as one who is letting his light shine for the Master. Will you not now take hold of this matter, and seek to effect a reformation in dress and appearance? If you should be entrusted with public work in our religious gatherings, with your lax ideas as to proper dress, you would not have the best influence over those whom you were trying to help.

This is not a matter of but little consequence; for it affects your influence over others for time and for eternity. You cannot expect the Lord to give you the fullest success in winning souls for Him unless your whole manner and appearance is of a nature that will win respect. The truth is magnified even by the

impression of neatness in dress, and I know that you desire to use every jot of your influence on the side of the Master.

I have dwelt upon this matter, because this is a decided defect in your character. The Lord has not been glorified by your laxness in dress. It may seem to be but a small matter, but it is against the honor and glory of God. Men and women who are rich in grace and the influence of holiness will be circumspect in every matter that helps to give them influence. Your present and future usefulness in the service of the Master depends in a measure upon how you relate yourself to this matter. We are nearing the close of time, and we must do all in our power to win souls for Christ's kingdom.

Lt 338, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

November 26, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother:

Two weeks ago today, while I was writing, my son W. C. White came into my room and stated that there were two persons below who wished to speak with me. I went downstairs into our sitting-room and there met a man and his wife who claim to follow the Word of God and to believe the testimonies. They have had an unusual experience during the past two or three years. They seemed to be honest-hearted people.

I listened while they related some of their experiences, and then I told them something of the work we had to do, in meeting and opposing fanaticism, soon after the passing of the time when we expected to see our Lord. During those trying days, some of our most precious believers were led into fanaticism. I said further that before the end, we would see strange manifestations by those who professed to be led by the Holy Spirit. There are those who will treat, as something of great importance, these peculiar manifestations which are not of God, but which are calculated to divert the minds of many away from the teachings of the Word.

In this stage of our history, we must be very careful to guard against everything that savors of fanaticism and disorder. We must guard against all peculiar exercises that would be likely to stir up the minds of unbelievers and lead them to think that as a people we are led by impulse and delight in noise and confusion accompanied by eccentricities of action. In the last days the enemy of present truth will bring in manifestations that are not in harmony with the workings of the Spirit, but are calculated to lead astray those who stand ready to take up with something new and strange.

I told this brother and his wife that the experience through which I passed in my youth, shortly after the passing of the time in 1844, had led me to be very, very cautious about accepting anything similar to that which we then met and rebuked in the name of the Lord.

No greater harm could be done to the work of God at this time than for us to allow a spirit of fanaticism to come into our churches, accompanied by strange workings which are incorrectly supposed to be operations of the Spirit of God.

As this brother and his wife outlined their experiences, which they claim have come to them as the result of receiving the Holy Ghost with apostolic power, it seemed to be a facsimile of that which we were called to meet and correct in our early experience.

Toward the close of our interview, Brother Mackin proposed that we unite in prayer, with the thought that possibly while in prayer his wife would be exercised as they had described to me, and that then I might be able to discern whether this was of the Lord or not. To this I could not consent, because I have been instructed that when one offers to exhibit these peculiar manifestations, this is a decided evidence that it is not the work of God.

We must not permit these experiences to lead us to feel discouraged. Such experiences will come to us from time to time. Let us give no place to strange exercisings, which really take the mind away from the deep movings of the Holy Spirit. God's work is ever characterized by calmness and dignity. We cannot afford to sanction anything that would bring in confusion and weaken our zeal in regard to the great work that God has given us to do in the world to prepare for the second coming of Christ.

Lt 340, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 9, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother:

Last night I had a special experience. There seemed to be a canopy over me, and I experienced the assurance of being shut in with God. I had been much wearied during the day by reading important letters; but this weariness vanished, and I enjoyed a season of heavenly communing with God.

Mention was made of the need of more ministerial help for our churches, and I was instructed that the help of those who could labor in ministerial lines was needed in many places. One of authority talked with me and charged me not to withhold Dores Robinson from the ministerial work, in order to have all his time on my manuscripts.

Brother Robinson can speak acceptably and understandingly, and he should be encouraged to engage in the work of building up those who love and desire to obey the truth. He should be fully authorized, by ordination, to enter into the work of the ministry of the work of God.

Brother Robinson has been engaging in the work as a licentiate, and the Lord has accepted his labors; but soon he should be given, by ordination, the full sanction of the conference for the work he is capable of doing as one chosen of God.

W. C. White has capabilities that would make him a useful minister. He needs to cultivate his talents in these lines much more than he has done.

There has been a small dwelling house for sale in the valley about one mile and a half from where we reside. The land belonging to the property is mostly mountainous, with some valley land and with good water advantages. It was proposed that Dores Robinson procure this place, and I was invited to go and see it. I thought it possible that we would purchase, because the owner's wife was not well, and they must leave for a more favorable climate. I thought it would be a good thing to secure the place for Dores, he hiring the money. We had almost decided upon the purchase, but during the night I was instructed that Dores was to give his time more fully than he had done to ministerial work and that the Lord would bless him in so doing. He has done considerable work as a licensed minister, but he has a still more decided work to do, and he should not be embarrassed by debt. He must keep himself and his family in the very best possible condition for a faithful discharge of his duties. The Keeper of Israel calls for self-denying, consecrated men.

For some time Brother Robinson has devoted most of his time to literary work in my office, but each Sabbath he has visited some church or company where he has presented the truth to the people. He has given evidence that he is fitted to do the work of a minister. In connection with my work, Dores has reported my sermons and has helped on my book work. Clarence Crisler has also engaged in this line of work. This work will continue to be done by Brother Crisler and also by Dores Robinson. But the Lord would have Dores recognized as a fully accepted laborer. The work of ministry is to receive a larger share of his efforts than it has. He should have been ere this fully ordained to the work of the ministry. If he walks in the path the Lord has chosen for him, the Lord will be his front guard and his rearward.

The Lord's eye is upon every worker engaged in the work of the ministry. He delights in them that fear Him and that rely upon Him with a believing, trusting heart. He beholds them not as they are in themselves, but as chosen men clothed with His righteousness and beautified with the spirit of His holiness. The Lord regards with tender love the workers thus striving to be laborers together with Him, trusting in His mercy and making Him their surety. All who walk humbly with Christ will have success. All who serve Him with devotion will express His image in their lives.

I must close this letter now. May the Lord bless you and strengthen you to walk and work humbly with God.

Lt 342, 1908

Rice, Brother and Sister [J. D.]

St. Helena, California

November 23, 1908

Elder J. D. Rice

6270 Racine Street

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Rice:

During the night I have had a special experience. A representation was given me in regard to the Berkeley church, and I was given a message for the church. They have need of much instruction. If they

will heed the warning, it will be to them a savor of life unto life. The Spirit of God will be with all who will open their hearts to hear.

Instruction was given me to speak to the people the words of the prophet Isaiah found in the fifty-eighth chapter. Here is light and life, goodness and truth, for all who will receive the words of warning and encouragement and will apply the truth to their individual case. We are to let the Word come to every appointed agency, for there is a crisis before the people of God. It is not position and rank that the church of God is to rely upon, but the power of God. The favor of God and the power of His Spirit are of more value than gold or silver.

The meetinghouse you are contemplating building in Richmond is needed; for there are many souls yet to be brought to a knowledge of the truth. Exercise care and wisdom in the erection of this building. A humble house of worship will give character to the work. Buildings give character to the work only when those who build do so in the counsel and spirit of the Lord, when the work is carried forward with an eye single to the glory of God, and according to His instructions.

When those who have had the light walk in the light, humbling the heart before God and conforming to His will, then the church will be an honor to the cause of truth. Upon those who uphold the principles of the Word in all their sacred purity, and who labor faithfully for souls ready to perish, God will put His seal of approval.

Withhold not the testing truths that should come to every soul at this time, and which must be practiced by those who would find acceptance with God. Labor that souls may receive the Word as the truth that refines and sanctifies the soul, finding delight in the truth because Christ is identified with truth. Study the Master's methods of labor and teaching. All His illustrations were so simple that even the lowliest could comprehend the truths they symbolized. The end of all things is at hand, and there is much important work to be done. Be careful not to weary the people with lengthy discourses.

My brother and sister, light has been given me for you during the past night. You are to stand firmly to carry forward your appointed work—a work that will be blessed of God if you will walk humbly with Him. You have raised up a church in Richmond; you are not to be drawn from your work in that place. Continue to labor for those who appreciate your humble, earnest efforts. God will give you precious victories. If you follow on to know the Lord, you will know His goings forth are prepared as the morning.

Keep fast hold upon your Saviour. He was in sympathy with humanity wherever He found men and women hungering for the Word. I hope you will have courage in the Lord as you draw nigh to the needy and the afflicted as well as to those who possess worldly advantages.

I am instructed to say to you that there is much important work awaiting you, out of and away from the places where you have hitherto worked. There are needy fields to be cultivated. Shall the desolate places remain desolate? I answer, No, no; but the work where you now are is not yet completed. Let the stream of righteousness continue to flow. Let life and peace and joy come to souls ready to perish. The Lord will certainly water the seed that is sown in hope and faith.

Saith the Lord, "My people shall be baptized with My Holy Spirit to do a sharp, quick work. All who will now draw apart from worldly customs, and will seek Me with the whole heart, will find Me. Let each one stand humbly in his lot and in his place looking to Me, their Saviour. I will instruct the ignorant. I will anoint men with heavenly eyesalve, that My people may see clearly the work that needs to be done. If

they will walk in My footsteps, I will open ways before them, not only in the lowly places, but in the highways. I will raise up agents who will carry out the principles of truth. They shall stand in their lot and in their place, looking to Me their Guide and Counsellor.”

I pray that the Lord will help you and give you wisdom and strength for your work.

Lt 344, 1908

Gotzian, J.

St. Helena, California

December 12, 1908

Mrs. J. Gotzian

Madison, Tennessee

Dear Sister Gotzian:

I should be much pleased to have a good free talk with you. I have been thinking how short the time is in which we can work, and I am pained that so little is being done by many among us. Very many are deficient in religious experience.

A few days ago I had a special experience. I was feeling sadness of soul, for I longed to see a deeper work done for our churches. I desired to see a decided waking up on the part of church members. For weeks I had been depressed, but in the latter part of the afternoon my soul became very peaceful in Christ. There seemed to be a canopy over me, and I felt shut in with Christ. I experienced perfect peace. I said aloud, “I know that my Redeemer lives. I know He cares for me.” [See Job 19:25.] Since that time I have had clearness of mind to write.

Last week Brother Schultz paid me a visit. He talked to me as though, because I had purchased the land at Buena Vista, it was my duty to make a large donation to the school. When I told him that I had sold my place in Healdsburg in order to obtain money to carry on my work of book publication, he said, “And yet you advised the purchasing of the place, and money has to be raised for it—a large sum.”

I told Brother Schultz the reasons why the school should be located in a rural district, where there were plenty of trees and land to be cultivated. I told him that the health of the students required that they have physical exercise out of doors, and that it was for just such a place as the Buena Vista property that we had been seeking. I might have represented to Brother Schultz the advantages of the Buena Vista property, but I said as little as possible, though I thought a good deal.

What the prospect is of getting your money, I do not yet know. If you choose to let the school have this, I shall be relieved of a burden. I will do something, but I cannot do much. I hope we can secure gifts sufficient to enable us to secure the place. Please let me understand the terms of your loan.

I have not one question or doubt in regard to the purchase of the Sonoma property. There are several towns within easy distance of Buena Vista where meetings can be held and the truth preached. About ten miles from Buena Vista is Petaluma, where Brother Chapman and his family lived. Then there is Santa Rosa, about twenty miles away. The interest should be revived in these places where the truth has been preached in the past.

I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to the proposition you have made concerning your loan to the school. Please let me know the terms. I will respond when I hear from you.

Lt 346, 1908

Washburn, Brother and Sister [J. S.]

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1908

Elder J. S. Washburn

665 Decatur Street

Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Washburn:

I received your letter a few days ago and today will attempt to reply to it. I was very pleased to hear the good news you wrote of the success of the work in Memphis. I thank the Lord that He has gone before you and prepared the way, enabling you to reach the very class of people that I was assured you could reach in that place. I knew that you desired to remain in Nashville, but I have prayed the Lord to give you hope, and courage, and a living faith in presenting the Bible truth for this time.

I have been shown that the money that is lavishly spent by many believers for unnecessary things should be invested in the work of winning souls that are ready to perish. It is time that our people felt the need of being laborers together with God. Self-denial and self-sacrifice are highly appropriate for this time. The Lord will accept all who minister the Word of life, if they will give the message in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

At times I am so weighted down with the sense of my responsibilities that the burden becomes more than I can bear. About three days ago, while feeling the weight of this burden upon me, I had a special experience. I kept repeating the words: "All of Christ's followers should feel a weight of responsibilities resting upon them daily; for we are certainly near to the close of this earth's history. We must not relax our efforts, but become more and more vitalized by the Spirit of God. The sanctifying influence of the truth must be in the message we bear."

Tell the believers and your co-laborers that much depends upon the way they treat this message of so much importance. "Ye are laborers together with God." [1 Corinthians 3:9.] If unbelievers see in our work and lives devotion and self-sacrifice in order to save the souls ready to perish; if they see self-denial characterizing our work, they will be impressed with the reality of the truths we profess. The truth which sanctifies the receiver will make its impression upon them.

The Lord claims the service of all who claim to believe the truth for this time. They must be laborers together with Christ in carrying out the principles of the gospel. The light of every believer must be taken from under the bushel and given to the world. "Let your light so shine before men," the Saviour declares, "that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 5:16.] There is to be no limit to the places where the light shall shine. It is to reach to the regions beyond. Tell it, urge it upon all with earnest force, that all are to give their service for those who are in

the darkness of error. To teach the Word of God to unbelievers, to unite our prayers for them, are duties that we owe our Redeemer.

The Lord demands the cultivation of every talent. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thy self." [Luke 10:27.] Our words, our prayers, our voluntary and sincere service, our humble, earnest efforts to represent precious, saving truth—by all these we are to show our love for Him who gave His life for us. O that our efforts to bless others might be in proportion to the light we have received! But we do not render to God returns that are proportionate to the wonderful truths we claim to believe.

I present these words to those who claim to believe the truth for this time. Let the books of heaven record of you a righteous zeal; let it be said there that you are laborers together with God. I speak to all—lay members as well as ministers—Be laborers together with God. Let humility be cultivated, and Christ will be your efficiency if you will look unto Him, the Author and Finisher of your faith.

The Lord has been asked to do a much-desired work for perishing souls in the South. Will you co-operate with the Divine agency? You have been bought with a price that you might be laborers together with God. It is your privilege to increase in knowledge and faith and capability. A weight of solemn responsibility should daily rest upon you, and evidence of this should be given in earnest work for the saving of the lost.

Show your gratitude to God for every effort made to present Bible truths to the people. As Christ's faithful followers, give evidence that you are receiving light and reflecting that light upon other souls. May the Lord bless and strengthen you, is my prayer.

Lt 348, 1908

Hare, Brother and Sister [Metcalf]

St. Helena, California

December 15, 1908

Mr. Metcalfe Hare

Edgefield, Tennessee

Dear Brother and Sister Hare:

I received your letter today, for which I thank you. I am very sorry to learn that Sister Hare is not well. I cannot advise any remedy for her cough better than the eucalyptus and honey. Into a tumbler of honey put a few drops of the eucalyptus, stir up well, and take whenever the cough comes on. I have had considerable trouble with my throat, but whenever I use this, I overcome the difficulty very quickly. I have to use it only a few times, and the cough is removed. If you will use this prescription, you may be your own physician. If the first trial does not effect a cure, try it again. The best time to take it is before retiring.

Again there is great virtue in well-cooked onions. Ask Edson White; he can tell you of the good that onions will do.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the conference at Washington. Of course you will be there, as we will, if the Lord permits. It is possible that we will visit Nashville on the way. We want to see how you are succeeding in your work. If you can set in operation the work of producing sensible health foods, and give instruction in healthful cooking, your work will prove a great blessing to the southern field. I hope you will encourage cheerfulness, thus showing that you have confidence in God. I want you to let your light shine in clear, distinct rays. There are many in our churches who have precious light that the people need. There are some who, if there is discouragement in any line, are sure to express this. This is not the right way to do. Those who do not work in hopefulness keep themselves under a cloud of doubt. The enemy is not dead yet, and the nearer we come to the close of this earth's history, the more vigilant will be the efforts of satanic agencies to keep souls under a cloud of doubt, so that the light of heaven shall not be expressed in words and acts, to bring hope and cheer and courage to others.

You are not to wait for perfect assurance before you become the Lord's light-bearer to the world. You have naturally a despondent temperament to deal with, and the Lord calls upon you to take your light from under the bushel, and let it give light to all that are in the house. You have precious victories to gain. Do not spoil your religious experience by dwelling upon the dark side and talking impossibility. Light is to shine in precious, encouraging words to all that are in the house.

Take heed, my brother, to the words of the One who is the light of the world: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." [Matthew 5:16.] The world is full of hurry and disappointment. The words are addressed to you, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The words in favor of truth, spoken with the assurance that comes from the possession of a right purpose, and in cheerful hope, from a pure heart, will make the angels rejoice. When in the day of final awards the reward is given to each as his works have been, it is your privilege to have redeemed souls, whom you have been the means of helping, come to you, and say, "You lifted me out of discouragement." And the Master will say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant, ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." [Matthew 25:23.]

Not one quarter of the work has been done in our sanitariums that would have been done if ministers and physicians had been receiving in its fulness the instruction from the Author of all truth that it is their privilege to receive and impart. We are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. We are now having opportunities to improve in spiritual discernment, and in the knowledge of the will of God concerning our individual selves. A higher, spiritual tone is required of us. The Lord would have us spiritually minded, that we may be able to see the working out of His plans in our lives. We are to be laborers together with God in accomplishing the work that He would have done. Wherever we are, we are to reflect light.

It is your privilege to obtain most precious victories. Will you go forward in faith and hope and courage? You are privileged with the gift of the Word. It is full of instruction and able to make you heirs of salvation. It is your duty to give the knowledge you have to others. You could not have a better opportunity than in perfecting a food business that will give the knowledge of health reform to others. To every man is given his work. You may be tested and tried in this way to see if you will let your light shine. Regard patience and kindness as sacred things which you must bring into every line of your work. You need to vindicate the greatness of the work by building up amiable characters. This you can do through the grace of Christ.

Be assured that if good food is made, influential men and women of the South will appreciate it, and the results will be excellent. Where you are is just the place for you to represent the truth, for there an attempt has been made, and failure has brought health reform into disrepute. You are in an excellent situation to become acquainted with businessmen, and the work you may do for them may be a savor of life to the soul as well as to the body. You can, if you choose, be the right man in the right place, and your work be regarded as a great and perfect work. The instruction you can give will be a blessing to many lives and your work counterwork the influence that has hurt the cause of health reform and made us all ashamed.

It is your privilege to cure this evil. You can become acquainted with the unbelieving and be the means of removing a great amount of prejudice. You can reflect light. A word dropped in season, combined with the perfect carrying forward of your work, will accomplish grand results.

Deranged stomachs have made infidels. You can be a preacher of righteousness in this respect. The greatness of the work that may be accomplished in lines of health reform have not been comprehended or appreciated. There is religion in the making of good bread. I hope you will consider these things and realize that your work is of consequence.

I shall hope to see you when we visit Washington, if God wills that we go there. We do not know what the future will bring forth or determine anything certainly.

May the Lord bless you and guard you and teach you, is my prayer.

Lt 350, 1908

Starr, J. A.

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

Mr. J. A. Starr

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

National City, California

Dear Brother Starr:

We were thankful to receive your letter and to know that the Lord is blessing you. I praise the Lord for this, for I have a special interest in your case. I desire that you shall daily receive a rich supply of grace that will enable you to use your physical and mental powers to the glory of God. I have faith to believe that the Lord will continue to bless you abundantly. The work is the Lord's, and His name shall have all the glory.

I have been writing since two o'clock this morning. I have just closed a letter to Brother Metcalfe Hare, who came about a year ago from Cooranbong, Australia. He is at work in the food factory in Nashville, and I have been endeavoring to encourage him in his work. Brother Hare did a good work in Australia, and we need the same work done in the southern states. I have encouraged him to believe that he can just as verily minister for God by making a faithful use of the knowledge he has of the preparation of health foods, and in making the food factory in Nashville a success, as he could be preaching the Word.

Sister Hare has learned how to combine foods and to prepare them in a healthful way. Brother Hare has just got things into running order at the food factory at Edgefield. He needs now to become acquainted with the people and get the truths regarding health reform before them; but this will not prevent him from speaking to the people concerning other phases of the message.

I am thankful that you are in such a healthful location as San Diego and that you are in such excellent company. We think much of Brother and Sister Cummings. The light given me is that the Lord sent them to help us meet the emergency at Paradise Valley. They have been chosen by God to carry the work wisely in the sanitarium. My mind has been at rest regarding Paradise Valley since they have been in charge.

The Lord has instructed me, Brother Starr, that you are in the right place. May He bless you and encourage your heart. He has a care for you and in His providence will work out His plans in your behalf. Be cheerful in God; trust fully in the One who has manifested such love for you.

Mercy manifested in tenderness has inexpressible value. It beautifies the soul, purifies the conduct, and glorifies the life. Mercy is a grand gift. Let us cherish it.

I greatly desire to visit Paradise Valley again. I shall be pleased to see you once more. You have a compassionate Saviour. He loves you, and will strengthen you, if you will rest your case in His hands.

It is a beautiful day today. The sun is shining, and the air is bracing.

When you get time, write me a few lines. May the Lord bless you.

Lt 352, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

523 Twenty-fifth Street

Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

I have a message to bear to our people. Some of them are in danger of being deceived by the workings of the enemy. At the present time there are in this conference a man and his wife who have strange manifestations that they believe to be caused by the Holy Spirit. But I am instructed that these manifestations are caused by the same spirit that wrought fanaticism after the passing of the time in 1844.

At that time, as you are well aware, we met and opposed the work and influence of many who supposed that they were exercised by the Holy Spirit, but who had gone into fanaticism. They had what they supposed were visions from God; and to vindicate their wonderful power, they would pray loudly and

would sometimes sing with a loud voice, dancing or working the body from side to side and to and fro. These experiences are brought to my mind as forcibly as if they had happened but yesterday.

I have already written you something of my visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mackin. I did not sanction their experience. I told them about some of the experiences that we had had to meet and of the things that had happened in the past, and I hoped that they would regard as a warning this story of fanaticism in early days. I appealed to them to have an experience based, not on wonderful manifestations, but on the Word of God. I pointed out how the enemy would use fanaticism as a means to place us before the world in such a light as to hedge up our way, to a large extent.

We are not surprised to find that Satan will work today as he has worked in the past. We must live by faith; for without faith it is impossible to please God. He is ready to hear our prayers, and to impart to His people the Holy Spirit for service; but I have been warned that the manifestations that are seen in this brother and sister are not the workings of the Holy Spirit. Boasting claims of righteousness and noisy demonstrations are calculated to lead to a fanatical experience that will confuse many minds. If such things are encouraged, a wave of fanaticism will come into our ranks that will be detrimental to the work of God and that will sweep away many souls in a dangerous delusion. These things are designed by Satan to deceive, if possible, the very elect.

It is our privilege to preach the Word in the demonstration of the Spirit. It is the privilege of every soul to exercise faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. But pure spiritual life comes only as the soul surrenders itself to the will of God through Christ, the reconciling Saviour. It is our privilege to be worked by the Holy Spirit. Through the exercise of faith, we are brought into communion with Christ Jesus, for Christ dwells in the hearts of all who are meek and lowly. Theirs is a faith that works by love and purifies the soul, a faith that brings peace to the heart and leads in the path of self-denial and self-sacrifice.

The promise is that if we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that "His going forth is prepared as the morning." [Hosea 6:3.] It is essential that we have daily the converting grace of God in the heart, that all our words and deeds may give evidence that we are in submission to the mind and will of God. In doing with meekness and humility our appointed service, we are to reveal the converting power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Then we become the Lord's agencies to do His work.

With humility and meekness, and yet with great earnestness, we are to render our service to God. Christ is our Pattern, our Example in all things. He was filled with the Spirit, and the Spirit's power was manifested through Him, not by bodily movements, but by a zeal for good works.

Among God's people there is need of deep, thorough heart-searching, that we may be able to understand what constitutes true religion. Christ is a wonderful Educator. His life and words are based upon sound principles. His manner of teaching was very simple. He was fashioned after the divine similitude, and if we follow Him, we shall make no mistakes.

Let there be no oddities or eccentricities of movement on the part of those who speak the Word of truth; for such things will weaken the impression that should be made by the Word. We must be guarded; for Satan is determined, if possible, to intermingle with religious services his evil influence. Let there be no theatrical display; for this will not help to strengthen belief in the Word of God. Rather it will divert attention to the human instrument.

Let your conversation be "honest among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be always ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." [1 Peter 2:12; 3:8, 15.]

Our lives must be hid with Christ in God. We must have a personal knowledge of Christ. Then only can we rightly represent Him before the world. Wherever we are, we must let our light shine forth to the glory of God in good works. This is the great, the important work of our lives. Those who are really under the influence of the Holy Spirit will reveal its power by a practical application of the eternal principles of truth. They will reveal that the holy oil is emptied from the two olive branches into the chambers of the soul temple. Their words will be imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit to soften and subdue the heart. It will be manifest that the words spoken are spirit and life.

Lt 354, 1908

Our Brethren in California

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1908

To our brethren in California:

Last night instruction was given me for our people. I seemed to be in a meeting where representations were being made of the strange work of Brother Mackin and his wife. I was instructed that it was a work similar to that which was carried on in Orrington in the state of Maine and in various other places after the passing of the time in 1844. I was bidden to speak decidedly against this fanatical work.

I was shown that it was not the Spirit of the Lord that was inspiring Brother and Sister Mackin, but the same spirit of fanaticism that is ever seeking entrance into the remnant church. Their application of Scripture to their peculiar exercises is Scripture misapplied. The work of declaring persons possessed of the devil, and then praying with them and pretending to cast out the evil spirits, is fanaticism which will bring into disrepute any church which sanctions such work.

I was shown that we must give no encouragement to these demonstrations, but must guard the people with a decided testimony against that which would bring a stain upon the name of Seventh-day Adventists and destroy the confidence of the people in the message of truth which they must bear to the world. The Lord has done a great work for His people in placing them on vantage ground. It is the duty of the church to cherish its influence. Precious are the words, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." [John 5:39.] The words of inspiration, carefully studied and prayerfully obeyed, will thoroughly furnish unto all good works.

As a denomination we need to look more continually to God for guidance. We are living in an evil age. The perils of the last days are upon us. Because iniquity abounds, Satan presumes to bring in all kinds of delusive theories upon those who have tried to walk humbly with God and who are distrustful of self. Shall self-confident, fanatical men come to these humble souls, assuring them that they are possessed of evil spirits, and after praying with them, affirm that the devil is cast out? Such are not the manifestations of the Spirit of God, but of another spirit.

I call upon every church to beware of being led to think evil of those who, because distrustful of self, fear that they have not the Holy Spirit. There are those who have followed their own ways instead of the ways of God. They have not acknowledged the light that God has graciously given; and because of this they have lost the power to distinguish between darkness and light. There are many who have heard much in regard to the path they ought to follow, but who ignore the requirements God makes of them. Their light does not shine in works that reveal the principles of truth and holiness. It is this class who in time of test will accept falsehood and erroneous theories for the truth of God.

Great light has been given to the people of God. Let our people awake and go forward to perfection. You will be exposed to the fallacies of satanic agencies. Fearful waves of fanaticism will come. But God will deliver the people who will earnestly seek the Lord and consecrate themselves to His service.

Lt 356, 1908

Crawford, Marion Stowell

St. Helena, California

December 13, 1908

Dear Sister Marion Stowell-Crawford:

I have just read your letter. I was glad to hear from you, but sorry to learn that you are so afflicted.

My family just now is quite small, numbering in all only five members. My cook and matron is an excellent Christian woman whom we met one year ago at Loma Linda. She had overworked and had somewhat broken down in health; but we find that she does our housework very nicely, and we all appreciate her for her excellent qualities. She is a lady in every respect. The other members of my family are Miss McEnterfer, my nurse, and Minnie Hawkins and Helen Graham, workers in the office. Sara McEnterfer travels with me when I am called to leave home; and when at home, she is general caretaker and helps me by answering many letters. Minnie Hawkins is engaged in preparing my manuscripts. Minnie worked for me some years in Cooranbong, Australia; and after her mother's death, I wrote to her, asking her to unite once more with my work. Sister Helen Graham has been with us for several years. She is W. C. White's stenographer and is excellent help in the office. We live together very pleasantly as a family and would not like to spare any member.

Brother James, my farmer, came from Australia in response to my call to take charge of my place here. We regard him as a treasure, and his wife is just as highly prized. They have eleven children, the two eldest of whom are at College View and doing well. The children are carefully trained at home, and most excellent discipline is maintained.

W. C. White's house is close by us. Willie has an excellent wife and four children. The two eldest boys Henry and Herbert and Gracie are attending the church school, which is only a few rods from their home. The youngest boy Arthur is about fourteen months old. He is a bright, healthy little fellow.

Ella May White Robinson has been married over three years. For a time both she and her husband were engaged in the work of teaching. But W. C. White needed her husband's help in the office here, so for two years he has been connected with my work. Dores Robinson has been a licentiate for several years and spends each Sabbath speaking to some neighboring church or company. We have held on to him,

because he is well adapted for the work of preparing my manuscripts for the press; but he will soon engage more fully in the work of the ministry. They have a child about one year old. He is a bright little lad.

From one of the windows of the room where I spend most of my time during the day, I can look out on the office where the workers are busy from morning till night. From another window I see the little cottage, a few steps from my house, where Sister Steward and her daughter live. Miss Mary Steward is one of my staff of workers. In the office each worker has a separate room, for in almost every room a typewriter is being run. In addition to the workers I have named, we have Mr. Mason, my bookkeeper, and Brother Crisler, who does important work in connection with the work in general. Willie has the oversight of all.

For a while we had working with us Brother Forga, a Spanish gentleman who married May White's sister. He was working on the translation of my writings into Spanish. He is now working in Mountain View along the same lines. His wife is studying the Spanish language and helping her husband.

Now I have given you quite a little sketch of my family and workers. We are not always so few in number as at present. Last summer Elder Caviness was with us for several months, engaged with Mr. Forga in Spanish translations. For ten years Brother Caviness has been laboring in Mexico and was to return there to his family when his work here was finished. We were glad of the privilege of having him with us.

I am still busy with my writings, and I praise the Lord that He gives me strength to continue my work so steadily. My hand is firm, as it has been ever since the Lord first directed me to write. Then my trembling hand was made strong and firm, and the Lord has kept it so. I have reason to thank the Lord with heart and soul and voice that my mind is clear and that I am still able to use pen and voice in His service.

In regard to means, I can assure you that whatever you can let us have to help in the work will be safe, and the interest due will be paid. We would be glad to have more means just now in helping to get out the books that should come before the people. We have much new matter which ought to be published, that the light that has been given me may be made known. Whatever you can give to help in this work will be greatly appreciated.

Again, there is Paradise Valley. This too is safe, I can assure you; and any interest you manifest in a practical way will be a wonderful help. But I will leave this matter with you, to help or not, as you can.

My son, no doubt, has told you of the school soon to be established at Sonoma. I am so thankful that we are to have this place for our school. I shall want you to come down and see it when it will be convenient for you to do so. I expect that place will be my home for a time; for I shall want to be there to help where I can with counsel and judgment. I hope the Lord will permit me to see this school established firmly and on right lines. I fully believe that time is very short.

In speaking of my family, I had almost forgotten to mention Mabel White. She married a man whom we all respect, Wilfred Workman. They are happily suited in their marriage and are now at Washington, D.C., attending school. Mabel is acting as matron, and both are obtaining a valuable education. In her baby life, Mabel was afflicted with a tumor on one of her eyes, and she does not see much from that eye. She is now twenty-three years old, and the Lord is blessing her and her husband and giving them a good experience.

May Walling, my niece, whom I brought up from a child of three and a half years old, is now in the St. Helena Sanitarium and is doing excellent work. Addie her sister is married, and her first child is about one year old. She has a good husband.

If the Lord spares my life, and indicates that it is my duty to go, I shall attend the General Conference to be held in Washington the coming Spring. I wish that you could be there.

I feel so sorry to hear of your physical suffering. I cannot understand why you should be so greatly afflicted; but we can trust the Lord as One who knows what is best for us all. Let us hold the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end.

I am not suffering physically, but I am often bowed down with weariness and sorrow of heart as I see those who have departed from the faith working out such a sad experience. I am deeply grieved as I compare the present history of these souls with what their past has been—more grieved than words can express. That the same fountain should send forth sweet water and bitter, that the vine which has borne grapes should now yield wild grapes, this brings pain to my heart and sadness to my soul. And the end is near, the end when truth alone will triumph. O that the truth as it is in Jesus may be planted in the heart by the Holy Spirit, and daily tended there by the grace of God.

I will now close this lengthy letter. I have tried to give you a little of our history, thinking you would be interested in it. Be of good courage. May the Lord bless and guide you and encourage you day by day to hold fast the beginning of your confidence firm unto the end.

Lt 358, 1908

Mackin, Brother and Sister [Ralph]

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1908

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mackin

Dear Brother and Sister:

Recently, in visions of the night, there were opened before me some matters that I must communicate to you. I have been shown that you are making some sad mistakes. In your study of the Scriptures and of the testimonies, you have come to wrong conclusions. The Lord's work would be greatly misunderstood, if you should continue to labor as you have begun. You place a false interpretation upon the Word of God, and upon the printed testimonies; and then you seek to carry on a strange work in accordance with your conception of their meaning. You suppose that all you do is for the glory of God, but you are deceiving yourselves and deceiving others.

Your wife, in speech, in song, and in strange exhibitions that are not in accordance with the genuine work of the Holy Spirit, is helping to bring in a phase of fanaticism that would do great injury to the cause of God, if allowed any place in our churches.

You have even supposed that power is given you to cast out devils. Through your influence over the human mind, men and women are led to believe that they are possessed of devils and that the Lord has appointed you as His agents for casting out these evil spirits. I have been shown that just such phases of

error as I was compelled to meet among Advent believers after the passing of the time in 1844 will be repeated in these last days. In our early experience, I had to go from place to place and bear message after message to disappointed companies of believers. The evidences accompanying my messages were so great that the honest in heart received as truth the words that were spoken. The power of God was revealed in a marked manner, and men and women were freed from the baleful influence of fanaticism and disorder and were brought into the unity of the faith.

My brother and sister, I have a message for you: You are starting on a false supposition. There is much of self woven into your exhibitions. Satan will come in with bewitching power through these exhibitions. It is high time that you call a halt. If God had given you a special message for His people, you would walk and work in all humility—not as if you were on the stage of a theater, but in the meekness of a follower of the lowly Jesus of Nazareth. You would carry an influence altogether different from that which you have been carrying. You would be anchored on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

My dear young friends, your souls are precious in the sight of Heaven. Christ has bought you with His own precious blood, and I do not want you to be indulging a false hope and working in false lines. You are certainly on a false track now, and I beg of you, for your souls' sake, to imperil no longer the cause of the truth for these last days. For your own souls' sake, consider that the manner in which you are working is not the way God's cause is to be advanced. The sincere desire to do others good will lead the Christian worker to put away all thought of bringing into the message of present truth any strange teachings leading men and women into fanaticism. At this period of the world's history, we must exercise the greatest of care in this respect.

Some of the phases of experience through which you are passing not only endanger your own souls, but the souls of many others; because you appeal to the precious words of Christ as recorded in the Scriptures, and to the testimonies, to vouch for the genuineness of your message. In supposing that the precious Word, which is verity and truth, and the testimonies that the Lord has given for His people are your authority, you are deceived. You are moved by wrong impulses and are bracing up yourselves with declarations that mislead. You attempt to make the truth of God sustain false sentiments and incorrect actions that are inconsistent and fanatical. This makes tenfold, yes, twentyfold harder the work of the church in acquainting the people with the truths of the third angel's message.

Lt 358a, 1908

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St. Helena, California

December 11, 1903

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your conception of their meaning. You have even supposed that power is given you to cast out devils. Through your influence over the human mind, men and women are led to believe that they are possessed of devils and that the Lord has appointed you as His agents for casting out these evil spirits.

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My dear young friends, your souls are precious in the sight of Heaven. Christ has bought you with His own precious blood, and I do not want you to be found on a false track. You are certainly there now, and I beg of you, for your souls' sake, to imperil no longer the cause of the truth for these last days. For your own souls' sake, consider that this is not the way God's work is to be advanced. The sincere desire to do others good will lead the Christian worker to put away all thought of bringing into the message of present truth any strange teachings bordering on the fanatical. At this period of the world's history, we must exercise the greatest of care in this respect. Some of the phases of experience through which you have been passing not only endanger your own souls, but the souls of many others; because you appeal to the precious words of Christ as recorded in the Scriptures, and to the testimonies, to vouch for the genuineness of your message. In supposing that the precious Word, which is verity and truth, and the testimonies that the Lord has given for His people are your authority, you are deceived. You are moved by wrong impulses and are bracing up yourselves with declarations that mislead. You attempt to make the truth of God sustain false sentiments and incorrect actions that give the impression of fanaticism. This makes tenfold, yes, twentyfold harder our work of acquainting the people with the truths of the third angel's message.

Lt 360, 1908

Cummings, Sister [R. S.]

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

Mrs. R. S. Cummings

Paradise Valley Sanitarium

National City, California

Dear Sister:

I have commenced several letters to you that have not been finished because of other important questions arising that demanded immediate attention. I will begin once more and will say that I have read your mother's letters with much interest. I have known of the work which she mentions, but I shall not spend the few minutes in which I have to write in dwelling upon vexing matters. If men claiming to be doing the work of the Lord follow their own impulse to deal unjustly, they themselves will be the losers. I am sorry for them and will pray that they may be converted from every wrong position.

I had told my son something of what was being done to break up the work at Paradise Valley, but we both had confidence in you and your husband, that you would be loyal to your appointed work. Your work at Paradise Valley has been satisfactory. We believe that you realize the importance of your position and that you will be faithful in your work. In accepting your position at Paradise Valley, you pledged to work as in the presence of God and holy angels. We have the fullest confidence in you that you will be true to this pledge, refusing to be bought or sold.

I am glad that you have Brother Harmon Lindsay with you, for he is a man of experience. Do not let him become discouraged; for I fear that you will not find another to fill his place who has so large an experience in the work of the third angel's message. The Lord will be with Brother Lindsay if he will follow on in faith and hope to know the Lord. God will be with him and give him rich blessings. Our brother has known sorrow; but if he will walk humbly with God, He will be his strength and healer.

I shall pray for you all, for I am deeply interested in the Paradise Valley Sanitarium. I shall pray that the light of the Lord may shine upon this institution and that God will work through your efforts. Let us ever remember that we are doing our work for eternity.

I had some fears that representations might be made to you that would have influence with you, but W. C. White said, "We will not allow our minds to distrust Brother and Sister Cummings." And I agree with my son.

I am writing to the best of my ability to encourage our workers to bear responsibilities. I will send you copies of some things that have been written to individuals.

We have often spoken of the praying season we had with your mother at our last visit to Paradise Valley Sanitarium. The blessing of the Lord rested on me largely at that time; and while I was praying for your mother, I received healing for myself. I have not yet lost the influence of that precious meeting. The Lord is good and full of mercy and compassion. We have every encouragement to trust in Him and to continue to believe.

I believe your mother should have a change in her labors. Her past work is one that wears upon the nerves, and we advise her to make the change that has been recommended.

I have just been reading in one of the testimonies given me by the Lord that in working to benefit and bless others a sense of satisfaction is experienced. The Lord creates peace in the soul. This is of more

value than gold. Every faithful performance of duty stands registered in the books of heaven and receives more than an earthly reward. It is a sacred duty that we owe to God to receive His grace that we may give it to others.

My sister, the Lord points out our duties, and we are to walk in the way He marks out. Pure, Christlike love is simple in its operations. There is one thing we should do much more than we do. We should praise the Lord more often. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth God. Do you not think that if we praised the Lord more often, our spiritual sight would be keener to discern the blessings of the Lord?

I would say to you, Be of good courage in the Lord. Take rest and peace in Christ. Let us offer our grateful praise to Him who is the author of all our blessings.

I am writing this by lamplight, and now I must close. Tell Brother Lindsay that I will write to him later. In love to all the household of faith.

Lt 362, 1908

Rice, Brother and Sister [J. D.]

St. Helena, California

December 16, 1908

Elder J. D. Rice

6270 Racine Street

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Rice:

Last night the Spirit of the Lord opened some matters before me. The instruction was given that it was in the order of God that a meetinghouse be built in Richmond, where the Lord has manifested His great grace in bringing souls into the truth. It is in the Lord's order that you should have the help of our people in establishing this new church.

It seems only just and right that you should have help from the Oakland church. If I can I will do something to help. I shall pray that the Lord may help you to go forward, trusting in Him.

A call has been made for me to help in the purchase of the Buena Vista property. The donations I have made in the gifts of my books have left me where I have felt unable to make any large donation for the purchase of the Sonoma property. But I will do something.

Several times I have been brought into strait places and have been forced to hire money from the bank in order to carry on my work. We are working to get out valuable reading matter to the people, and we must have money with which to pay the workers.

In spite of the great burdens that have been laid upon me, my mind is clear, and I am of good courage in God. I remember the promise of the Lord, that He will not leave nor forsake any who put their trust in Him and seek to do His will.

We have a decided work to do. Be of good courage in the Lord. The Lord will work in His own way if we do not stand in the way to hinder.

Lt 364, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

December 17, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I am often weary, and yet I realize at times the blessing of the Lord resting upon me in large measure. I want to walk humbly with God. I am praying that the Lord will guide me by His Spirit every moment.

The Lord has given me a special work to do in giving words of warning that should come to our people. Satan's forces are preparing their seductive temptations to deceive if possible the very elect. Satan will work through those who have disregarded the warnings of God to the church. They will be exceedingly zealous under the working of a deceptive influence, and most strange manifestations will appear.

We need in all our churches the evidences of the meekness of Christ. In order to do intelligently the solemn work committed to us, we must hide self in Jesus Christ. We have a short time in which to accomplish the work that is essential. Let us earnestly prepare for the conflict that is before us, for Satan's armies are marshalling for the last great struggle. I am instructed to say to all our people, Let your light so shine in words and deeds, that you will reveal that truth is cherished in the heart.

The time has come when the tithes and offerings belonging to the Lord are to be used in accomplishing a decided work. They are to be brought into the treasury to be used in an orderly way to sustain the gospel laborers in their work. In (Malachi 3:10) we read, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Satan is rallying his forces and seeking to bring in heresies to confuse the minds of those who have not been trained to understand the leadings of the Holy Spirit. A delusive net is being prepared for them, and those who have been warned again and again, but have not educated themselves to understand the warnings, will be surely taken in Satan's snare.

The angels of God have been holding the four winds, that they shall not blow. John writes, "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads.

“And I heard the number of them that were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. ...

“After this, I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

“And all the angels stood round about the throne and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God, saying, Amen; blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

“They shall hunger no more, neither shall they thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” [Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17.]

Let this chapter be carefully read and studied. Wonderful things are about to transpire. The future is full of intense interest to every soul who shall live upon the earth.

Lt 366, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 18, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

During the night after I spoke in the Berkeley church, I was shown how greatly God loves His children. I saw that although some of the church members at Berkeley had acted unworthily, yet by humble repentance and the exercise of faith, they might still know the Lord as their Surety and their Salvation. If they would fear the Lord and trust in His mercy, continuing firm in their repentance, they would be forgiven, renewed by grace, clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and conformed to His image. Christ desires to see His likeness reflected in every renewed soul. Those who continue humble, meek, and lowly in heart, He will make laborers together with God.

Representations were made to me showing how greatly our physicians and ministers and teachers need a development of Christian character, that they may properly represent the love of God to a fallen

world. They are to speak the Word of God from hearts melted in tenderness. Pure and unadulterated truth must always meet the elements of unsanctified profession. There will always be those who claim to be doing God service who are serving Him not. Those who are blinded by erroneous opinions are to be treated with gentleness, yet labored with faithfully that their minds may be undeceived. Saving truth must be repeated over and over again. If these deceived souls can be convinced of their errors and converted, what rejoicing there will be in the heavenly courts.

Those who minister the Word of God to the people are to remember that they are dealing with souls for whom Christ has died, and that they must meet the record of any unfaithfulness in the judgment. It is not merciful or just to allow a course of deception to be practiced upon human minds. Satan will surely use erroneous theories to deceive and confuse minds, and we cannot pass by these errors and be guiltless before God. Patiently, and in a spirit of meekness and gentleness, yet with a firmness that cannot be misinterpreted, we are to reprove wrong and to teach professed believers to adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour.

We must expect to meet all classes of minds. But when you are falsely spoken of, remember that the Prince of life passed through the same experience. Let ministers, physicians, and teachers take a straightforward course, "having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." [1 Peter 2:12.]

If Christ could consent to suffer so much in order to save souls, should we not manifest patience, and gentleness, and longsuffering in dealing with the perishing? The words were spoken, "Love as brethren; be pitiful, be courteous, not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing, knowing that ye are thereunto called that ye might inherit a blessing." [1 Peter 3:8, 9.] Nevertheless we are to be faithful in reproofing wrongdoing. This God requires of every one of His laborers.

In the large assemblies there are those who will be reached by words that tell of God's pardoning mercy and His matchless love; and these in turn will be the means of enlightening others in regard to the love of God. The Lord rejoices over the one repenting soul; He alone can measure the influence for good that one soul can be in drawing others to the foot of the cross. If the workers' labors are prompted by devotion to God and a desire to see souls saved for His kingdom, the Lord will impress them with words to speak that will represent His grace and love; and through the aid of the Holy Spirit souls will be convicted and converted. Their words will inspire faith and hope in the heart, and large numbers will be blessed with the light of truth and be led to rejoice in the mercy and love of God.

The Lord rejoices when simplicity marks the words and works of His ministers. He would have His followers copy His own example of true simplicity, and thus magnify His name. It is said regarding His instruction, "The common people heard Him gladly." [Mark 12:37.] So today He would have ministers and teachers use words that all, even the most ignorant, can understand.

We need more of the love of Christ expressed in our lives for the souls perishing all around us. Christ looks upon these souls, not as they are in themselves, but as they may be if they will surrender themselves to Him in sincerity, as did the thief on the cross. In the hour of His greatest suffering, Christ responded to the prayer of the penitent thief with the word, "Verily I say unto thee today, Thou shalt be with Me in Paradise." [Luke 23:43.] The Son of God gave His life that He might uplift and ennoble all who will repent of their sins, accept His mercy, and trust in His power to save.

Lt 368, 1908

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

St. Helena, California

December 17, 1908

Elders Cottrell, Haskell, and Knox

Dear Brethren:

I have something to say regarding the land for which we have been negotiating as a site for our conference school. This land is not being purchased for the purpose of encouraging a large number of our people to make homes upon it for their families. Our school is to be located here, and the fewer families settling close about the school, the better it will be for the students and for the managers of the school interests. The large tract of land has not been brought as a speculation.

Provision must first be made for the teachers and for those who act a part in the work of the school. A few families who have proved themselves to be wise and loyal supporters of our educational work may be encouraged to make homes near by or on the school farm; but our people generally should not be encouraged to come in and make their homes at Sonoma. Let not the parents cherish the idea that they can do this, for in nine cases out of ten it will not be for the best interests of the children. In most cases it will be a blessing for the youth if they can be away from their parents and under the management of qualified teachers in the school. The presentation in spiritual lines would be clearer and the development of character would be far more encouraging.

Competent managers and teachers of ability will be needed; for this school is to be conducted on a high spiritual plain, after the order of the schools of the prophets.

There is need of a reformatory work's being done in all our schools and in every church. The words were spoken with great impressiveness: Our schools need more of the guidance of the Holy Spirit and less of confidence in human power. We are living in the very closing scenes of this earth's history. Our teachers are to represent Christ's methods and Christ's spirit. Do not censure, but teach the truth.

To a congregation in which were assembled teachers, ministers, and physicians, these words were spoken, "You are to represent in your work the gentleness of Christ. Let your hearts melt with tenderness as you tell of the love of God for a fallen world. Let Christ's meekness appear, and let His gentleness be seen in you."

Lt 370, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 24, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Box 597

Oakland, California

Dear Brother Haskell:

We have received your letter in which you suggest that we purchase seventeen acres of land in connection with the school property at Sonoma. Brother Covell has also been to see us, and he has told us of the circumstances connected with its purchase.

I have decided that I will secure this place in order to bring relief to the situation and have made arrangements at the bank to borrow the necessary means. I will hold the place for the present, as this seems to be the best thing that can be done. No doubt Willie will see you today and tell you of this decision.

I trust that you may not be heavily burdened over financial perplexities. We will do our best to secure means and look to the Lord for His help. I believe that we can raise the means by the time it is required. We believe that the Lord will work the matter out in such a way that His name will be glorified.

I am surprised at the long delay; but it may prove favorable to us, as it gives more time in which to raise the necessary means. Do not be discouraged. We know that you have had a hard battle to fight, but it is not the first time that you have been called upon to lead out in a new enterprise.

Be of good courage in the Lord. I will try to do my best and will ask the Lord to give us wisdom that we may know how to move. Be strong in the Lord, and do not worry. Hold fast to the hand that has ever been your help, and praise the name of the Lord.

Lt 372, 1908

Workers in the Review and Herald Office and Southern Publishing Association

St. Helena, California

October 6, 1908

To the workers in the Review and Herald office and Southern Publishing Association:

As a people we need to come up on a higher platform. In our printing offices in Washington and Nashville, there is a work to be done that will bring in a clear and holy atmosphere. There must be a cleansing from every selfish principle. Narrow, self-conceived ideas must not bear rule. They must be purged away. When the workers hunger for the incoming of pure, uplifting principles, the salvation of God will be revealed, and He will be glorified.

Let the workers in the publishing houses rid themselves of every species of selfishness. When each one is willing to give to his brother the right of way that he desires for himself, then God can be glorified in His institutions.

For years some have been binding themselves about with selfish desires as with hoops of steel. Self and selfishness has figured largely in their work; but such a spirit is dishonoring to God. I am instructed to say that those who retain such a spirit and hold such principles cannot be accepted by Christ as laborers together with Him for the glory of God.

Men may be placed in high positions of trust in the cause of God; but they can claim nothing from Him unless they practice His Word, and rule in righteousness, seeking to copy the example of the meek and lowly Jesus. The leader in the work, as verily as the humblest lay member, is dependent upon God for power to exercise a pure, uplifting influence.

The Lord says to the workers in Washington and Nashville, Review your operations. You must rise above every cheap and selfish principle and be imbued with the Spirit of God. Unless the workers experience the daily converting power of God upon their hearts and lives, they will not be pleased to meet the record of their deeds before the bar of God, when every man will be rewarded according as his works have been.

Lt 374, 1908

Haskell, S. N.

St. Helena, California

December 27, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Dear Brother:

I have a request to make of our people at this time. We greatly need means for the purchase of the property at Buena Vista, which we hope to make the site for our new training-school in California. I ask that our people throughout the California Conference shall make special efforts to meet this emergency by sending in donations, large and small, for the purchase of this place. The Lord will be honored by the freewill offerings made to further this enterprise.

The new year 1909 will soon be here. Shall we not, before the old year is gone, prepare for a special effort for the help of the new school, and on the first of the new year bring in our offerings to the Lord?

The matter of the purchase of this place must soon be settled, in order that we may take possession. We know this place in the mountains to be most desirable as a site for our school, for a house of worship, and for a small sanitarium. The towns lying close around the Buena Vista property should be receiving the light of truth, the last message of warning to the world. And here among the everlasting hills the students can be learning many precious lessons that are needful for their education. Lessons that the Lord taught to Israel while they abode at Mt. Sinai, the influence of which was not to be lost till the close of time, are to be learned by our youth amid the scenes of nature and the everlasting hills. Our students are to be taught never to lose sight of the sacredness of the precepts that God Himself came down upon Mt. Sinai to speak with a voice that made the mountain tremble to its base.

All, both old and young, are to be constant students of nature, learning from this source lessons that are of continual and deepening interest. The teachers have lessons to learn that are of the utmost importance in the formation of character and the strengthening of the physical powers. Students and teachers are to study how to tax physical and mental powers equally; and if they will, they may draw lessons of the highest and holiest character from the object lessons all about them.

Scenes have been presented to me that have revealed [what] there was in the education that the Lord desired to give to Israel in their march to the land He had given them for a possession. As the vast

armies followed their Leader through the wilderness, they were to be constantly disciplined, until their wills and their ways were brought into submission to the will and way of the Lord.

Every one of us is building a character. Our works are to be under the discipline of the Holy Spirit. Our wills are to be brought into obedience to the will of God. Characters are to be formed that will reflect the glory of God.

Teachers as well as students are to learn the lesson of obedience to the will of God, to a Thus saith the Lord. They, as verily as the students, are to be learners in the school of Christ. Day by day a noticeable advance is to be made in Bible study. And day by day the development of character must be patterned after the divine similitude.

Teachers are ever to be learners. They are to reveal a constant growth in spirituality, in sanctified ability, and in a love of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. In the work of character building, every flaw in the individual self is to be seen and overcome; for we are living in the last days of this earth's history and are rapidly approaching the crisis of all things; and soon we shall be called to stand before God without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Teachers, as educators of the youth, are to cultivate steadfastness and nobility of purpose.

I have just read your letter, and I hope your courage will not fail. We have all kept closely at work during the holiday season. I never thought of making any provision for Christmas. We are now writing this letter during the closing hours of the day. I wish you might have been with us today. We did not ever hear the word "Christmas" until today noon. Every worker is busy.

Since reading your letter, I have more to write; but as it is already the hour between daylight and dark, I will send this on, hoping to write you later regarding some additional matters.

May the Lord strengthen and bless you, is my prayer. We remember you in our prayers. Again I would say, Be of good courage in the Lord. I believe we shall not fail nor be discouraged. Truth will bear away the victory. Light shines amid the moral darkness. We have a tremendous task on hand. The Lord helping us, we will come off victorious. Talk faith; live faith. The Lord can move upon hearts to give us the victory.

Some have said that we cannot get money from the banks to help us in this emergency; but we can solicit pledges from private persons. I have gone to the limit of my resources, personally, in an effort to help; and now I will call upon others for means to aid in starting this school enterprise. I will do my best. God helping us, we will come off victorious. God is rich in resources. Let us now strive to show perfect trust in His power to help. The Lord Jesus Christ is my dependence, and we will trust in Him. Amen, and amen!

Lt 376, 1908

Mackin, Brother and Sister [Ralph]

St. Helena, California

December 11, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Mackin

Dear Brother and Sister:

Recently, in visions of the night, there were opened before me some matters that I must communicate to you. I have been shown that you are making some sad mistakes. In your study of the Scriptures and of the testimonies, you have come to wrong conclusions. The Lord's work would be greatly misunderstood, if you should continue to labor as you have begun. You place a false interpretation upon the Word of God and upon the printed testimonies; and then you seek to carry on a strange work in accordance with your conception of their meaning. You have even supposed that power is given you to cast out devils. Through your influence over the human mind, men and women are led to believe that they are possessed of devils and that the Lord has appointed you as His agents for casting out these evil spirits.

Your wife, in speech, in song, and in strange exhibitions that are not in accordance with the genuine work of the Holy Spirit, is helping to bring in a phase of fanaticism that would do great injury to the cause of God, if allowed any place in our churches.

I have been shown that just such phases of error, as I was compelled to meet among Advent believers after the passing of the time in 1844, will be repeated in these last days. In our early experience, I had to go from place to place and bear message after message to disappointed companies of believers. The evidences accompanying my messages were so great that the honest in heart received as truth the words that were spoken. The power of God was revealed in a marked manner, and men and women were freed from the baleful influence of fanaticism and disorder and were brought into the unity of the faith.

My brother and sister, I have a message for you: You are starting on a false supposition. There is too much self woven into your exhibitions. You suppose that all you do is for the glory of God, but you are deceiving yourselves and deceiving others. Satan will come into these exhibitions. It is high time that you call a halt. If God had given you a special message for His people, you would walk and work in all humility—not as if you were on the stage of a theater, but in the meekness of a follower of the lowly Jesus of Nazareth. You would carry an influence altogether different from that which you have been carrying. You would be anchored on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

My dear young friends, your souls are precious in the sight of Heaven. Christ has bought you with His own precious blood, and I do not want you to be found on a false track. You are certainly there now, and I beg of you, for your souls' sake, to imperil no longer the cause of the truth for these last days. For your own souls' sake, consider that this is not the way God's work is to be advanced. The sincere desire to do others good will lead the Christian worker to put away all thought of bringing into the message of present truth any strange teachings bordering on the fanatical. At this period of the world's history, we must exercise the greatest of care in this respect. Some of the phases of experience through which you have been passing not only endanger your own souls, but the souls of many others; because you appeal to the precious words of Christ as recorded in the Scriptures, and to the testimonies, to vouch for the genuineness of your message. In supposing that the precious Word, which is verity and truth, and the testimonies that the Lord has given for His people are your authority, you are deceived. You are moved by wrong impulses and are bracing up yourselves with declarations that mislead. You attempt to make the truth of God sustain false sentiments and incorrect actions that give the impression of fanaticism. This makes tenfold, yes, twentyfold harder our work of acquainting the people with the truths of the third angel's message.

Lt 378, 1908

Haskell, Brother and Sister

St. Helena, California

October 2, 1908

Elder S. N. Haskell

Oakland, California

Dear Brother and Sister Haskell:

I shall not be able to attend the meeting at Madison, Tenn. I did hope that my strength would be sufficient for this journey, but I know that I will not be able to take it. The General Conference will be held in Washington in about seven months. If the Lord strengthens me, I hope to attend that meeting. I wish I could feel clear in regard to all the things I desire to do.

Your thoughtfulness in calling at our house was very gratifying to me. I hope that you will be able to help the work in Nashville. May the Lord give you wisdom.

I have sent messages to Brother Ford; he is inexcusable in pursuing the course he has followed. If he still refuses to walk according to the light that has been given, I shall have to let others know what I wrote him.

All that Elder Butler has done in the matter of Edson White and I. A. Ford has been to vindicate Brother Ford. Elder Butler has made a mistake here. I do not regard Brother Ford's case as hopeless, but I know that he will do strange things that the Word of God will not justify him in doing. He saw Edson White in a hard place, and he took advantage of the situation. Such a course of action can never be approved by God. Edson White has worked to help his brethren when he found them in close and trying places. The Lord has kept a record of every action done to relieve the necessities of the afflicted, both colored and white.

I am instructed to say that no one can safely manifest the spirit shown by Brother Ford toward Edson White; for the evils resulting from the manifestation of such a spirit will surely be reflected back upon the one who does the wrong. Brother Ford's actions have revealed a character as hard as flint. I would not write this to Edson White, for I hoped the testimony borne to Bro. Ford would be sufficient.

I have been very busy searching through my writings for matter that I wish to have reprinted. I have not strength to do more today. The influenza has left me, but I am suffering with pain in my right side and limb.

You will understand, Eld. Haskell, that it is difficult for me to leave home just now. The work that should be done on my books is burdening my mind. When I am called off to visit other parts of the field, my workers are often greatly inconvenienced and the work is hindered. My visit to Southern California took me and several of the workers away for about five weeks. I write this that you may know how difficult it would be for me to visit Nashville at this time. I feel that it is my duty to attend the meeting at Washington, and I will go if the Lord gives me strength to do so.

W. C. White is improving. I have been very anxious concerning him. The operation which Dr. Rand performed for him we believe to be a success.

If you hear anything more concerning the Buena Vista property, let me hear it.

Lt 380, 1908

White, J. E.; White, Emma

St. Helena, California

December 29, 1908

Elder J. E. White

Nashville, Tennessee

My children Edson and Emma:

I wish to respond to the letter I received from Edson. I am so thankful that the Lord is manifesting His grace and transforming power upon your mind. Praise the Lord for this.

The reports have just reached us of the terrible earthquake in Italy, laying the land desolate and causing such fearful loss of life. I have traveled much in Italy, and I can understand the awful scenes that must have taken place in the narrow streets with the earth giving way, houses tottering and falling, and the cities being swept by flood. I hope that none of our workers have lost their lives; but if this is so, they have lost their lives in carrying the message of truth to those who are in darkness and error.

Each time that I visited Italy, the Lord gave me special power to speak the word of truth. I was helped in a special manner to set the truth clearly before the people. My heart aches for those who are passing through such suffering, and for those who have perished in their sins.

We know not how soon our own cities will be visited with just such calamities as have come to Italy. San Francisco and Oakland have still another opportunity to turn to the Lord. O for the deep movings of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of God's people, that this message, the last message of warning, may be given without delay. Let us seek the Lord with full purpose of heart. I know that the Lord will accept your labors if self is sanctified by the grace of God. It is time that the people of God united to verify to men the truth that the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.

How zealous should we be as we see the signs of the times fulfilling around us. The end is nearer than when we first believed. Let us follow on to know the Lord and to do His will, that we may see of His salvation.

You will meet Willie at Nashville. I pray that you and he will enjoy much of the rich blessing of God. I did not dare to attend the meeting at Nashville, for I have promised to attend the conference in Washington in the spring, if God wills. Then too, I am anxious to see the conference school firmly established at Buena Vista. When this matter is settled, I shall be more willing to move.

The school property is about thirty or thirty-five miles from St. Helena. When arrangements are made so that we can take possession, I hope to drive over in our team and spend some time there. I should be pleased to see this school matter settled before we leave for the General Conference. We have been

waiting for the abstract to be made out, but there is a delay as important papers were destroyed at the time of the San Francisco earthquake. We hope soon to see the matter finally settled.

Willie has sent me several postcards on his journey to Nashville, that I may know he is safe and well. One I have just received reads: "Have had a good rest and a good breakfast from my box furnished from Loma Linda. The day is fine, and the accommodations good.—W. C. White."

I will not write more tonight, for I have had a trying day, and lately have spent some sleepless nights. Yet the Lord sustains me in a remarkable manner. I hope to see you soon after you can arrange to leave Nashville. Be sure, my children, that I shall be very pleased to see you whenever you can come. We will give you the best accommodations the house affords. And I pray that you may be greatly blessed at this meeting at Nashville. May the Lord strengthen you is my prayer. O that the hearts of all assembled might bow in humility at the feet of Jesus. We need more humility and a large increase of faith.

Lt 382, 1908

Irwin, G. A.

St. Helena, California

December 23, 1908

Elder G. A. Irwin

Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

Dear Brother Irwin:

May the Lord bless and strengthen you, is my most earnest desire. There is much earnest work to be done in the cities of the South, and the men who hold positions of responsibility, as you have done, need to put their entire trust in God.

In the night season I seemed to be saying to you: My brother, be careful how you treat your stomach. Herein lies one great difficulty with many of the workers in the southern field. You are in danger of not acting wisely in the matter of your diet; but unless you do this, you will have serious trouble with your digestive organs. A greater work would be accomplished in the South if every worker there would carefully guard the health.

Many have supposed that the expense of entering the cities of the South would be extremely large; but I have been shown that had our people taken up this God-given work twenty years ago, they would now be reaping decided advantages. They have neglected fields that might have been opened, and in which there might now be churches established. There is decided missionary effort to be put forth for this field that has been so strangely neglected.

Madison speaks for itself, and telling what might have been accomplished if the messages sent by God to His people had been heeded. All through the Madison district, confidence is felt in the men who stand at the head of that enterprise. As the people, both colored and white, have seen the industry and ingenuity shown by our workers, they have taken knowledge of them, that they were dealing with the students in an understanding way and qualifying them to become practical missionaries.

Throughout the southern field, just such object lessons are needed. Such schools would prove of the highest advantage to the people, demonstrating that education embraces more than the mere study of books, that it also includes useful employment in any line. And one of the most useful employments for the people of the South is the cultivation of the land that has run to waste for lack of care and attention. The exercise of the muscles and the reason in the performance of physical labor is to be combined with the exercise of the mental powers in the study of books. This is the kind of education that will recommend the students if they should be called to work in foreign countries.

This equal taxation of the mental and physical powers was part of the Lord's plan in the beginning. I ask you to read the first and second chapters of Genesis. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He rested from all His work which God created and made.

"These are the generations of the heavens and the earth, when they were created, in that day that the Lord made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth; and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. ... And the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to dress it, and to keep it." [Genesis 2:1-9, 15.]

The Saviour declared that before His second coming there would be "wars, and rumors of wars," and "earthquakes in divers places." [Matthew 24:6, 7.] The reports that have recently reached us of the terrible earthquake in Italy and Sicily tell of another fulfilment of the signs of the end. The Chronicle, edited in San Francisco, has given startling accounts of this awful disaster which has caused such enormous damage and loss of life, and rendered so many thousands homeless.

These calamities are becoming more and more common, but every report of calamity by sea or by land is a testimony to the fact that the end of all things is near. The world is filled with iniquity, and the Lord is punishing for its wickedness. As crime and iniquity increase, these judgments will become more frequent and more marked, until the time shall come when the "earth shall no more cover her slain." [Isaiah 26:21.]

In view of all this, our schools should have little to say now of "degrees," and of long courses of study. The work of preparation for the service of God is to be done speedily. Let the work be carried forward in strictly Bible lines. Let every soul remember that the judgments of God are in the land. Let degrees be little spoken of. Let the meetinghouses that are needed in our cities be plain and simple, and erected without unnecessary expense. Let time and means be wisely invested.

Let humility of soul be evidenced and entire surrender to God be made. Let our churches put away selfishness and pride and cease to lift up the soul unto vanity. The end is near, and we are to give the

message of warning and mercy to the world. And not only are our lips to proclaim this message, but by lives of simplicity and meekness and right doing we are to reveal that we believe the truths of the Word of God.

The Lord would have us awake to our true spiritual condition. He desires that every soul shall humble heart and mind before Him. The words of inspiration found in the nineteenth and twentieth Psalms are presented to me for our people. It is our privilege to accept these precious promises and to believe the warnings. I pray that our hearts may be fully awake to the perils that surround those who are indifferent to the soul's eternal welfare. We need to search the Scriptures as never before. The Word of God is to be our educator, our guide. We are to understand: What saith the Scriptures.

In the night season I seemed to be repeating these words to the people: There is need of close examination of self. We have no time now to spend in self-indulgence. If we are connected with God, we shall humble our hearts before Him and be very zealous in the perfecting of Christian characters. We have a grand and solemn work to do, for the world is to be enlightened in regard to the times in which we live; and they will be enlightened when a straight testimony is borne. They will be led to earnest examination of self.

This is a time when we need to be very watchful and to guard carefully the character of the work done. Some will seek to bring in false theories and will come with false messages. Satan will stir human minds to create fanaticism in our ranks. We have seen something of this in the year 1908. The Lord desires His people to move carefully, guarding the expressions and even the attitude. Satan will use peculiarities of attitude and voice to cause excitement and to work on human minds to deceive.

By such fanaticism as we have lately had among us in California in peculiar exercises and the claim of power to cast out devils, Satan is seeking to deceive if possible the very elect. These persons, claiming to have a special message for our people, would charge one and another with being possessed of an evil spirit. Then after praying with them, they would declare the devil cast out. The result of their work testified of its character. I was bidden to say to our people that the Lord was not in these strange exercises; but that such exhibitions would deceive souls to their ruin unless they were warned and Bible truth would be perverted.

We had just such fanaticism to meet after the passing of the time in 1844. I was at that time given definite messages to bear to meet this evil, declaring that this was a deceptive power and that it did not bear the divine credentials. The Lord would guard His people against every phase of fanaticism.

"O ye priests, this commandment is for you," God declares through His prophet. "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 have not laid 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 priests lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of hosts." [Malachi 2:1, 2, 4-8.]

I write these things to you, Brother Irwin, that you may be prepared to meet the evil of fanaticism if you should encounter it in your experience. These persons may read the testimonies that God has given for His people, claiming that they are doing just as the testimonies enjoin. But it makes a great difference whether or not they are under the Holy Spirit's influence. The messages of these misguided souls should find no place in our confidence, though they may claim that their message is of God. Let them see that their course is wrong, and be converted, and take their positions as learners before they become teachers. They may claim to be under the control of the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit will never testify to a lie, never. Our work is a sacred, solemn work. We must now stand stiffly for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, teaching, as He taught, that no lie is of the truth.

Lt 383, 1908

Brethren in Washington, D. C.

"Elmshaven," St. Helena, California

May 29, 1908

Brethren:

I write unto you in Washington, D.C. The Lord is not pleased with your spirit or your work. Not that everything is wrong, neither are all things correct and as God would have them. When men take the place as God and send forth their requirements, they sometimes command things to be done that dishonor the Lord Jesus. Now the Lord declares unto these men that they should copy a course of action similar to that which the disciples followed when they assembled together and prayed for the Holy Spirit, continuing their supplications. The time taken in this kind of exercise, confessing their sins, putting away their own devising according to their individual characters, and viewing the cities of the South and devising ways to ready the people—because the message must come to all kindred and people—would be time well spent. They are to weed out of their own characters all selfishness and all peculiar traits that will never, never give them a place in the city of God unless they repent in mind and heart and are converted through the sanctification of the truth. Then the Holy Spirit would give these men clear spiritual eyesight to discern the true requirements of God, and in the use of their pens and their tongues they would express the truth in their souls' being converted to God. The same work would be entered into by every conference. They should be entreated to seek the Lord. There would be much less human devising and human forbiddings. The Lord's Holy Spirit would come into the hearts of men in responsible positions in conferences, and the ministers and the officials, the physicians and the educators would be found pleading with the Lord Jesus to change their unconverted hearts by His Holy Spirit. And men would understand their human frailties, that they need the heavenly connection with Christ Jesus. Victories would be gained, and they would give the truth in purity.

"And thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of paths to dwell in." [Isaiah 58:12.] I am to say to men who have so fully brought their own individual character into the sacred work of God, You need to repent; repent and be converted, else you will never find a place among the blessed. The truth for this time must first sanctify the receiver, then his work is pure and free from selfishness. This converting power of grace must be seen, else they can never find a place among the pure and the holy in the city of our God. Our social meetings need the transforming grace of Christ, need the character of

the representation of the divine similitude. The work that should now be done is reformatory. The truth as it is in Jesus is truth that sanctifies the receiver.

The education of our own people must reach a much higher standard of consecrated influence, thorough conversion, daily prayer, and the seeing Him who is invisible. The time is at hand when every religious theory shall be in the field, seeking to be recognized. I am now required to bear to all men and to all women who claim to be Sabbathkeepers the testimony I leave with you: that should I be taken from you by death, the testimony may have its influence. I speak to every man who has felt at liberty to bind about with his own humanly devised fetters. The workers of God hinder advancement in many places. Notwithstanding the Lord has been leading men to fulfil His instructions, there has been a forbidding to listen to the commission the Lord has given to go forth and to build up schools after the order of the schools of the prophets. God has given each a work to raise up the foundation of many generations—not to heed these forbiddings.

They are to work according to the Lord's instruction and let the angels of God act a part in all their labors. They are to accept of means to help them in various places where they shall labor to explain the Scriptures to men who do not understand the truth, and they are to encourage others to unite with them in the saving of souls and the fitting up of other believers to give themselves to the work of saving souls. The men in official positions are to reveal to all that they are themselves under discipline to Jesus Christ before they attempt to guide other minds. They are to be led by the Holy Spirit, praying and asking the presence and grace of God.

Will men accept and take the place as god over the people? No, no. Let the Holy Spirit guide all men in all their individual duties, as Christ has taught them in His lessons when He was in our world. Christ is the Son of God, and His angels do His bidding; for He was even the Son of the Father who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to experience in our world all the inconveniences to be passed through in fulfilling His missions, in suffering with humanity. Divinity and humanity were combined in order that the humanity of Christ might have an experience in passing through all the temptations Satan has devised against men; yet His divinity was not tarnished with a single mistake in a single instance. Satan assailed Him on every point and yet never expressed in his temptations the truth of his being the fallen angel. He appears in the likeness of an angel of light and not as a repulsive fiend. But Christ spent very many nights in prayer and in seeking help from the highest authority, His Father. His prayers were often ascending to His Father with strong crying and tears. Christ gave His life to humanity, and Satan was busily working through his fallen angels [and] human agencies to counterwork the works of Christ. The youth need to be diligently guarded, and if Christ felt His need, in humanity, of the strength and of the [last part missing.]

Lt 384, 1908

Hurlbutt, Brother and Sister

Lake View, Clear Lake, California

April 20, 1908

Dear Brother and Sister Hurlbutt:

Last night your case was presented before me, and this morning I write out this message for you.

I am instructed to say to Mr. Hurlbutt, Your life has been one of constant wrestling. You have not shunned physical taxation, but you have spent the powers of mind and body in accomplishing your own desires; you have conformed your life to your own will, while you have neglected the duties you owe to God. At times you have overtaxed your mental and physical powers in your pursuit of worldly interests. Because of this overtaxation, you are now prematurely old.

You and your wife have not acted righteously in the investment of the means that was left in your hands for use in the cause of God. You have hoped to use it to educate young men and women to live useful, God-fearing lives, to train them to habits of neatness and order and industry, and prepare them to fill positions of usefulness in the world. But you were not qualified to do this acceptably. A presentation of conditions altogether different than this has been given me. The condition of things in your home stood in the way of your doing what you planned so as to meet the approval of God.

My brother, what encouragement have you to think that the youth who have been under your care will bring you any reward for your efforts? What youth have gone forth from your home, well trained and qualified to do the will and way of the Lord? In your words and actions you have not given them an example of Christlikeness. The youth have not received from your discipline an experience to make them valuable in the work of the Lord.

Sister Hurlbutt, I have words to speak to you. You have said but little to me, but last night some matters were presented to me of which I must speak to you. Your mother, before she died, bequeathed to you a legacy to be used in giving care and training to neglected youth. It was her desire that these youth should be trained to live lives of usefulness and fitted for the service of God. They were to be taught to keep the Sabbath, they were to be fitted for the future immortal life. Your mother thought that this school should be conducted where the youth could be away from the temptations of city life that prove such a snare to many.

But the work for which your mother planned has not been accomplished. The money left you by her has not been invested as she desired, but has been used to carry out the desires of your husband. Your husband is a hard-working man. He thought he would use this means in carrying out in part the purposes she designed, and you have hoped that the time would come when her plans could be fully followed. But her will could not possibly be accomplished by the plans which you and your husband have laid. This place where you are is not now nor ever has been a place where the mother's fond expectations could be realized.

Because of worldly investments, your mother's wishes have not been carried out. She had in view a home where the outcasts and orphans might have the help they needed to become children of the Kingdom. In devoting your means to carrying out the plans of your husband, you have failed, decidedly failed, to keep the charge committed to you. While seeming to be carrying out the wishes of your mother, you have served self. Your husband has taken the youth and taught them how to work the land, but he has not so managed the work that they could have the religious advantages which it was your mother's wish to give them.

The management and training of youth needs to be conducted on lines altogether different from those on which you have carried them. The work on the farm is not the only thing to be considered.

The youth need to be made intelligent on the subject of health reform and taught how to practice it. Be careful that you do not spoil the beauty of health reform in the estimation of the youth by putting it on a wrong basis. Deal with the matter in such a manner that all must give it respect. If you would recommend health reform to the minds of the children, never set before them food that is stale. Young people, as well as the aged, need food that is good and sweet and wholesome. Care should ever be taken that the food placed upon the table is nicely prepared. That which is left over from the meal should not be kept until it is unwholesome.

Because you have allowed the money left you for a sacred purpose to be misapplied, you have hurt your influence and brought upon you trouble of soul. It has been a grief to you to see the means invested in a way that in no wise accomplished the work that your mother had in mind. The example of Mr. Hurlbutt has not been such as could please and honor God. There are responsibilities in connection with such a school as your mother had in mind that he cannot fill; for he has not made for himself investment for the future immortal life. He has overtaxed his physical powers, used up his vital energies, and is not qualified either physically or spiritually to do the work your mother wished to have done. His influence could not develop traits of character that would fit the youth to live Christian lives.

Mr. Hurlbutt, you have taken too much upon yourself. Your ideas and plans have not been molded and fashioned by the Holy Spirit of God. It has not been your first thought and desire to train your physical, mental, and moral powers to inhabit the courts above. You have not shunned hard work, but you have spent your energies in adding to your land; your mind has been upon the earthly treasures; and while you have used your powers for the gaining of earthly possessions, you have neglected your spiritual needs. If you had lived in humble dependence upon God, you would have found a way to do a large amount of good with the means entrusted to you.

The world is the Lord's great vineyard. All cities and villages constitute a part of that vineyard. These places must be worked. The Lord designs that consecrated families shall settle in the waste places of His vineyard, and occupy them, as fruit-bearing branches of the Living Vine, as trees of righteousness in the desert places. It is the privilege of such families to sow the seeds of truth and to reap a rich harvest. By visiting families who are in spiritual darkness, they will be the means of bringing blessing to souls. But much of this kind of work, which God would acknowledge, has been left undone. Self-sacrificing efforts for perishing souls have not been made, and the fruit that might have been borne does not appear.

I appeal to you at this time, Mr. Hurlbutt. Let not these discouraging features continue to exist in your experience because of a lack of genuine conversion upon mind and heart. I was charged in the night season to give this special message from God. Seek the Lord now; it is for your present and eternal good to do this. You have not a moment to lose.

Your calculations in the past have not been wise; for you have not laid up your treasure in heaven. The Saviour says to you, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust doth not corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21.

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

Every work of a spiritual nature requires patient, persevering labor, in firm reliance upon divine power. God must plan the work of the human agencies; He must be their helper. "Ye are the salt of the earth," He says to His followers; "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 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, till 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 5:13-20.

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My Dear Brother Hadfield:

I have a deep interest in Dr. Caro and for his eternal interest. I greatly desire that he should have, with all his family, an entrance in through the gates into the city of God.

We must labor that Satan shall not have victory over him. We can and do pray for him. We want to meet with him and hope he will give us this privilege. Do all you can to help him and not allow the enemy to obtain the victory.